



## SUMMARY

**Lower Platte River Basin Water Management Plan Coalition  
Management Committee Meeting  
Sept 9, 2015, 11:00 to 1:00 P.M.  
Offices of Lower Loup NRD  
2620 Airport Rd, Ord, NE**

In Attendance: S. Rock (HDR), J. Petersen (JEO), J. Engel (HDR), D. Kracman (TFG), P. Woodward (PMRNRD), M. Petermann (PMRNRD), D. Wilcox (NARD), M. Sousek (LENRD), B. Koehlmoos (LLNRD), R. Callan (LLNRD), J. Bradley (NDNR), J. Miyoshi (LPNNRD), G. Johnson (LPSNRD), P. Zillig (LPSNRD), D. Schueth (UENRD), B. Score (UENRD), A. Baum (ULNRD)

**I. Introductions & Administrative Items**

**II. Recap of August 11, 2015 Technical Committee Meeting and Discussions (handout)**

**III. Recap of July 20, 2015 Water Banking Workshop #2**

**IV. Basin-wide Accounting Concept**

- a. Inclusion of Loup Power demand. J. Engel led the group through a presentation of the draft results for the demand scenarios with and without hydropower demands represented for the Loup River Subbasin and how this shifts supplies/demands between the Loup and Lower Platte Subbasins. Will present results from both scenarios in Plan to bookend the excess supply.
- b. Further discussion on the anticipated use of potential “caps” or “limits” on excess supply for development in next 5 yrs. that will be presented in plan document. Discussion included anticipated plan contents and intent of the caps or limits. Is it the intent for the Coalition to have authority to impose these limits on individual NRDs? Should it be a suggestion? Guideline? Requirement? Discussion included that the overall purpose of plan was to work together and that while it may not necessarily be a rule from the Coalition, there would need to be an agreement by member NRDs on the level of allowable development over the next 5 years. The more structured and defined the allowable limits are in the plan, the more flexibility that is afforded to water banking activities. HDR to draft this section of the plan document for review and discussion by the Management Committee at the next meeting.
- c. Limit peak season to July-August (instead of current June-August approach). Discussion with Manager’s regarding technical committee recommendation to consider July/August subset as part of analysis. Due to accuracies of current modeling tools, level of effort required, consistency with current FA methodology, and uncertainty in how/if results would be considered; decision was made to include this recommendation in the Plan itself as part of the action items for the next 5yrs.

**V. Goals/Objectives/Action Items:** refining and detail - adding measurable and timing elements to current goals and objectives (handout) – Handout briefly reviewed. Comments/questions directed to J. Engel.



- VI. **Update on scope & schedule:** Time did not permit for this agenda item. J. Engel to include a more detailed scope/schedule/deliverables update in next invoice progress report for distribution by B. Koehlmoos.
  
- VII. **Status/Discussion on Project Deliverables:** Time did not permit for this agenda item. See item VI.
  
- VIII. **Next Management Committee meeting:** Set to immediately follow the Manager’s meeting in Beatrice on November 4<sup>th</sup> (tentatively 3:30 p.m.)
  
- IX. **Upcoming Meetings**
  - a. Technical Committee meeting – October 7, 2015 in Norfolk at offices of LENRD, 10:00 to 1:00.
  - b. Tentative plan to meet with Loup, Elkhorn, and Lower Platte Subbasins individually in month of October. Exact dates to be determined.
  - c. Tentative plan to hold final Water Banking Workshop in mid November. Dates discussed included week of November 16<sup>th</sup>. HDR to check availability of Central Community College facilities and send out Doodle Poll to determine exact dates.
  
- X. **Other**
  - a. Request to have “mini-update” on schedule/scope (possibly 3-4 slides) at morning basin meetings at NARD conference on Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>. Could be presented by NRD managers/staff or HDR. HDR to prepare draft and forward to B. Koehlmoos for review.
  
- XI. Adjourn at approximately 1:00 p.m.