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Budget for Water Policy Task Force

(Based on an Assumption of \$2.5 Million Plus Largely, though not wholly on Kraus (Budget Priorities) and Barel(Organization) E-Mails)

I) Develop Rules and Regulations required by the legislation so it is Functional

(\$215,000) 3 new positions in DNR (attorney, hydrologist, water administration specialist) including equipment needs

(-) Contract for legal assistance in rule and regulation development and evaluation of Federal water contracts

II) Conduct activities necessary to identify fully and over appropriated river basins for the first go around

(-) Work by the University (primarily the Conservation and Survey Division) to assess their existing data, put it in a usable format, and do a gap analysis and work with DNR to identify what additional data needs to be collected

(\$50,000) Contract for Basin specific analysis of areas outside of the Platte and Republican to assist in making determinations of fully-appropriated

III) Develop Integrated Management Plans for over and fully appropriated basins

a) identify any existing data gaps

(\$675,000) Local specialized studies including looking at conjunctive use in the NPPD canal service areas and in the North Platte NRD

b) identify the delta's in overappropriated basins

(\$20,000) Contract for assistance in determining the difference between the current level of development and fully-appropriated level in the Platte above Elm Creek

c) implement IMP's

(\$150,000) Cost share water meters in the North and South Platte NRDs

IV) Develop Incentive tools for over appropriated basins

a) conduct pilot studies

(\$675,000) Pilot voluntary incentive programs in the Republican and Platte

Basins - this would allow us to evaluate what kind of programs may work to assist in meeting the Republican River Compact, the Platte River Program including lag effects of pre 1997 wells, and how we may partner with the NRCS and other Federal programs

b) implement incentive programs and provide offset water

(\$650,000)

Evaluation of Alternative Supply opportunities

V) other

(\$50,000)

Fund additional needs for COHYST including an independent peer review

(\$15,000)

Expenses of WPTF

\$2,500,000

TOTAL