

**Summary of Meeting  
Niobrara River Compact Meeting  
Between the  
Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NDNR) &  
Wyoming State Engineer's Office (WSEO)**

**13 April 2012  
Conference Call**

**Attendees:**

John Harju    WSEO  
Sue Lowry    WSEO  
Randy Tullis   WSEO  
Jesse Bradley   NDNR  
Brandi Flyr    NDNR  
Lynn Webster   UNWNRD  
Lyndon Vogt   UNWNRD

**I.      Introductions/Agenda Review**

The agenda for the meeting was to update the attendees on the progress made in modeling the Niobrara Basin related to the Bureau of Reclamation Water SMART project.

**II.     Review Minutes from Previous Meetings**

NDNR and WSEO reviewed the minutes from previous meetings and no changes were necessary.

**III.    State Reports**

**i. Nebraska Report**

Lyndon Vogt commented on the monitoring well at the state in being up 0.1 at the state line and up 0.3 ft at the gage above Box Butte Reservoir. There has been no new groundwater wells due to the moratorium in place since 2004.

**ii. Wyoming Report**

Sue Lowry described six new groundwater permits: four were for stock and two were for domestic use. There was a pending application for a new irrigation well – the applicant changed the application and it was approved because it was not a net increase in use.

**IV.    Studies Update**

i. Water SMART Basin Study: Niobrara River Basin Study

Nebraska updated the attendees on their progress with the Bureau of Reclamation Water SMART project work. This included discussion of NDNR and the Bureau's roles, as well as the project components. NDNR is doing the hydrologic modeling (land-use, surface water, and groundwater models), while the Bureau is doing the economic and climate models. The Niobrara River Basin project contains two geographical models: an upper project related to the Upper Niobrara White District and a lower project region that ends at the confluence of the Niobrara and Missouri Rivers. Project completion is expected by April 2013.

**V. Niobrara Compact**

No filings were received during the past year.

**VI. Future Meeting Arrangements**

The next compact meeting is at 8:30 on 17 October 2012 in Torrington, WY.

**VII. Other Items**

No other items were discussed.

**VIII. Adjourn**