

ITINERARY/AGENDA
Water Policy Task Force Water Tour
June 1 - June 4, 2004

5/24/04

Tuesday, June 1st, 2004

10:00 *Leave Kearney 10:00 a.m.*

Review activities on LB 962 - Roger Patterson, Director, Nebraska Department
of Natural Resources

Transition Activities
Overappropriated Designation

12:30 *Lunch Ogallala*

1:30 *Leave Ogallala for Lewellen*

2:00 *Lewellen – Bridgeport*

NPNRD Management Area - Jim Olsen, Chairman, North Platte Natural
Resources District

Water Administration - Tom Hayden, Supervisor, Bridgeport Field
Office, Nebraska Department of Natural
Resources

Water Supply Outlook
Water Administration
Accounting of Natural Flow and Storage

**3:00* Bridgeport – Scottsbluff*

Detailed itinerary for this segment may be found at the end of this itinerary

Operations of Canals - Dennis Strauch, Manager, Pathfinder Irrigation
District and Tom Hayden, NDNR

Surface and Ground Water

Interactions and Return Flows - Jim Cannia, District Geologist, North Platte
Natural Resources District

Cold Water Streams

See layers of canals as go north out of valley

See Nine Mile Creek and Dry Spotted Tail

See Lake Minatare

6:30 *Arrive in Scottsbluff for Dinner*

Lodging – Hampton Inn Scottsbluff

Wednesday, June 2nd, 2004

7:00 *Breakfast – Scottsbluff Hampton Inn*

Meeting room at Scottsbluff Hampton Inn – Speaker, Ron Cacek, General
Manager, North Platte Natural Resources District speaking on Joint Action
Planning Process

8:00 *Scottsbluff to Casper*

Cooperative Agreement and North Platte Decree - Roger Patterson, NDNR
Wyoming perspective – Randy Tullis – Division I Supervisor,
Wyoming State Engineer's Office

- 12:00 *Lunch - Casper, Wyoming*
Meeting in Room at Holiday Inn Casper – Speaker, John Lawson, Area Manager,
Great Plains Regional Office, Wyoming Area, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
- 1:30 Travel to Pathfinder Reservoir via Alcova - Bureau Personnel

Visit Pathfinder Reservoir and Museum hosted by the Bureau of Reclamation
- 5:30 Arrive in Casper
- 6:30 *Dinner in Casper*

Lodging – Holiday Inn by the River, Casper, WY

Thursday, June 3rd, 2004

Breakfast Holiday Inn by the River, Casper, WY

Glendo and Guernsey Reservoirs, - Bureau Personnel

Whalen Dam and Tri-State Dam – Bureau Personnel, Dennis Strauch, Tom Hayden

Lunch

Review Platte River Cooperative Agreement Issues – Roger Patterson

Pumpkin Creek - Dave Cookson, Nebraska Attorney General's Office

Arrive Ogallala

Lodging – Grey Goose Lodge Ogallala, NE

Dinner - Haythorn

Friday, June 4th, 2004

Mountain Daylight Time

Breakfast – Grey Goose Lodge, Ogallala, NE

- 7:30 *Depart Grey Goose Lodge*
- 7:40 *Arrive Nebraska Game and Parks Visitor Center – Tour and Presentation by
CNPPID/NPPD*
- 8:45 *Depart Visitor Center for Morning Glory & Outlet Structure – Tour*
- 9:15 *Depart for Kingsley Hydro via Dam
Tern and Plover Nesting Areas*
- 9:25 *Arrive at Kingsley Hydro – Tour*

10:15 *Depart Kingsley Hydro for Keystone Dam*
10:20 *Arrive at Keystone Dam*
11:00 *Travel to Paxton via Canal Road and Paxton Cut*

Central Daylight Time

12:00 Noon *Travel to Gerald Gentleman Station*
12:30 *Arrive Gerald Gentleman Station*
 Lunch (Sack)
1:00 *Tour Gerald Gentleman Station*
1:45 *Depart Gerald Gentleman Station & Travel to Kearney via North Platte Hydro,
 Central Diversion Dam, Fort McPherson*
3:15 *Arrive Kearney*

**Travel Plan for Water Policy Task Force Tour
Bridgeport to Scottsbluff**

From Bridgeport travel west on Highway 92 along the south side of the North Platte River viewing several of the canals and drains located in this area.

