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IN REPLY TO:

Aaron Thompson, Area Manager
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Bureau of Reclamation
1706 West Third
McCook, NE 69001

Dear Mr. Thompson:

The letter is in response to your October 8, 2013, letter regarding the Bureau's request for an update related to current Compact compliance projections for 2013 as compared to January 2013's forecast. Unfortunately, a simple response to your request is difficult to provide as the forecast calculations and accounting projections rely on a significant number of datasets, model runs, and spreadsheets. It is for this very reason that the Department has dedicated significant technical staffing resources to forecast and monitor Nebraska's Compact obligations in the Republican River Basin. The Department recognizes that the Bureau has a limited capacity to conduct the necessary technical elements of the forecast and RRCA accounting and thus, as we have done in the past, we would certainly be able to provide an update to you and your staff at our office.

The Department has always been more than willing to conduct such meetings as evidenced by multiple past discussions between the Department and the Bureau related to the Integrated Management Plans forecasting mechanisms and controls. I believe that the most efficient way to accommodate your request is to schedule a meeting with Jesse Bradley of our Integrated Water Management Division so that he can answer questions you may have and guide you through the forecasting process and accounting projections for 2013.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian P. Dunnigan".

Brian P. Dunnigan, P.E.
Director