

North Platte Decree Committee Meeting

Final Minutes

April 7, 2015

Attendees:

Representatives of the North Platte Decree Committee:

Erin Light, Colorado Division of Water Resources (CO-DWR)

Patrick T. Tyrrell, Wyoming State Engineer's Office (WY-SEO)

Jesse Bradley, Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NE-DNR)

Carlie Ronca, NPDC Chair / Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation)

Others in Attendance:

Gordon Coke	The Flatwater Group
Tim Freed	NE-DNR
Tom Hayden	NE-DNR
Melissa Mosier	NE-DNR
Jim Ostdiek	NE-DNR
Tracy Zayac	NE-DNR
Justin Lavene	NE Attorney General Office
Dennis Strauch	Pathfinder Irrigation District
Brad Cannon	Reclamation
Brock Merrill	Reclamation
Lyle Myler	Reclamation
Matt Wells	Reclamation
Mahonri Williams	Reclamation
Kent Becker	WY-SEO
Rob Foreman	WY-SEO
Matt Hoobler	WY-SEO
Brian Pugsley	WY-SEO

The North Platte Decree Committee (NPDC) meeting began at 1:00 p.m. MT on April 7, 2015, at the Board Room in the Panhandle University Building in Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

1. Review Agenda

A Final Proposed Agenda was distributed on April 3, 2015. The meeting proceeded per the agenda, which is [Attachment A](#).

2. Review & Approve October 2014 Minutes – Regular Meeting

The minutes to the October 21, 2014 meeting in Torrington, WY were approved and the signature page was circulated to the committee members for signature. The signature page is [Attachment B](#).

3. Water Administration, Operational/Accounting, Allocation Issues, Other

3a. Wyoming:

Mr. Brian Pugsley reported on water supply conditions. There has been no allocation or administration on the river. There were 251 groundwater wells used in 2014. 6,124 AF will be put back into the system after there is no longer sufficient natural flow. 23 AF was carried over from September 2014 that needs to be repaid. The gage at Northgate and Sinclair are coming up.

3b. Reclamation

Mr. Mahonri Williams reported on water supply conditions. Seminoe Reservoir has approximately 740,000 AF, Pathfinder has approximately 686,000 AF, and Glendo has approximately 325,000 AF. Kendrick Ownership is at approximately 873,000 AF, Pathfinder Ownership is at approximately 845,000 AF, and Glendo Ownership is at approximately 148,000 AF. Guernsey Ownership filled at the end of March. Inland Lakes and Pathfinder are currently accruing water. Based on the April 1 Forecast, Pathfinder Ownership is not expected to fill.

3c. Nebraska

Tom Hayden reported on water supply conditions in Nebraska. Very little administration had taken place since the October 2014 NPDC meeting. Hayden described how EA water was shepherded to Lake McConaughy in the fall: delivery of CNPPID water was started on September 14, Pathfinder Modification Wyoming Account water started to be delivered on September 15, and Pathfinder Environmental Account water started to be delivered on September 19. The last of the water reached Lake McConaughy on October 6.

3d. Colorado

Ms. Erin Light reported on water supply conditions. Snowpack conditions are low at around 73% of average. Projected flows at Northgate are about 78% of average. Colorado sent its report on acres and diversions to Reclamation. The Colorado Reservoirs stored approximately 14,000 AF in 2014 and expect similar storage in 2015. Mr. Tyrrell asked a question that had originally been brought up at the Public Information Meeting earlier that morning. The question was whether or not irrigators in Colorado were taking water. Ms. Light replied that there is basically no snow on the ground and no one is irrigating yet.

4. Discuss Appendix F, Paragraph 10; Jess v. West (Wyoming/Nebraska)

Mr. Justin Lavene of the Nebraska Attorney General's Office (NEAG) addressed the subject. Mr. Lavene appreciates Reclamation's help in contacting the Department of Justice (DOJ). The DOJ contacted the NEAG in March and is seeking approval to sign off on the motion to dismiss. This sign off is a procedural step required per the Modified North Platte Decree.

5. Report of the Consumptive Use Subcommittee (CUSC)

Mr. Matt Hoobler read the CUSC report. High Plains Regional Climate Center (HPRCC) is not interested in a new contract for maintenance of the weather stations. The HPRCC is willing to do the quality assurance/quality control and publication of the data. One alternative is to have the Wyoming State Engineer's Office (WY-SEO) maintain the stations. The WY-SEO does not expect the work to exceed \$6,000. Three action items were presented by the CUSC: (1) What is the NPDC's thoughts on WY-SEO taking over responsibility of annual maintenance of the four weather stations in the Wyoming portion of the North Platte River Basin? (2) New temperature/humidity sensors will need to be purchased at \$530 per station. (3) HPRCC will still QA/QC and publish the data.

Mr. Pugsley stated that the WY-SEO can switch the stations to transmit via GOES, which would save money. There would be an upfront cost to switch from the cellular transmission to GOES, but then there would be no monthly fee.

Ms. Ronca asked for an explanation on the need for these stations. The response was that it is a requirement in Exhibit 6 of the Modified North Platte Decree to establish five stations. It was later decided that the four stations currently used provided good coverage of the basin. The data helps with consumptive use reporting in the State of Wyoming.

Another issue will be the ownership of the equipment. The equipment is currently owned by HPRCC and they are willing to turn it over. However, the question was raised if the NPDC can own equipment? Mr. Tyrrell proposed that Wyoming own the equipment.

Wyoming made a motion to accept the report of the CUSC and Colorado seconded. The report is included as [Attachment C](#).

Mr. Tyrrell moved to allow the CUSC to spend less than \$6,000 for maintenance, to approve the purchase of new sensors, and to allow HPRCC to QA/QC and publish the data. Mr. Bradley seconded the motion.

6. Review and Modify Natural Flow and Ownership Procedures for Water Year 2015 and Part C Supplemental Accounting Procedures for 2015 Allocation Water Year

Reclamation modified the 2014 version only by changing the year to 2015. Mr. Pugsley asked a question regarding the "temporary contracts" listed on page 4 under Glendo Ownership. Reclamation responded that these temporary contracts fall under the 2,600 AF Joint Account which is part of the 10,600 AF Wyoming Account of the Glendo Ownership.

Mr. Tyrrell confirmed that a portion of this document would be discussed under Agenda Item Number 7.

Wyoming moved to accept the procedures and Nebraska seconded. The procedures are included as [Attachment D](#).

7. Pathfinder Irrigation District Request for diversion of Natural Flow with Inland Lakes Water

The 2015 Storage Ownership Accounting Procedures on Page 2, Part B1, allows for Pathfinder Irrigation District to request approval from the NPDC to make deliveries of Natural Flow to Wyoming and Nebraska appropriators in addition to the transfer of storage water to the Inland Lakes. Mr. Dennis Strauch of Pathfinder Irrigation District (PID) officially made a request to deliver natural flow irrigation water while transferring the Inland Lakes storage water. The District is not certain whether its operations will require it, but are asking for permission.

Mr. Pugsley asked the question as to what happens if this year becomes an allocation year and how these deliveries would affect the balances of those district that diverted water during this time. The response is that the previous deliveries would count against the allocation balance.

Mr. Myler stated that PID needs certainty at this meeting on a decision so that they can plan their operations. The NPDC should make a decision based on the April 1 allocation calculations. Even if the May 1 calculations show an allocation, the District will already be in the middle of the operation.

