

Agenda for the Water Funding Task Force

*Thursday and Friday, September 5 and 6, 2013
Howard Johnson Riverside Inn, 3333 Ramada Road
Grand Island, Nebraska*

Meeting Objective:

The meeting in Grand Island, Nebraska will focus on the issues related to water management and water research and water funding. Educational presentations will include information from the Nebraska Game and Parks, Department of Natural Resources, and the University of Nebraska. During the two working sessions, the Task Force will continue to work on prioritizing water project ranking criteria and evaluating funding opportunities.

THURSDAY, September 5, 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 Session - Morning

- Department of Natural Resources
 - Rex Gittins, History of Funding Resources at DNR
- University of Nebraska
 - Rachel Herpel, UNL Water Center and WRAP Representative

3.0 Task Force Working Session: Criteria and Project Ranking

- Review previous meeting discussions
- Review results of round one criteria test

Lunch – Noon to 1:00

4.0 Educational Session - Morning

- Russell Callen, Assistant Manager, Lower Loup Natural Resources District

5.0 Task Force Working Session: Criteria and Project Ranking (continued)

- Finalize criteria and weighting to be used in round two test
- Understand projects to be used in round two test
- Review Draft of Report Introduction, Mission and Goals

6.0 Public Comments

7.0 Adjourn Public Meeting for the Day

FRIDAY, September 6 – 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

1.0 Welcome

- Request Public Sign in for Comments
- Overview of today's meeting

2.0 Educational Session

- Department of Natural Resources Annual Report and Plan of Work
 - Jesse Bradley, P.G. – Integrated Water Management, Division Head
- Nebraska Game and Parks Water Programs and Instream Flows
 - Gene Zuerlein and Frank Albrecht

3.0 Task Force Working Session: Funding and Administration

- Summary of previous meeting discussion and MindMixer comments
- Review organizational/administrative structures of other programs

Lunch – Noon to 1:00

4.0 Educational Session - Afternoon

- Research and Results on Recharge in Nebraska
 - Dr. John Gates, Assistant Professor, Earth and Atmospheric Science

5.0 Task Force Working Session: Funding and Administration

- Begin discussion on funding needs
- Decide on priority funding sources for further study

6.0 Public Comments

7.0 Adjourn Public Meeting