At the Highway 92 and Highway 26 Junction south of Bayard, turn north crossing the North Platte River and passing through the city of Bayard. North of Bayard Highway 26 continues to the west. Here we will pass by the Wildhorse Drain, Nine Mile Creek and the Minatare Drain.

At Minatare we will turn north on Stonegate Road, crossing over the Minatare Mutual Canal and the Farmer's Irrigation District Canal. We will travel through some of the irrigated areas of the Farmers' and Pathfinder Irrigation Districts. We will also see the Alliance Drain.

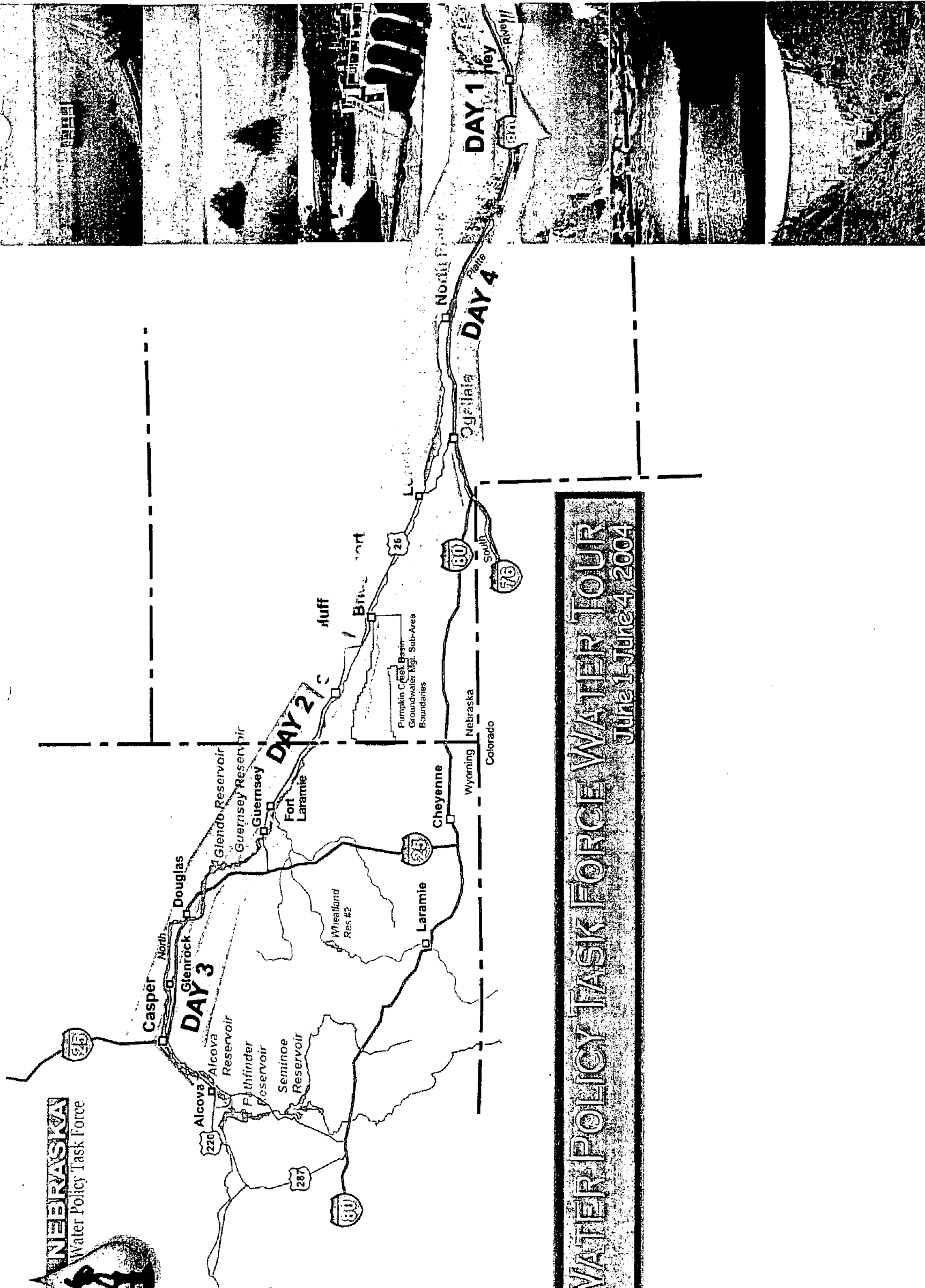
We will stop at the Lighthouse Point at Lake Minatare to view the Lake and have a refreshment break. Pathfinder Irrigation District will provide the refreshments.