The State of Wyoming moved to allow the transfer of natural flow with Inland Lakes water. Mr. Hayden asked for clarification on where this natural flow water is coming from. Mr. Williams stated that the natural flow is calculated every day from May 1 to September 30. The first natural flow out of Guernsey is the gain in the Alcova to Guernsey reach, and then natural flow is moved from the upper system. The accounting system provides for the method in looking at the total system natural flow. Mr. Hayden would like for both States and Reclamation to meet on how the accounting would be done.

Nebraska seconded the motion to allow PID to deliver natural flow in addition to the transfer of storage water to the Inland Lakes.

8. Replacement Water – Exhibit 10, Paragraph D.3.: Estimated Number of Trigger Days.

Reclamation calculated 73 trigger days for 2014. This information did not get emailed out prior to the meeting. The State of Wyoming also calculated 73 days. The State of Nebraska asked for the data to be sent for their review. Wyoming moved to conditionally accept the calculation of 73 trigger days pending Nebraska's review. Nebraska seconded.

9. Activities Due or to be Initiated by Spring 2015 – Brief Status Reports/Updates (as per settlement timeline adopted April 12, 2002).

Mr. Tyrrell shared the information for the 12 individual topics on the agenda.

10. Reports of Subcommittees

10.1 Groundwater Subcommittee (GWSC)

Mr. Hoobler stated there were no new groundwater well applications. The GWSC has no action or recommendations. Wyoming motioned to accept the GWSC's report and Colorado seconded. The NPDC accepted the report of the GWSC, [Attachment E](#).

10.2 Control Crest Subcommittee (CCSC)

Mr. Hayden presented the report of the CCSC. The only significant change is that the CCSC included language in the report which allows for reconsideration of the zero shift ranges. If all three representatives of the CCSC are in agreement, the zero shift range may be changed or eliminated during the irrigation season if conditions warrant. Nebraska motioned to accept the CCSC's report and Wyoming seconded. The NPDC accepted the report of the CCSC, [Attachment F](#). Wyoming motioned that the CCSC, when in consensus, be given the flexibility to change or eliminate the zero shift range during the irrigation season. Nebraska seconded.

10.3 Replacement Water Subcommittee (RWSC)

The next 5 year surveys are scheduled for above Guernsey in 2015 and the Triangle area in 2017. 10 years ago, the response rate was 30%. The most recent years have had 68% response. Wyoming motioned to accept the RWSC's report and Nebraska seconded. The NPDC accepted the report of the RWSC, [Attachment G](#).

10.4 Finance Subcommittee (FSC)

Mr. Williams went over the Nebraska Community Foundation account balances. An invoice approval page was passed around for signature to cover the cost of the questionnaires. The invoice includes \$960 for comparison of the data, which was previously approved by the NPDC. Nebraska motioned to accept the FSC's report and Wyoming seconded. The NPDC accepted the report of the FSC, [Attachment H](#).

10.5 Ad-Hoc Official Files Subcommittee (OFSC)

Mr. Gordon Coke, The Flatwater Group, gave a presentation of the new internet SharePoint site. This new program to access the official files will consist of two elements, a client version for individual download and the internet access page. The SharePoint site has an email address so that correspondence can be directly sent to the official files internet database. An electronic stamp has been designed to match the stamp used on hard copy files. The stamp is downloaded as a .pdf file with editable fields. A user can enter these fields and then stamp a document using the stamp .pdf file. Mr. Coke suggests that NE- DNR be the sole entity responsible for stamping documents. Mr. Tyrrell suggested that there be a designated person to check that the documents are getting stamped in. The action for the OFSC is whether or not to keep proceeding down this path of an internet accessible file system. Nebraska made the motion to accept the report and keep working toward the internet system. Colorado seconded. The NPDC accepted the report of the OFSC, [Attachment I](#).

11. Meeting Summary

Nebraska made a statement that they are working on the chronology of sub-committee history and that it will be sent out soon for review. The hope is to approve the list of historical members at the October 2015 meeting.

Mr. Tyrrell suggested adding introductions to the Agenda as it is normally a process at every meeting. Mr. Pugsley has been assigned to find a location for the October meeting. A tentative date of October 22, 2015 in Torrington, Wyoming was agreed upon. The water user information meeting will be in the morning with the NPDC meeting in the afternoon.

AGENDA

North Platte Decree Committee (NPDC) Meeting
1:00 p.m. Mountain Time, April 7, 2015
Scottsbluff, NE

1. Review Agenda
2. Approve Minutes from October 2014 Meeting
3. Water Administration, Operational/Accounting, Allocation Issues, Other
 - 3.1 Wyoming
 - 3.2 Bureau of Reclamation
 - 3.3 Nebraska
 - 3.4 Colorado
4. Discuss Appendix F, Paragraph 10; Jess v West (Wyoming/Nebraska)
5. Consumptive Use Standing Subcommittee (Chair: Hoobler)
6. Review and Modify Natural flow and Ownership Procedures for Water Year 2015 and Part C Supplemental Accounting procedures for 2015 Allocation Water Year (all)
7. Pathfinder Irrigation District Request for diversion of Natural Flow with Inland Lakes water
8. Replacement Water – Exhibit 10, Paragraph D.3.: Compile information regarding the estimated number of “trigger days” (Reclamation).
9. Activities Due or to be Initiated by Spring 2015 – Brief Status Reports/Updates (as per settlement timeline adopted April 12, 2002)
 - 9.1. Exhibit 4, Paragraph IV.A. & C.: Accounting of Intentionally Irrigated Lands from Surface Water Sources upstream of Guernsey Reservoir and Transfers and Reporting pursuant to Paragraph II(e) of the Modified Decree (Wyoming)
 - 9.2. Exhibit 4, Paragraph V.: Maintenance of Data and Records Supporting the Annual Intentionally Irrigated Acreage Report (Wyoming)
 - 9.3. Exhibit 4, Paragraph IV.B.: Amount of intentionally irrigated acreage from hydrologically connected groundwater included in annual report (Wyoming)
 - 9.4. Exhibit 5, Paragraph II.: Wyoming will begin recording, compiling, and reporting to the NPDC cumulative irrigation diversions of surface water from the main stem between Pathfinder and Guernsey during each two-week period beginning on May 1st during allocation years (Wyoming)
 - 9.5. Exhibit 6, Paragraph D.3.: Report of Consumptive Use Calculations (Due May 15th) (Wyoming)
 - 9.6. Exhibit 10, Paragraph C.1.c.: Initiation of the Delivery of Required Replacement Water (Wyoming)
 - 9.7. Exhibit 10, Paragraph C.1.d.: Complete and Report to the NPDC the list of active baseline wells (Wyoming)
 - 9.8. Exhibit 10, Paragraph D.1.: Collect and Provide to the NPDC groundwater pumping

data (Wyoming)

- 9.9. Exhibit 12, Paragraph IV.A.: Accounting of Intentionally Irrigated Lands from Surface Water Sources in the Lower Laramie Basin and Transfers (Wyoming)
- 9.10. Exhibit 12, Paragraph V.: Maintenance of Data and Records Supporting the Annual Intentionally Irrigated Acreage Report (Wyoming)
- 9.11. Exhibit 12, Paragraph IV.B.: Amount of intentionally irrigate acreage from hydrologically connected groundwater included in annual report (Wyoming)
- 9.12. Exhibit 13, 14, and 15: Monthly Water Rights Reporting and Annual Report of water pumped from post 2000 wells in Wheatland Irrigation District (Wyoming)

