

# Lower Republican Water Crisis Task Force

## Meeting Outline for February 5<sup>th</sup> with Governor Heineman and Dr. Ann Bleed

- 10:30-10:35      Introductions
- 10:35-10:40      Meeting “**Game Plan & Overview**”  
Mike Lucas
- 10:40              **Our proposed Short-Term & Long-Term Solutions**  
Dave Bartels, J.F. Hoffman, and Duane Murdoch
- 11:15?            **“What We Feel Needs to Happen Next...”**  
Linea Bonham
- 11:20?            **Questions from Task Force**  
Dale Helms & Ron Hunter
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## “Compliance Proposal Ideas”

### Discussion Model Only

\*\* Handout with more written details included in packet \*\*

*Doane Murdoch  
quit more rec later*

Dave Bartels, J.F. Hoffman, & Duane Murdoch

SHORT-TERM	LONG-TERM
1) Inter-Basin Transfer	1) Permanently establish infrastructure to effectively manage the loss of 7,000,000 acre-feet of water that escapes Nebraska annually
2) Intra-Basin Augmentation	2) Controlling riparian vegetative growth - <i>Cellosic etrogna /</i>
3) Fair Compensation for Reduction of Irrigated Acres to Dryland <i>EQUIP</i>	3) State of Nebraska to be committed to maintenance of our region's economic sustainability as stated in the goals/objectives of IMP (p. 18 of 22)
4) Strong State and Federal Leadership to actively pursue obtainable & realistic solutions to water crisis while maintaining strong economic outlook	4) State leaders to pursue possibility of opening up re-negotiations with Kansas <i>not being addressed</i>
	5) Investigate possible solutions and assistance from Federal Government and the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture

## **What We Feel Needs to Happen Next...**

Linea Bonham

- 1) We need someone either from this task force or our local NRD to sit down and present in more detail the vast discrepancy in numbers and figures that are being used between the Department of Natural Resources and our local Natural Resources District(s). Every meeting we attend or media story we read, see, or hear uses different facts and figures about this crisis. We all need to be able to compare “apples to apples” instead of different sets of data that can be misleading one way or another...
  - a. We did not feel this would be a wise use of the time we had today but this is an important area that needs to be addressed very, very soon...
  - b. We'd actually like to have a date, time, and location established for this purpose before we leave Lincoln today, if possible

## **Questions We Have as a Task Force**

Dale Helms & Ron Hunter

- 1) What are Governor Heineman's thoughts about...
  - a. Page 20 (#8) and Page 24 (Item E) from Compact Agreement Legal Document?
  - b. Page 18 (Goals & Objectives) from IMP?
  - c. The ideas this task force presented today about inter-basin transfers and all of our ideas?