

AGENDA

SPECIAL MEETING ON REPUBLICAN RIVER COMPACT COMPLIANCE
OPTIONS

NOVEMBER 17, 2005

1:30 TriBasin NRD, Holdrege

1. Reports from districts on possible options
 - a. NRD reports
 - b. Irrigation district reports
2. Report from DNR on possible options
3. Display and discussion of pros and cons of each option
4. Develop a plan
5. Develop a schedule and assign tasks to implement the plan

Nov. 17, 2005 Holdrege -

Next RRMDA Mtg - Feb 22, 2006 in McCook

Agenda Item #1

a. NRD Reports

MRNRD had general discussions -
reluctant to increase regulation - skeptical
about benefits of increase regulation
Open to discussion of funding

LRNRD - no additional regulation
inter + intra basin transfer
SW buy out
- thinks taxing won't be available
in the quantity of \$ to
make a dent in problem

TRI-BNRD - lease SW rights
pump into tributaries
inter basin transfers
- thinks data is a problem
- wants riparian vegetation manage
salt cedar phragmites etc. ^{next}
- weather modifications - hail suppression
- remove stock dams + rain enhancement
replace w/ stock wells

- Landowner education
- Talk to other states

URNRD

\$4.5 million in URNRD

- \$10/acre for funds to help retire irrigated acres and any other compliance
- failed at NARRD, but no one has given them a better alternative
- spoken with Governor
- No action taken yet.
- can't raise much money without law change
- support many concepts that have

b. Irrigation -

F.C.I.D. - no release of water

- no buy out of the ^{less than} 20,000 AF

F. Valley ~~might~~ - might discuss natural flow right buy out

Bestwick - Transfers, install wells on lower end to become more efficient

- Improve canal conductance
- Looking for short & long term solutions to SW water supplier

Ray Wenz - why can't we "buy" Kansas out?
Have we looked at what they would want?

Ann Bleed - CREP negotiations to add more acres to Rep. Riv.
& loosen some other restrictions

- EQIP #2 may be targeted to location?

Jasper

\$1000/AF - Stream augmentation

\$400/AF - change ~~to~~ ^{to GW} interruptable water supply

Therefore, let's look at buying SW because of a near 1:1 benefit

John Thorburn - what about cost-benefit analysis about his alternative ideas that he spoke of earlier

Person - Tree growth is perceived as a problem

- Why can't we manage trees?

- Vegetation Removal of invasive species

SW RC + D

- Is this a short-term option

Ron Cacek - SP NRD has had some success

Nebraska's First

Sayle Lush

Don Adams

Etc.

Mike Delka - how can we sell a 3 year supply of water without some kind of commitment from others to shore up their water supply. They have already absorbed economic damage.

What do we do to make more water flow into the reservoir.

Jasper - temporary interruptable water supply contract

Mike - performance standards

Ann's List of Audience Ideas

Options:

	High	Medium	Low	
1 Pump Wells	5	9	20	
2 Remove Trees	35	2	0	Riparian Management
3 Weather Modification	11	4	16	
4 Temporarily retire surface water use				
	H	M	L	-one year on Bostwick
	21	8	0	
5 Target EQIP money to areas in QR/V areas				
	H	M	L	
	31	6	1	
6 Reduce Acres thru Regulation	0	1	32	
7 Reduce allocations Same as 6				↑
8 Breaching Stock Dams	4	3	22	

We at DNR will focus on top 4 high priorities. We will get back with a schedule.

Jasper - cost/benefit analysis

Mike C. - 2nd week in December should be done with meter reading