10. Reports of Subcommittees

- 10.1. Ground Water Wells Subcommittee (Chair:Hoobler)
- 10.2. Control Crest Subcommittee (Chair: Hayden)
- 10.3. Replacement Water Subcommittee (Chair: Bradley)
- 10.4. Finance Subcommittee (Chair: Williams)
- 10.5. Ad-Hoc Official Files Subcommittee (Chair: Schellpeper)

11. Meeting Summary

- 11.1. Future Agenda Items
- 11.2. Schedule Fall 2015 NPDC Meeting and Location



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Final October 21, 2014, NPDC Spring Meeting Minutes

Attachment A – NPDC Fall 2014 Agenda

Attachment B – Spring 2014 Minutes Signature Page

Attachment C – Groundwater Wells Subcommittee Report

Attachment D – Replacement Water Subcommittee Report

Attachment E – Consumptive Use Subcommittee Report


Attachment F – Finance Subcommittee Report

Attachment G – HPRCC Invoice Signature Page


Attachment H – Subcommittee Membership

These minutes were approved at the North Platte Decree Committee Meeting on April 7, 2015 in Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

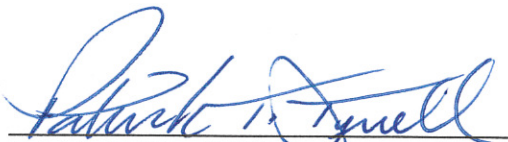
Signatures of Approval:



 Jim Schneider, Acting Director
 Nebraska Department of Natural Resources

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 Dick Wolfe, Colorado State Engineer
 Colorado Division of Water Resources



 Patrick T. Tyrell, Wyoming State Engineer
 Wyoming State Engineer's Office



 Carlie Ronca, Area Manager
 Bureau of Reclamation

Report of the Consumptive Use Subcommittee

For the April 7, 2015 NPDC Meeting

Background

The High Plains Regional Climate Center (HPRCC) has assisted the NPDC with the weather station installment, maintenance and data gathering and quality control since 2005. The HPRCC currently maintains four weather stations for the NPDC located in the North Platte River Basin of Wyoming (Lingle, Elk Mountain, Encampment and Douglas). An annual maintenance record of the costs associated with maintaining these weather stations is attached.

At the request of the HPRCC, Director Martha Shulski suggested that the four stations in Wyoming be maintained by someone located within Wyoming, as the cost and time of the maintenance to the HPRCC outside of Nebraska was not cost effective and that they felt their Nebraska stations (70 stations) maximized the amount of time that one HPRCC technician could spend on station maintenance.

The Wyoming State Engineer's Office (SEO) has recently hired Brenna Mefford, who joined the Interstate Streams Section and brought with her the expertise and experience in weather station use and maintenance. She recently worked with weather stations and data with the Agricultural Research Service. Ms. Mefford will be maintaining a network of 10 weather stations in the Upper Green River Basin, five of which are currently under contract with the HPRCC. In discussions with Ms. Mefford, the SEO believes they can conduct the annual maintenance on 14 weather stations in Wyoming (10 in the Upper Green River Basin and four in the North Platte River Basin).

A known cost exists with the upcoming annual maintenance, whereas we know that the HMP45C sensor (temp / humidity sensor) needs removed and updated with a newer version of the sensor, which the NPDC will need to purchase by that time (approx. \$400 each for the HMP60-L, plus a \$130 chip each). This total cost is approximately \$2,120.

Annual power and cellular costs will be transferred to the Wyoming State Engineer's Office by June 1, 2015. These costs will be totaled annually and submitted for reimbursement annually.

The HPRCC has offered to continue to quality control the data generated by the four Wyoming weather stations and publish the data as part of their multi-state network. This service is offered free of charge by the HPRCC.

Actions Items

1. Approve the Wyoming State Engineer's Office to conduct the annual maintenance on four weather stations in the North Platte River Basin of Wyoming a cost not to exceed \$6,000 annually. This cost will be approved for a one year term and reevaluated every Spring NPDC meeting. Costs will remain split three-ways between the State of Nebraska, the Bureau of Reclamation and the State of Wyoming.
2. Approve the purchase of new temp and humidity sensors for the four weather stations in Wyoming.
3. Approve the HPRCC to conduct the quality control on the weather data from the four Wyoming stations and publish this data as part of their multi-state network.

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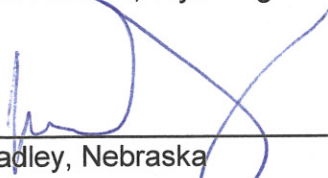
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Respectively submitted by:



Matthew J. Hoobler, Wyoming

4/7/15
Date



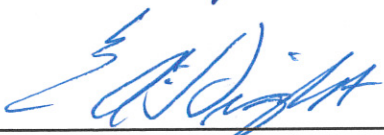
Jesse Bradley, Nebraska

4/3/15
Date



Lyle D. Myler, US Bureau of Reclamation

4/7/2015
Date



Erin Light, Colorado

04/07/15
Date

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HPRCC Past Invoice TotalsOperation and maintenance of four automated data weather network stations in Wyoming
(Lingle, Douglas, Elk Mountain and Encampment)

\$ 14,560.00	July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 (PROPOSED)
\$ 0.00	July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 (Not Invoiced)
\$ 8,057.77	July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014
\$ 7,023.29	July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013
\$ 8,583.97	July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012
\$ 11,924.27	July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011
\$ 9,728.05	March 1, 2009 to March 9, 2010
\$ 6,166.55	March 1, 2008 to February 28, 2009

NORTH PLATTE RIVER NATURAL FLOW AND OWNERSHIP
ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES FOR WATER YEAR 2015

The parties to these criteria agree that administration and operation under this agreement are to conform with Wyoming and Nebraska state laws, the U.S. Reclamation Law, and the Modified Decree of the U.S. Supreme Court Decree entered on November 13, 2001 in *Nebraska v. Wyoming* (“Modified Decree”).

These ownership accounting and natural flow computing procedures shall be subject to review and modification annually by the North Platte Decree Committee (“NPDC”) pursuant to Paragraph II of the Final Settlement Stipulation in *Nebraska v. Wyoming* and Article VA.9. of the North Platte Decree Committee Charter (Exhibit G to the Final Settlement Stipulation). The procedures shall not be considered as applicable for any year not adopted. Conditions arising in exception to these procedures will be resolved by agreement of the NPDC.

PART A.

STORAGE OWNERSHIP ACCOUNTING PROCEDURE

The North Platte system storage ownership shall equal the total storage in Seminoe, Kortez, Pathfinder, Alcova, Gray Reef, Glendo, and Guernsey Reservoirs and any Pathfinder or Guernsey Ownership water that has been transferred to and is stored in the Inland Lakes, except for water held in storage under separate contract for other entities by the Bureau of Reclamation or waters held in temporary storage.

All storage ownerships are to be filled in order of priority as provided for by Paragraph III of the Modified Decree, Wyoming State Law and as water becomes available. Any water bypassed or spilled is to be charged to the ownership then in priority, which ownership may not then be refilled until all other appropriations from the river have been satisfied. No storage ownership delivery or evaporation charges will be assessed when water is being spilled from the system.

A one-day time lag will be used in computing the evaporation chargeable to each ownership. Evaporation chargeable today is considered to be equal to yesterday’s total actual evaporation.

