

# Agenda for the Water Funding Task Force

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*Thursday and Friday, August 22 and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013  
Monsanto Water Utilization Learning Center  
76252 Highway 47 in Gothenburg, Nebraska*

## **Meeting Objective:**

The meeting in Gothenburg, NE will focus on the issues related to water management in the Platte River Basin. Educational presentations will include information on Nebraska's water compacts and decrees with neighboring states, information on the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program and surface water irrigation systems. During the two working sessions, the Task Force will continue to work on prioritizing water project ranking criteria and evaluating funding opportunities.

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**THURSDAY, August 22, 2013 – 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM**

## **1.0 Welcome**

- Request Public Sign in for Comments
- Roll call and Approval of Meeting Minutes
- Summary of previous meeting and project status
- Overview of today's meeting

## **2.0 Educational Sessions**

- Nebraska's Water Compacts and Decrees – David D. Cookson, Attorney General's Office

### **Break**

- Platte River Basin Issues
  - Jerry Kenny – Executive Director, Platte River Recovery Implementation Program

### **Lunch – Noon to 1:00**

- Surface Water Irrigation Discussion
  - Don Kraus – General Manager, Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District
  - Brian Barels – Water Resources Manager, Nebraska Public Power District
  - Brad Edgerton – Manager, Frenchman Cambridge Irrigation District

## **3.0 Task Force Working Session: Criteria and Project Ranking**

- Review previous meeting rankings. Refine as necessary.
- Review LR314 Results and implications on criteria development.
- Look at criteria/goals from the legislation and evaluate suitability by category.
- Discuss the need for geographic differences in criteria selection and ranking.

## **4.0 Public Comments**

## **5.0 Adjourn for the Day**

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**FRIDAY, August 23, 2013 – 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

## **1.0 Welcome**

- Request Public Sign in for Comments

## **2.0 Educational Session**

- Platte River Basin Projects near Gothenburg
  - Lyndon Vogt – General Manager, Central Nebraska Natural Resources District

**Break**

## **3.0 Task Force Working Session: Funding and Administration**

- LR314 Study - Summary of Funding Information
- Discussion on funding sources suitable for LB517

## **4.0 Public Comments**

## **5.0 Adjourn Public Meeting**

**Lunch – Noon to 1:00**

## **6.0 Tour of the Monsanto Water Utilization Learning Center from 1:00 to 3:00 pm**