

SUMMARY

**Lower Platte River Basin Water Management Plan Coalition
Basin Wide Plan Coalition Board Meeting
January 27, 2015, 2:00 – 2:50 P.M.
Embassy Suites, Regents Room F
Lincoln, NE**

Attendees: A. Baum (ULNRD), A. Rupe (JEO), D. Samuelson (LPSNRD), K. Harschild (LPSNRD), M. Sittler (LPRCA), D. Wiles (UENRD), D. Schueth (UENRD), K. Hatfield Edstrom (HDR), D. Kovan (LPNNRD), B. Hilger (LPNNRD), J. McDermott (LPNNRD), C. Johannes (LPNNRD), B. Clausen (LPNNRD), D. Veskerna (LPNNRD), R. Oakland (LPNNRD), L. Angle (LPNNRD), J. Hannah (LPNNRD), R. Callan (LLNRD), G. Johnson (LPSNRD), J. Winkler (PMRNRD), J. Myoshi (LPNNRD), G. Kruse (LLNRD), D. Wilcox (NARD), H. Thoene (LLNRD), D. Jacobson (LPSNRD), P. Zillig (LPSNRD), P. Woodward (PMRNRD), R. Zelt (USGS), B. Koehlmoos (LLNRD), Jesse Bradley (NDNR), J. Engel (HDR), Simone Rock (HDR), Pat Engelbert (HDR)

- I. Introductions – Bob Hilger called the meeting to order. All attendees introduced themselves and indicated who they represented.
- II. Meeting Objective: Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2015 and to provide update on project activities since the June 2014 kick-off meeting.
- III. Board Business
 - a. Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2015: Bob Hilger was elected Chair; Gary Loftus was elected Vice-Chair.
- IV. Update on Project Activities – John Engel (HDR) provided an overview of all planning activities since the June 2014 kick-off meeting with the Coalition Board. Engel presented on the following topics. A PowerPoint presentation of the information will be available on the project website.
 - a. Ground and surface water controls
 - b. Water banking examples
 - c. DNR fully appropriated methodologies/INSIGHT database
 - d. Data collection and infrastructure inventory in the basin
 - e. Goals, Objective, and Action Item Development
- V. Update on scope and schedule – Engel provided an update on the project schedule. Noted upcoming meetings with the Technical Committee, Management Committee and the first Water Banking Workshop.
- VI. Project Website – The Department is hosting the project website and it is a home for meeting materials, resources, and contact information for the project.

- VII. Water Banking Workshop
 - a. Central Community College – Platte Campus, March 10; 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
- VIII. Other
- IX. Public Comment – Mr. Japp inquired how the plan will ensure that private access is regulated to any water provided by actions of the public basin plan. Engel noted that implementation of the plan actions could result in additional flows for different purposes. Depending on the purposes, different administrative authorities may exist that could be used to protect flows.
- X. Adjourn – Hilger adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.