A. Pathfinder - 1,070,000 A.F. (current capacity) Priority Date - 12/06/04

1. All river gains upstream of Pathfinder Dam for the October 1 through April 30 period are to accrue to this ownership until filled. Gains May 1 through September 30 in excess of natural flow demands may accrue to Pathfinder ownership until filled.
2. Any Pathfinder ownership in Guernsey Reservoir on September 30 will remain in Pathfinder ownership after October 1. This water will not transfer to Guernsey ownership, but will remain in Pathfinder ownership and may be transferred upstream as Guernsey ownership or the Inland Lakes accrue water. Pathfinder ownership transferred to the Inland Lakes will remain in Pathfinder ownership.

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3. The Pathfinder evaporation charge is computed as though all Pathfinder ownership is in Pathfinder Reservoir except for that portion which may be in Guernsey Reservoir which shall be computed at the same rate as that of Guernsey Reservoir.

B. Inland Lakes - 46,000 A.F. (accrual) Priority Date - 12/06/04

Pursuant to Paragraph III of the Modified Decree, natural flow may be stored from the North Platte River in or for the account of the Inland Lakes as follows:

1. During the months of October, November, and April, gains between Alcova Dam and Guernsey Dam will accrue to the Inland Lakes account, up to a total of 46,000 A.F., and at a rate not to exceed 910 cubic feet per second. These gains may be stored in Guernsey and Glendo Reservoirs and later transferred to the Inland Lakes. The transfer is to be completed before any natural flow is diverted into the Interstate Canal for all years the Allocation forecasted supply is less than 1.1 million AF. If the Allocation forecasted supply is 1.1 million AF or greater, Pathfinder Irrigation District may request and obtain approval from the NPDC to make deliveries of Natural Flow to Wyoming and Nebraska appropriators in addition to the transfer of storage water to the Inland Lakes.
2. Evaporation will be charged to this ownership for water stored in upstream reservoirs at the rate determined for the reservoir where stored.
3. The amount of water transferred from this account to the Inland Lakes shall not exceed 46,000 A.F. annually less evaporation losses, measured into the Interstate Canal if other water is being released and at Guernsey if only Inland Lakes water is being released. When natural flow is being delivered as provided in paragraph B1, the storage transfer amount will be specified by Pathfinder Irrigation District at the time of request and thereafter, and the rate of transfer of Inland Lakes storage shall not be less than 700 cfs per day. Accounting of the natural flow and storage transfer will be calculated at the Whalen diversion dam.
4. Reclamation will maintain and make available to Wyoming and Nebraska records accounting for all water stored in the Inland Lakes or accrued to the Inland Lakes account on a daily basis.
5. Nothing in these procedures is intended to restrict the delivery of North Platte Project storage water to the Inland Lakes.

C. Guernsey - 45,612 A.F. (current capacity) Priority Date - 04/20/23

1. Until Pathfinder ownership has filled, river gains between Pathfinder Dam and Guernsey Dam for the October 1 through April 30 period and not credited to the Inland Lakes will accrue to Guernsey ownership until filled. After Pathfinder ownership has filled, all gains upstream of Guernsey Dam for the

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October 1 through April 30 period and not credited to the Inland Lakes will accrue to Guernsey ownership until filled. Gains May 1 through September 30 in excess of natural flow demands may accrue in priority to Guernsey ownership until filled.

2. The Guernsey evaporation charge is computed as though all Guernsey ownership is in Guernsey Reservoir.
3. The Division 1 Superintendent in the Wyoming Board of Control Torrington office and the Bridgeport Field Supervisor of the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources will be notified, in a timely manner, of all releases made by the Bureau of Reclamation to fulfill contractual obligations to Federal contractors.
4. Following coordination among Wyoming, Nebraska and Bureau of Reclamation personnel, water will be released from Guernsey Reservoir after April 30 for natural flow calls upon the river. When Guernsey Reservoir releases exceed the computed natural flow of the river at this point, then the difference shall be accounted as a release of storage water.
5. Guernsey ownership transferred to the Inland Lakes will remain in Guernsey ownership.

D. Kendrick - 1,201,678 A.F. (current capacity; Seminoe - 1,017,273 A.F., Alcova - 184,405- A.F.) Priority Dates (Seminoe - 12/01/31, Alcova - 04/25/36)

1. All gains upstream of Seminoe Reservoir for the October 1 through April 30 period after Pathfinder and Guernsey ownerships have filled are to accrue to Kendrick (Seminoe) ownership until filled. Likewise, all gains upstream of Alcova Reservoir for the October 1 through April 30 period after Pathfinder and Guernsey ownerships have filled are to accrue to Kendrick (Alcova) ownership until filled. Gains May 1 through September 30 in excess of natural flow demands may accrue to the Kendrick ownership until filled.
2. The evaporation chargeable to Kendrick ownership shall be the actual Seminoe and Alcova Reservoir evaporation yesterday, plus the evaporation for Kendrick ownership stored in any other reservoir but assumed to be in Seminoe Reservoir, minus any loss charged to storage held under contract for other entities by the Bureau of Reclamation in Seminoe Reservoir.

E. Glendo - 171,663 A.F. (current capacity) Priority Date - 08/30/51

1. This ownership consists of a power head pool of 51,573 A.F. (current capacity, elevation 4,570), an irrigation ownership pool not to exceed 100,000 A.F. and an estimated evaporation pool of 20,090 A.F. In addition, Glendo Reservoir contains 320,359 A.F. (current capacity) of "re-regulation space" in which the Bureau of Reclamation stores water pursuant to Paragraph XVII(g)

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of the Modified Decree after the Glendo ownerships previously referred to in this paragraph have filled.

2. All gains upstream of Glendo Reservoir for the period October 1 through April 30 after the Pathfinder, Guernsey, and Kendrick ownerships and the Inland Lakes Account have filled are to accrue to the Glendo ownership until filled. If the Guernsey ownership has filled and the Pathfinder or Kendrick ownerships have not filled, all gains between Alcova and Glendo will accrue to Glendo ownership, unless required to fill the Inland Lakes ownership during October, November and April. Gains May 1 through September 30 in excess of natural flow demands may accrue in priority to this ownership until filled.
3. When the power head pool of 51,573 A.F. (current capacity, elevation 4,570) is filled, no further accounting need be made for this pool. This minimum power head pool can be filled but once from the river. All Glendo ownership evaporation will be charged against the evaporation pool unless storage for evaporation has been underestimated and evaporation encroaches upon the power head pool. In this case, refilling of the power head pool may be allowed as an exception by the Wyoming State Engineer.
4. Glendo ownership can accrue annually in the irrigation pool up to 40,000 A.F. plus estimated evaporation, provided this total irrigation ownership, including carryover storage, does not exceed 100,000 A.F.
5. The Glendo ownership will be accounted for on both a State and an individual contractor basis. Such accounting will include accruals, releases, evaporation, exchanges, and carryover storage. Such amounts will be allocated by account in proportion to each entity's contracted amount of the Glendo water supply. The total accrual to the irrigation ownership shall not exceed 40,000 A.F. per year, nor will the irrigation pool including carryover contain more than 37,500 A.F. for Wyoming or 62,500 A.F. for Nebraska. Temporary contracts will be satisfied by withdrawals by the State of Wyoming's Contract Number 129E6A0080.
6. The evaporation chargeable to the Glendo ownership is the total actual evaporation minus that chargeable to other ownerships and minus any loss charged to storage held under contract for other entities by the Bureau of Reclamation in Glendo Reservoir.
7. Gains Alcova to Glendo for the October 1 through April 30 period are to be computed as Glendo Reservoir inflow minus 98 percent of the Gray Reef outflow two days earlier.