From Lake Minatare, if time permits we will travel west via county roads passing by Winters Creek Lake, Little Lake Alice and Lake Alice.

From Lake Alice we will travel south and west via county roads to Highway 71 viewing the Tub Springs Drain. Traveling south on Highway 71 towards Scottsbluff, we will pass through Pathfinder's lands and once again pass over the Farmer's Irrigation Canal and also the Enterprise Irrigation canal.

Arrive at the hotel in Scottsbluff for the night.

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Water Policy Task Force



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 - 1) Preliminary Findings of the Director
 - 2) Selected Graphs

- *“LB 962 Enacted Into Law”* (4 page summary)
- Sections 53 to 60 of LB 962
- North Platte Valley Fact Sheet
- North Platte River – Canal Diversions and Priorities
- *“Surface-Water / Groundwater Interaction and Implications for Ground-Water Sustainability in the Dutch Flats Area, Western Nebraska”* USGS
- Excerpts from *“The Source of Water and the Surface and Ground-Water System of the North Platte and Platte Rivers”*
 - 1) Development of Irrigation Return Flows
 - 2) Graphs
- Canals at State Line
- Diagram of North Platte System and Returns
- *“Why Register Wells?”* (Pamphlet)
- *“Water Rights Adjudication System”* (Pamphlet)
- *“Surface Water Administration for Natural Flow Permits* (Pamphlet)

Day 2 – Scottsbluff to Casper

- *“Platte River Cooperative Agreement and What It Means to Nebraska”*
- News Release – *“Settlement to Nebraska v. Wyoming Lawsuit Approved”*
- NDNR Newsletter Article – *“Settlement to the Nebraska v. Wyoming Lawsuit Approved”*
- NDWR Newsletter Article – *“North Platte Decree Began in Argument Arising Out of 1934 Drought”*
- NDWR Newsletter Article – *“Remember the Water War of 1935”*
- North Platte River Settlement Maps
- North Platte River Settlement Conclusions and Recommendations

- Platte Basin Hydrographs
- Platte Basin Gaging Stations Maps
- Summary – National Academies of Science Findings

Day 3 – Casper to Ogallala

(Bureau of Reclamation to Handout Separate Material)

Pumpkin Creek – Spear T case v. groundwater users

Pumpkin Creek – Spear T case v. Nebraska Department of Natural Resources

Day 4 – Ogallala to Kearney

Pamphlet to be supplied by CNPPID

ATTENDEE'S & GUEST
Ambrosek, Robert
Anderson, Tim - Speaker
Barels, Brian
Bleed, Ann
Brewster, Charles
Burling, Carroll
Cacek, Ron - Speaker
Cannia, Jim - Speaker
Cappel, Claude
Cookson, Dave - Speaker
Cudaback, Jim
Ford, David
Friesen, Curt
Gaul, Steve
Gittins, Jodi
Glock, Gene
Hartnett, Majorie
Hartnett, Paul Senator
Hayden, Tom - Speaker
Head, Craig
Johannes, Clint
Kline, Mike
Kurtz, Tina
Lawson, John - Speaker
Mader, Gary
McDonald, Vickie Senator
Nelson, Dave
Nelson, Jim
Nelson, Steve
Olson, Jim - Speaker
Patterson, Roger
Pederson, Don Senator
Pieper, LeRoy
Schmidt, Allen
Schrock, Ed Senator
Schwarz, Linda
Schwarz, Tom
Strauch, Dennis - Speaker
Stuhr, Elaine Senator
Tullis, Randy - Speaker
Uhrenholdt, Donna
Uhrenholdt, Richard