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RR MDA - Cambridge, NE Jan 12, 2003

Agenda

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④ ✓ Adopted Sept. & Nov. Minutes

⑤ NRD Member Reports

Tri-B - ^{Hilbert has been developing info packets for irrigators} Questionnaire going well, except for names & address
 - Interconnected quantity & quality gw management areas are being considered

MNRD - Dec 31 ~~to~~ Crop reports & acres certification
 ≈ 500 meters left to install

LRNRD - meter maintenance 20% complete

- Dec 31 Sec 1-12 meter placement not done yet

- Sec 13-24 should be done by April 1

- 75% water use reports

- Working on acre certification rules

URNRD - Water use reports have been sent out

- Water levels to be read in March ←

- Trip average & % decline figured from above

- Feb 12 Info mtg for public to discuss settlement implementation

SW Irrigation District

FU - natural flow diversions, only 2 employees incl. manager

- probably won't get any from reservoir (Enders)

- divert in March

FC - mtg in Febr. with owners & tenants

- struggling to keep everyone on payroll (layed one off)

- 8" at most from Med. Creek Res. (hungry Strunk)

- other canals not sure of supply



Bostwick - pipe project for water conservation (mostly Franklin)

- looking for ways to supplement income to save staff
- investigating water users with comp census info ^{encl/1/10/04} to look at effects of conservation measures

DNR - Brad Edgerton (60 reports lacking still)

- Cambridge to Culberson Adjudication in progress

Roger - 3 adjudication appeals at Supreme Court out of ~225 adjudications from 2002-3

Twin Valleys PPD - tree removal project in which they employed FC personnel "win-win"

Recreation X

Business X

⑥ RRCA Settlement Implementation

① Ann Bleed Modeling Update

Est 40,000 AF lag effect of which NE gets $\approx \frac{1}{2}$ allocated because ↑ pumping = ↑ UWS in model accounting

Tri-Basin est. 40% of its wells in Rep. Basin

Ann Bleed Handout

UPR ~ 42

MID ~ 22

LWR ~ 18

TR ~ 17

} Very rough share if pumping determines the proration scheme

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pumpage

vs.

CU

45000 Acres of increase equates to approx 3" of application

New Detention "inverse logic"

Page 2 Summary of Pumpage Volume by NRD for 1990-2002
CU only pumpage (AF)

Page 3 Comingled of Pumpage Volume by NRD for 1990-2002

Terry Wolen thinks fossil-fuels may have ~~more~~ ^{less} hours of operation because they are on higher capacity wells, i.e. ~~well~~ ^{it} gets water to field in less time.

Q? - old Martin's lift factors account for this?

page 4 table "Nebr. Allocation & C.U. Scenarios"

(b) Roger Patterson - BCCP for Coakson (Joint Action Plans)

Basin Compact
Compliance Plan

Next week the Final "Basin Wide" Template will be distributed

Meter Cost Share Program - looks promising from various sources
≈ \$1 million for drought mitigation projects from Gov.

Jan 21 Hearing about Water Policy Task Force package

(c) Conservation Study - Farm Ponds & Contour Terracing

Area-Capacity Ratio POTYIELD Program

(d) High Plains Education Initiative Update

GW Foundation - Jennifer

Will focus on economics of converting from irrig. farming to other uses that generate revenue - Thorburn
Contacting Finance Community is being done by Seacrest

(e) CRP, CREP, EQUIP funding update

Steve Chick held a meeting with Reg Riv. & N.P. irrigators

Bob Bestger - Osborn has been working in Congress to

get \$, wants to bring back pheasants in SW NEB

CREP - odd field & pivot corners - allows \$/acre increase to compete with irrig. acres

EQUIP - change irrig. practices w/ crop rotation etc with payments for dryland some years

New program may add some \$ in a couple pilot projects

WRP - wetland reserve program 75% to 100% to permanent



⑦ Committee Reports

Finance - Mike DeKa et al needs to review ^{insurance} ~~once~~

Education - Thorburn - educate the bankers et al
using GW Foundation

⑧ Election of Officers Dan - Co Chair

Secretary - Mike C. Dan - Co Chair

Treasurer - Bob H. F (H + HW)

⑨ April 5, Holdlege 10 AM

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