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F. Glendo Reservoir Re-Regulation Space

When re-regulation space is available and is not being used for a) re-storage of Pathfinder Ownership, b) storage for Inland Lakes, or c) storage of Guernsey Ownership water, the space is used to re-regulate natural flow, pursuant to Paragraph XVII(g) of the Modified Decree. The re-storage of Pathfinder Ownership water in the Glendo Reservoir re-regulation space also creates vacant available space in either Pathfinder or Seminoe Reservoirs in an amount equal to the space in Glendo Reservoir that is occupied by Pathfinder Ownership. A portion of the available re-regulation space in Glendo Reservoir may be used through contracts to allow others to temporarily store and re-regulate non-project water. The balance of the vacant re-regulation space in Glendo Reservoir and vacant available space in Seminoe and Pathfinder Reservoirs is used to store water in excess of natural flow demands after the storage ownerships described above have filled. Gains upstream of Alcova Dam in excess of natural flow demands and not accrued to the Pathfinder, Kendrick, Guernsey, or Glendo Ownerships are accrued to available Glendo Reservoir re-regulation space. Gains upstream of Guernsey Dam and below Alcova Dam in excess of natural flow demands not accrued to the Inland Lakes Ownership, the Guernsey Ownership, or the Glendo Ownership are also accrued to available Glendo Reservoir re-regulation space. These accruals are stored in vacant reservoir space in Seminoe, Pathfinder, Glendo and Guernsey Reservoir.

Such water stored in re-regulation space is used for 1) operational water 2) replacement of evaporation losses and 3) supplementation of the natural flow that is apportioned under Paragraph V of the Modified Decree. These are described as follows:

1. Operational Water Account

The first 15,000 Acre Feet of water accrued to the available re-regulation space is accrued to the Operational Water Account. This water is used by the Bureau of Reclamation to make up for water unintentionally passing the State Line in excess of water ordered by canals below the State Line. Any water remaining in the Operational Water Account after September 30 is carried over in the Operational Water Account on October 1. The maximum allowable contents of the Operational Water Account for 2015, including carryover, shall be 15,000 Acre Feet;

2. Replacement of Evaporation Losses

Water that is accrued to the available re-regulation space and stored at or above Alcova Dam in quantities greater than needed for the Operational Water Account is used to replace evaporation from the Kendrick, Pathfinder, Glendo, and Guernsey Ownerships between the time the Ownerships are filled and the first release of ownership water from any of these accounts for use at

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or above Tri-State Dam. Water that is accrued to the available re-regulation space and stored below Alcova Dam in quantities greater than needed for the Operational Water Account, is used to replace evaporation from the Glendo and Guernsey Ownerships, between the time the Ownerships are filled and the time the first release of ownership occurred from these accounts for use at or above Tri-State Dam;

3. Re-regulation of Natural Flow

Any water that is accrued to the available re-regulation space in quantities greater than needed for the Operational Water Account or to replace evaporation is stored for later release to meet natural flow demand at or above Tri-State Dam that exceeded the actual natural flow on a given day.

Water accrued to the available re-regulation space is impounded and released pursuant to Glendo Reservoir Permit No. 5998 Res. and Certificate of Construction of Reservoir, as clarified by Order of the Wyoming State Board of Control dated November 29, 2000, in a manner not to interfere with authorized project purposes, endanger the safety of the structures, or violate Federal or State laws.

G. Unintentional Water Below the State Line

1. Deliveries at the State Line for contractors below the State Line will be charged for their order placed two days before or the amount delivered to the State Line, whichever is less. When storage water has been released from Guernsey Reservoir for canals at or above Tri-State Dam and when the quantity of water passing the State Line exceeds the quantity of water ordered two days before for delivery at the State Line, for each day storage water was released, the difference between the order for delivery at the State Line and the measured flow shall be considered unintentional water passing the State Line, as described in Paragraph XVII(g) of the Modified Decree.
2. The unintentional water passing the State Line shall be first charged to the Operational Water Account described in Section F Paragraph 1. No more than 50 cfs shall be charged against this account on a daily basis under this Section G Paragraph 2. In no event will the annual limitation for that account be exceeded.
3. a. If the Operational Water Account has been depleted or if there is additional unintentional water passing the State Line beyond the 50 cfs charged to the Operational Water Account as described in Section G Paragraph 2, the excess unintentional water will be charged to any contractor, or in the case where two or more contractors share a canal, to the canal, between Guernsey Dam and the State Line whose diversion was less than the amount ordered the previous day by a rate of 5 cfs or greater, or in the case of the Mitchell-Gering Canal ordered two days previously. If more than one contractor should be charged, the charge

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will be in proportion to the amount each canal ordered but did not divert compared to the total amount ordered but not diverted by all canals being charged. For districts sharing a canal, the canal charge will be distributed to each district in proportion to the initial amount ordered by each district. In no case will this charge exceed the amount of the difference between what was ordered and what was diverted by a canal.

b. If after charging for water passing the State Line in accordance with Section G Paragraphs 1, 2, and 3.a., there is still remaining unintentional water passing the State Line, the unintentional water will be charged to any contractor who was not charged in accordance with Section G Paragraph 3.a. and who diverted less water than was ordered for delivery between Guernsey Dam and the State Line the previous day or in the case of the Mitchell-Gering Canal, two days before. The remaining unintentional water charge will be allocated to these contractors in proportion to the amount they ordered but did not divert compared to the total amount ordered but not diverted by all canals. This charge to individual canals shall not be greater than the difference between the canal's order and its diversion.

4. If the unintentional water passing the State Line exceeds the amounts accounted in Section G Paragraph 1, 2, 3.a. and 3.b., the balance shall be charged to the Operational Water Account. However, if the Operational Water Account has been depleted, then the balance shall be charged to all contractors who ordered water in proportion to their orders.
5. Where extreme precipitation events cause unintentional flows to pass the State Line gage, such quantities shall not be charged against any storage ownership account, and the Bureau of Reclamation will make appropriate and timely Guernsey Dam outflow adjustments. The Division I Superintendent of the Wyoming Board of Control, the Bridgeport Field Supervisor of the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources, and a representative from the Bureau of Reclamation shall consult and jointly determine the duration of time during which no storage ownership account will be charged because of additional precipitation events causing unintentional flows past the State Line gage.
6. When no storage water is being ordered past Whalen Dam and when unintentional water occurs at the state line, there shall be no unintentional water charged according to paragraphs 2 through 4 above.

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PART B.

NATURAL FLOW COMPUTING PROCEDURE

Inflow to Seminoe Reservoir

The Seminoe inflow will be the sum of the flows of the North Platte River above the Seminoe Reservoir and the Medicine Bow River above Seminoe Reservoir.

Natural Flow above Alcova Reservoir

The natural flow above Alcova Reservoir will be the inflow to Seminoe plus the flow of the Sweetwater River entering Pathfinder Reservoir and to this total will be added the following daily accrual for each month:

May	June	July	August	September
90 cfs	45 cfs	40 cfs	35 cfs	35cfs

The total of Seminoe inflow plus the flow of the Sweetwater River plus the accrual will be called the natural flow entering Alcova Reservoir and will be passed through Alcova Reservoir and Gray Reef Reservoir without loss.

Gray Reef Reservoir to Glendo Reservoir

To account for the losses between Alcova and Glendo Reservoir water released at the Gray Reef Reservoir will be charged daily with the following losses set by Exhibit 9 to the North Platte Decree Charter.

