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### Middle Republican NRD - Proposed Compliance Plan

10% reduction certified acres . . . . - see photo copies

ⓐ about penalties A- penalty could be reduction of allocation or reduced acres

Alluvial Acres ~ 63,000 Acres

6,000 acres reduction in alluvial

12,000 acres " " "

Then the 15" allocation



Need to see if we have to distribute preliminary S.W. maps before final maps are available



### Upper Republican - see hand out

Includes pumping "tax" to fund cutbacks  
Quick Response - 88,000 Acres, but the map needs to be redrawn, Bob Hipple is now estimating 54,000 acres  
He estimates ~ 300 wells involved

Combination of econ. & allocation periods

### Lower Republican NRD - no plan

Tri-Basin NRD - "Integrated Management Plan" hearings are being held

CREP - Locked into '96-'01 for eligible land, must have been irrigated 4 of those 6 years  
Est. \$125/acre (remember a 20% match is required)  
LRNRD doesn't want to contribute to match money, where else? - Answer Ducks Unlimited, wildlife groups, G&P etc.  
CREP acres would need to continue paying imigo taxes

Superior Canal will get 1<sup>st</sup> cut of gain for

1000 wells pump into River - Lee Wilson

Pump<sup>est.</sup> methodology - will continue through next round  
using power record methodology

Schrock would like to see Task Force recommending specific legislation to allow NRDs to operate a fund to retire acres

## Proposal: May 11, 2004

1. 10% reduction in certified irrigated acres.  
Acres identified for reduction may change from year to year but must have a history of use.  
11" of allocation in lieu of 10% reduction.
2. 15" base allocation.  
3 year allocation beginning in the 2005 crop year.  
Limit reserve to 6 inches.  
No more than 3" overuse in any year.  
Not allowed to use reserve in "water short year"
3. New wells since July 1998 - 2" less than base.
4. WATER SHORT YEAR - Additional reduction of 10% in alluvium, 5% for upland wells. Short term incentive program to fund compensation for these additional reductions. Primary funding shall be other than district funds.
5. Incentive program to temporarily or permanently retire irrigated acres.
6. Significant penalties for overuse, especially in "water short years"

Current certified acres – 306,000 cap set at 320,000

This proposal reflects the intent of the MRNRD and is subject to revision.

CONCERNS:

Pumping and associated irrigated acres used in the model.

6% depletion for Tri-Basin being spread to other 3 NRDs.

Lack of proposals from other districts.

State funding for incentive programs.

Relationship of level of ground water development to share of depletions.

MRNRD 1 acre irrigated for every 7.7 acres in district.

URNRD 1 to 3.8

LRNRD 1 to 4.7

Future of H&RW and FV districts. Will these changes benefit those districts?

QUESTIONS concerning LB962:

Will there be a stay imposed in the Republican Basin portion of the Tri-Basin?

Will there be a stay imposed in the Republican Basin portion of the Twin Platte?