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**Subject:** 8:30 am September 18 Meeting to Discuss Contracting of Study Funds  
**Attachments:** UncontractedfundsandneedsApril808.doc; UncontractedBudget.doc

A meeting to discuss contracting of uncommitted study funds has been scheduled for 8:30 am to 9:30 am Thursday September 18 in the Director's conference room. I expect to discuss contracting of existing funds and budgetary availability in light of expected contracting. *We have some additional budgetary constraints that we didn't have last April that we will also need to take into account.* Some of the uncommitted funds in April involved the following efforts.

Platte Conjunctive Use Study (Bradley)  
Crop Sim (Schellpeper)  
LIDAR (Williams)  
Niobrara Model (Schneider)  
Platte Water Action Contracts (Schellpeper)  
Conservation Study (Bradley)  
Automated Weather Data Network (Gaul)  
Republican Augmentation/Preparation for Arbitration (Williams)

For reference I have attached the memo our meeting last April as well as the budget we discussed at that time.

Steve

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DRAFT April 11, 2008

From: Steve Gaul

Subject: Notes on Outcomes of April 7, 2008 Budget Meeting

On April 7, 2008 Brian Dunnigan, Jim Schneider, Jim Williams, Jennifer Schellpeper and I met concerning as yet uncontracted appropriated funds in the Interrelated Water Management Activities budget (LB 962), and appropriations for North Platte Decree activities and Republican Basin activities. A revised budget sheet for those activities accompanies these notes. The budgeted fund totals are for the balance of FY 08 and all of FY 09. The discussion and tentative outcomes for each activity included the following:

Platte Conjunctive Use Study - \$50,000 *Gaul and Bradley* to meet with Angell concerning new contract or contract amendment. Current contract does not include new work and has problems that must be addressed. Complete contracting by **July 7**. The study will add surface water operations component to use of the COHYST model and may provide an approach that can be transferred to other Basins.

LIDAR - \$500,000 *Williams* contract manager to have contract by **August 1**. Flights needed by September/October. It was recognized that up to \$100,000 of this might later need to be shifted to a different category.

CropSim/SW Operations/Rainfall Runoff Study - \$150,000 *Schellpeper* has responsibility for coordinating contracting. Contract expected **July 7**. May not contract full amount and rainfall/runoff portion will be delayed. Looking for statewide CropSim similar that for the Platte. CropSim needed for rainfall/runoff model.

Preparation for Arbitration - \$600,000 *Williams and Dunnigan* to coordinate/manage. During the meeting this category was increased from \$500,000 to \$600,000. It is currently uncertain what is needed here and, if not needed here, funds may be shifted to Republican Augmentation category.

Evapotranspiration Study – This category has been dropped and the \$100,000 originally included here transferred.

Niobrara Model Consultant - \$200,000 *Schneider* has responsibility for coordinating contracting. Request for proposals by **July 7**. May need to hire intern with a portion of this funding. RFP should include assessment of testholes, testhole needs, database development, monitoring of ungaged streams. Natural Resource Districts know of general DNR intentions on this project from earlier conversations with Director.

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**Uncontracted/Uncommitted Funds and Projects/Studies Planned But Not Yet Contracted - FY08 – FY09 (Two Year Totals) – 4/11/08**

**Sources of Uncontracted Funds**

*North Platte Decree Uncontracted/Uncommitted Funds (Approx)	\$ 650,000*
*Republican Basin Uncontracted/Uncommitted Funds (Approx)	\$ 700,000*
LB 962 Uncontracted/Uncommitted Funds (Appropriation)	\$ 594,158
LB 962 Cash Fund Uncommitted Funds	\$ 101,405
COHYST Contract Income – Estimated (Uncertain)	\$ 100,000**
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,145,563</b>

**Items Planned But Not Yet Contracted**

Platte Conjunctive Use Study	\$ 50,000	962
LIDAR	\$ 400,000	NPD
CropSim/SW Op Study Rainfall/Runoff Study	\$ 150,000	NPD100 REP 050
Preparation for Arbitration	\$ 700,000	REP500 NPD200
Niobrara Model Consultant	\$ 200,000	962
Platte Water Action Plans Contract	\$ 139,600	962
Environmental Trust In-Kind	\$ 25,000	962
Conservation Study	\$ 200,000	962
Automated Weather Data Network	\$ 50,000	962
Republican Augmentation	\$ 100,000	Rep50 NP 50
Uncommitted	\$ 130,963**	962
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,145,563</b>	

\* Note: Funds in these two categories are only available for certain types of expenditure and would not be available for a number of the potential work items listed.

\*\* Note: The Interrelated Water Management Program Budget Sheet only lists \$30,963 in uncommitted funds rather than the \$130,963 depicted here. This is because the expected \$100,000 income from contracts with Hydrology sponsors is sufficiently uncertain that we should not fully commit it until late in the biennium when we can be more certain of the amount. However, it was included in the original decisions on this budget sheet and is left here for that reason.