May	June	July	August	September
50 cfs	77 cfs	97 cfs	89 cfs	50 cfs

These losses will be distributed between natural flow and storage water in proportion to the quantity of each at Gray Reef Dam.

There will be a two day time lag in transporting water from Gray Reef Reservoir to Glendo Reservoir. Water released at Gray Reef Reservoir will reach Glendo Reservoir two days after the release date.

Glendo Outflow

The natural flow entering the Glendo Reservoir will be calculated as the average of today's natural flow entering Glendo Reservoir and the natural flow entering Glendo Reservoir the two previous days. The natural flow will be passed through Glendo Reservoir without loss and will one day later be called the natural flow out of Glendo Reservoir.

Glendo Reservoir through Guernsey Dam

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Natural flow released at Glendo Reservoir plus 20 cfs of river accrual will be called the natural flow out of Guernsey Reservoir.

Guernsey Dam to Whalen Dam

Water released at the Guernsey Dam will be charged daily with the following losses set by Exhibit 9 to the North Platte Decree Committee Charter to account for the losses between Guernsey Dam and Whalen Dam.

May	June	July	August	September
2 cfs	4 cfs	5 cfs	4 cfs	2 cfs

These losses will be distributed between natural flow and storage water in proportion to the quantity of each at Guernsey Dam.

Total flow below Guernsey Dam is calculated by the summation of the diversions by Interstate Canal and Fort Laramie Canal, the measured flow passing Whalen Dam, plus the stipulated losses. The storage water below Guernsey Dam is the difference between the total flow below Guernsey Dam and the natural flow out of Guernsey Reservoir.

Whalen Dam to Wyoming-Nebraska State Line

A one-day time lag is used in taking water from the River gaging station below Whalen Dam to the River gaging station at the State Line. The amount of natural flow passing the State Line gage plus 7 cfs to account for Spring Creek will be used among other factors to calculate the amount of natural flow in the Whalen Dam to Tri-State Dam reach for the 75/25 apportionment.

Carriage losses in the river section Whalen Dam to the Wyoming-Nebraska State Line set by Exhibit 9 to the North Platte Decree Committee Charter are as follows:

May	June	July	August	September
10 cfs	19 cfs	21 cfs	17 cfs	9 cfs

The loss to storage between Whalen Dam and the State line will be the previous day's ratio of storage water in the Whalen Dam to State Line section times the daily conveyance loss for the section. A one day time lag is assumed from Whalen Dam to the State Line. The ratio of storage in the Whalen Dam to State Line section is computed as the average of the proportion of storage passing Whalen Dam to total flow passing Whalen Dam one day previous and the proportion of storage at the State Line to total flow at the State Line. This ratio in the section is used to determine the loss to storage between Whalen Dam and the State Line the following day. Storage passing Whalen Dam is the storage at Whalen Dam minus the storage diversions into the canals which divert at Whalen Dam. Storage at the State Line is the storage passing Whalen Dam minus the loss to storage from Whalen Dam to the State Line and minus all diversions of storage by contractors diverting below Whalen Dam and above the State Line. After computing storage losses, the balance of the stipulated losses will be subtracted from natural flow.

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A loss of natural flow may be borrowed from storage and replaced from subsequent natural flow gains.

The gage readings at the Tri-State Canal of natural flow and storage deliveries to Tri-State Canal may differ from flow rates calculated using the State Line gage for various reasons, including, among other things, changes in travel time of flow between the two gages, and possible gage errors of both or either gage. The States and the Bureau of Reclamation recognize the potential for these discrepancies and are working towards finding ways to minimize them in the future.

PART C.

**SUPPLEMENTAL ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES FOR
2015 ALLOCATION WATER YEAR**

1. These procedures shall apply to the accounting of ownership and natural flow during May through September of 2015, only if it is determined that 2015 is an Allocation Year. These procedures are not intended to be applicable to, or to establish a precedent for, any allocation year other than 2015, and the states and USBR reserve the right to develop different supplemental accounting procedures in any subsequent allocation year. The action of the NPDC members to adopt the Part C for water year 2015 shall not be deemed a waiver by any party to the Modified Decree of an argument or position with respect to the interpretation of the Allocation Stipulation, the Final Settlement Stipulation or the Modified Decree for 2015 or any other allocation year, or of their respective positions regarding the accounting of natural flow diversions in excess of allocation balances. In the event natural flow diversions occur in excess of allocation balances, except as provided herein, the USBR will inform Nebraska and Wyoming of such occurrence and Nebraska, Wyoming, and USBR will confer.
2. The thirteen districts involved with the 2015 Allocation are, in Wyoming: Goshen, Lingle, Hill, and the Warren Act Contract portion of Rock Ranch; and in Nebraska: Pathfinder, Gering-Ft. Laramie, Gering, Farmers, Northport, Central, Chimney Rock, Browns Creek, and Beerline. These are henceforth referred to as the "allocation districts". Central, Chimney Rock, Browns Creek, and Beerline are the "below-Tri-State districts".
3. The "drains" referred to in these procedures are Akers Draw, Sheep Creek, Dry Spotted Tail, Wet Spotted Tail, and Tub Springs.
4. A "Guernsey open" condition exists when a diversion by any allocation district causes the USBR to release water for the North Platte Project from Guernsey Reservoir.
5. Under a "Guernsey open" condition, all diversions (natural flow and storage) by allocation districts from either the North Platte River or one of the drains listed in item 3

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- will be accounted against, i.e., subtracted from their allocation balance, to the extent an allocation balance is available, with the exceptions only as provided in items 6, 7, and 8.
6. If, under a “Guernsey open” condition, 1) either Northport or Farmers Irrigation District has no remaining allocation balance, 2) there is no storage water passing Tri-State Dam, and 3) neither Northport nor Farmers has ordered water, diversions into the Tri-State Canal from drains for the district with no remaining allocation balance shall not be accounted as part of the allocation.
 7. If, under a “Guernsey open” condition, 1) Farmers and Northport have not ordered water, 2) Farmers and Northport have no remaining allocation, 3) there are no orders for storage water below Tri-State Dam, and 4) there is excess water present at the Tri-State Canal headgate, such excess water may be diverted and will not be accounted as part of any allocation calculation.
 8. As provided in the 1998 Allocation Stipulation, for the below-Tri-State districts, “diversions” for purposes of the allocation accounting shall consist only of storage deliveries for those districts at the State Line and passed through Tri-State Dam.
 9. Once a district has no remaining allocation balance, neither Nebraska nor Wyoming shall allow additional diversions of natural flow by that district under a “Guernsey open” condition until such time as, in the weekly re-allocation of system increase, the district has an allocation balance available, with the exceptions noted in items 6 and 7.
 10. The distribution of the calculated system increase (whether positive or negative) between the two states and among the individual districts shall occur on a weekly basis to produce a revised allocation balance. Diversions shall be accounted against each district’s allocation balance on a daily basis for purposes of applying limitations on releases and diversions as described in item 9.
 11. In the absence of a “Guernsey open” condition, no diversions by allocation districts will be accounted under, i.e. subtracted from, their allocation balance, and any calculated system increase produced by increased water in North Platte Project storage ownership will be distributed among the allocation balances in conformity with the Stipulation percentages.
 12. In the event of a “system decrease” for the week, as calculated under the procedures of the 1998 Allocation Stipulation, the system decrease is allocated 18.5% to the Wyoming contractors and 81.5% to the Nebraska contractors. The system decrease allocated to the Wyoming contractors will be applied to the Wyoming contractors and the system decrease allocated to the Nebraska contractors will be applied to the Nebraska contractors. If the remaining allocation balance of any contractor is insufficient to cover their share of the “system decrease” the balance of the system decrease (shortfall) will be applied to the account balances of the remaining contractors within that State who do have a remaining account balance. The distribution will be made in the relative proportion used to distribute system increases.

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At the time of subsequent system increases, the system increase of any contractor whose balance in prior week(s) was insufficient to cover a system decrease, will be reduced in an amount of up to the amount of the prior shortfall. The water obtained from reduction of the individual contractor's system increase will be distributed to the other contractors within that State in the same manner and amounts as the prior shortfall was distributed to the same contractors.

13. The June forecasted supply will include all releases of water from Guernsey Reservoir during the month of May excluding releases for the Inland Lakes transfer and Glendo flood pool releases.
14. The 6,600 acre-feet per two-week limit on cumulative surface water diversions from the main stem of the North Platte River for irrigation purposes will take effect on the first of the month of May or June when the forecasted supply is below the 1,100,000 acre-feet trigger. The two-week period of time will be blocked into consecutive 14-day periods beginning on the first of the month when the limit took effect, with the first period established to end on the second Friday of the month in which the limit took effect.
15. Adjusting the drain estimate:

The initial allocation procedures in the Allocation Stipulation provides 10,000 acre-ft of project water estimated to be available from the Nebraska drains as part of the initial supply to be allocated to provide a total of 18.1 percent to contractors in Wyoming and 81.9 percent to contractors in Nebraska. During an allocation year, it is necessary to increase or decrease the initial 10,000 acre-ft drain estimate to reflect actual project water usage from the Nebraska drains. There are two conditions requiring adjustment of the drain estimate:

Condition No. 1. Depending on the allocation year, it is sometimes necessary to increase the drain estimate one or more times to reflect actual project water that is available for use from the Nebraska drains.

Condition No. 2. At the end of the irrigation season (September 30) a final adjustment to decrease the drain estimate to reflect actual project water that was available and used from the Nebraska drains.

The procedures for adjusting the drain estimate, described below, are applicable during allocation years and address the two conditions listed above which require adjustment of the drain estimate.

Condition No. 1 During computation of the weekly subsequent allocation when the drain estimate is anticipated to be exceeded, the Bureau of Reclamation will review the actual drain usage from previous weeks and increase the drain estimate by an amount that is anticipated to be available for the remainder of the allocation year. The increase will be distributed to the States (Wyoming and Nebraska) and the respective North Platte Project Contractors in the same manner as the initial 10,000 acre-ft drain estimate (Figure 1). The increase to the drain estimate will be reflected in the weekly allocation sheet in the week the increase was made. The increase

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will be included in each contractors "Remaining Balance" and included under the "Usage of Drain Water" section of the sheet (Figure 2). The adjustments to the allocation sheet will be footnoted to document the increase.

Condition No. 2 At the end of the irrigation season (September 30), Reclamation will make a final adjustment to decrease the drain estimate to reflect actual project water that was available and used from the Nebraska drains. The decrease will be distributed to the States (Wyoming and Nebraska) and the respective North Platte Project Contractors in the same manner as the initial 10,000 acre-ft drain estimate (Figure 3). The decrease to the drain estimate will be reflected in the weekly allocation as of September 30 for the given allocation year. The decrease will be included in each contractors "Remaining Balance" and included under the "Usage of Drain Water" section of the sheet (Figure 4). The adjustments to the allocation sheet will be footnoted to document the decrease.

The above process for increasing or decreasing the drain estimate to reflect actual project water usage from the Nebraska drains ensures such adjustments are accounted equitably to the States and the respective North Platte Project Contractors.

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Figure 1. Distribution of Drain Increase to the States and Respective North Platte Contractors

Adjustment to the estimated project water available from the Nebraska Drains

Adjusted Estimate	12,000
Current Estimate	10,000
Adjustment to Project Water From Drains	<u>2,000</u>
Wyoming's Share (18.1%)	<u>362</u>
Nebraska's Share (81.9%)	<u>1,638</u>

Wyoming

District	District's Share	Wyoming's 18.1% of Initial Allocation acre-feet	District's Initial Allocation Adjustment acre-feet ¹	Remaining Balance acre-feet	Adjusted Remaining Balance acre-feet
Goshen	79.65%	362	288	86,010	86,298
Lingle	13.56%	362	49	17,198	17,247
Hill	5.27%	362	19	6,704	6,723
Rock Ranch	1.52%	362	6	2,078	2,084
Wyoming's Total	100.00%		362	111,990	112,352

Nebraska

District	District's Share	Nebraska's 81.9 % of Initial Allocation acre-feet	District's Initial Allocation Adjustment acre-feet ¹	Remaining Balance acre-feet	Adjusted Remaining Balance acre-feet
Pathfinder	47.77%	1,638	782	152,697	153,479
Gering-Ft. Laramie	19.40%	1,638	318	74,824	75,142
Northport	8.15%	1,638	133	39,421	39,554
Farmers	17.93%	1,638	294	53,024	53,318
Gering	3.76%	1,638	62	11,230	11,292
Central	0.49%	1,638	8	5,155	5,163
Chimney Rock	1.24%	1,638	20	11,741	11,761
Browns Creek	1.08%	1,638	18	9,145	9,163
Beerline	0.18%	1,638	3	952	955
Nebraska's Total	100.00%		1,638	358,189	359,827
Total			2,000	470,179	472,179

¹ This amount will be added to each District's "remaining balance" prior to calculation of "Increased Supply".

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Figure 2. Incorporation of the Drain Increase in the Weekly Subsequent Allocation Sheet

Allocation of North Platte Storage Water Supply
As of August 24, 2005

WYOMING							
District	Balance Available Midnight 17-Aug acre-feet	Diversions 18-Aug through 24-Aug acre-feet	Remaining Balance acre-feet 1/	Wyoming's Increased Supply acre-feet	District's % Share of Wyoming's Increased Supply	Districts Share of Wyoming's Increased Supply acre-feet	Balance Available Midnight 24-Aug acre-feet
Goshen	92,921	6,911	86,298	880	77.03%	678	86,976
Lingle	18,799	1,601	17,247	880	15.27%	134	17,381
Hill	7,301	597	6,723	880	6.04%	53	6,776
Rock Ranch	2,162	84	2,084	880	1.66%	15	2,099
Wyoming's Total	121,183	9,193	112,352	880	100.00%	880	113,232

NEBRASKA							
District	Balance Available Midnight 17-Aug acre-feet	Diversions 18-Aug through 24-Aug acre-feet	Remaining Balance acre-feet 1/	Nebraska's Increased Supply acre-feet	District's % Share of Nebraska's Increased Supply	Districts Share of Nebraska's Increased Supply acre-feet	Balance Available Midnight 24-Aug acre-feet
Pathfinder	173,649	20,952	153,479	3,879	46.94%	1,821	155,300
Gering-Ft. Laramie	84,442	9,618	75,142	3,879	18.92%	734	75,876
Northport	42,718	3,297	39,554	3,879	8.20%	318	39,872
Farmers	64,320	11,296	53,318	3,879	21.54%	835	54,153
Gering	13,459	2,229	11,292	3,879	4.40%	171	11,463
Central	5,155	0	5,163	3,879	0.00%	0	5,163
Chimney Rock	11,832	91	11,761	3,879	0.00%	0	11,761
Browns Creek	9,145	0	9,163	3,879	0.00%	0	9,163
Beerline	996	44	955	3,879	0.00%	0	955
Nebraska's Total	405,716	47,527	359,827	3,879	100.00%	3,879	363,706

Total	526,899	56,720	472,179			4,759	476,938
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Wyoming Contractors' Remaining Balance	112,352	Wyoming Contractors' Balance	113,232
Nebraska Contractors' Remaining Balance	359,827	Nebraska Contractors' Balance	363,706
Sum of Contractors' Remaining Balance	<u>472,179</u>	Total Useable Supply	<u>476,938</u>

Useable Supply		Usage of Drain Water	
	acre-feet		acre-feet
Pathfinder Ownership	491,162	Previous Estimated Drain Water	3,076
Minus Storage in Municipal Account	0	Adjustment to Drains	2,000 2/
Minus Storage in Environmental Account	0	Minus Usage by Farmers	0
Minus 3% Estimated Evaporation Loss	-14,735	Minus Usage by Northport	-1,573
Minus 2% Estimated Carriage Loss	-9,823	Remaining Estimated Drain Water	<u>3,503</u>
Guernsey Ownership	0		
Minus 3% Estimated Evaporation Loss	0	Useable Supply	476,938
Minus 2% Estimated Carriage Loss	0	Sum of Remaining Balances	472,179
Estimated Drain Water from Above	3,503	System Increase for 24-Aug	4,759
Estimated Storage Water in Transit	6,831	Wyoming's 18.5 % of the System Increase	880
Useable Supply	<u>476,938</u>	Nebraska's 81.5 % of the System Increase	3,879

1/ The Remaining Balance has been adjusted to reflect an additional 2,000 AF (see attached sheet).

2/ Adjusted to add an additional 2,000 AF to the initial drain estimate of 10,000 AF.

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Figure 3. Distribution of Drain Decrease to the States and Respective North Platte Contractors

Adjustment to the estimated project water available from the Nebraska Drains

Adjusted Estimate	7,165
Current Estimate	10,000
Adjustment to Project Water From Drains	<u>-2,835</u>
Wyoming's Share (18.1%)	<u>-513</u>
Nebraska's Share (81.9%)	<u>-2,322</u>

Wyoming

District	District's Share	Wyoming's 18.1% of Initial Allocation acre-feet	District's Initial Allocation Adjustment acre-feet ¹	Remaining Balance acre-feet	Adjusted Remaining Balance acre-feet
Goshen	79.65%	-513	-409	5,262	4,853
Lingle	13.56%	-513	-70	5,068	4,999
Hill	5.27%	-513	-27	1,745	1,718
Rock Ranch	1.52%	-513	-8	270	262
Wyoming's Total	100.00%		-513	12,345	11,832

Nebraska

District	District's Share	Nebraska's 81.9 % of Initial Allocation acre-feet	District's Initial Allocation Adjustment acre-feet ¹	Remaining Balance acre-feet	Adjusted Remaining Balance acre-feet
Pathfinder	47.77%	-2,322	-1,109	15,870	14,760
Gering-Ft. Laramie	19.40%	-2,322	-450	6,807	6,356
Northport	8.15%	-2,322	-189	1,780	1,590
Farmers	17.93%	-2,322	-416	9,345	8,929
Gering	3.76%	-2,322	-87	1,415	1,328
Central	0.49%	-2,322	-11	3,555	3,544
Chimney Rock	1.24%	-2,322	-29	7,637	7,608
Browns Creek	1.08%	-2,322	-25	5,953	5,928
Beerline	0.18%	-2,322	-4	188	184
Nebraska's Total	100.00%		-2,322	52,549	50,227
Total			-2,835	64,894	62,059

¹ This amount will be added to each District's "remaining balance" prior to calculation of "Increased Supply".

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Figure 4. Incorporation of the Drain Decrease in the Final Subsequent Allocation Sheet

Allocation of North Platte Storage Water Supply
As of September 30, 2004

WYOMING							
District	Balance Available as of 23-Sep acre-feet	Diversions 24-Sep to 30-Sep acre-feet	Remaining Balance acre-feet 1/	Wyoming Increased Supply acre-feet	District's % Share of Wyoming's Increased Supply	Districts Share of Wyoming's Increased Supply acre-feet	Balance Available as of 30-Sep acre-feet
Goshen	5,262	0	4,853	2,098	77.03%	1,616	6,469
Lingle	5,068	0	4,999	2,098	15.27%	320	5,319
Hill	1,745	0	1,718	2,098	6.04%	127	1,845
Rock Ranch	270	0	262	2,098	1.66%	35	297
	12,345	0				2,098	
Wyoming Contractors' Remaining Balance			11,832		100.00%		13,930

NEBRASKA							
District	Balance Available as of 23-Sep acre-feet	Diversions 24-Sep to 30-Sep acre-feet	Remaining Balance acre-feet 1/	Nebraska Increased Supply acre-feet	District's % Share of Nebraska's Increased Supply	Districts Share of Nebraska's Increased Supply acre-feet	Balance Available as of 30-Sep acre-feet
Pathfinder	15,870	0	14,760	9,242	46.94%	4,338	19,098
Gering-Ft. Laramie	6,807	0	6,356	9,242	18.92%	1,749	8,105
Northport	1,780	0	1,590	9,242	8.20%	758	2,348
Farmers	9,345	0	8,929	9,242	21.54%	1,991	10,920
Gering	1,415	0	1,328	9,242	4.40%	406	1,734
Central	3,555	0	3,544	9,242	0.00%	0	3,544
Chimney Rock	7,637	0	7,608	9,242	0.00%	0	7,608
Browns Creek	5,953	0	5,928	9,242	0.00%	0	5,928
Beerline	188	0	184	9,242	0.00%	0	184
	52,549	0				9,242	
Nebraska Contractors' Remaining Balance			50,227		100.00%		59,469
Wyoming Contractors' Remaining Balance			11,832				
Sum of Contractors' Remaining Balance			62,059			Total Useable Supply	73,399

Useable Supply		acre-feet
Pathfinder Ownership		67,414
Minus Storage in Municipal Account		0
Minus Storage in Environmental Account		0
Minus 3% Estimated Evaporation Loss		-2,022
Minus 2% Estimated Carriage Loss		-1,348
Guernsey Ownership		7,763
Minus 3% Estimated Evaporation Loss		-233
Minus 2% Estimated Carriage Loss		-155
Estimated Drain Water from Above		0
Estimated Storage Water in Transit		1,980
Useable Supply		73,399

Usage of Drain Water			acre-feet
Previous Estimated Drain Water			2,835
Adjustment to Drains			-2,835 2/
Minus Usage by Farmers			0
Minus Usage by Northport			0
Remaining Estimated Drain Water			0
Useable Supply	73,399	Sum of Remaining Balances	62,059
Wyoming's 18.5 % of the System Increase		System Increase for 30-Sep	11,340
Nebraska's 81.5 % of the System Increase			2,098
			9,242

1/ The Remaining Balance has been adjusted to reflect a decrease of 2,835 AF (see attached sheet).
2/ Adjusted to decrease drains by 2,835 AF to reflect actual drain usage of 7,165 AF.

This Sheet has been revised to illustrate decreasing the drain estimate at the end of the year (September 30) to reflect the actual project water available and used from the Nebraska drains of 7,165 AF in 2004.

Carlie Ronca
Carlie Ronca, NPDC Chair

4/7/15
Date

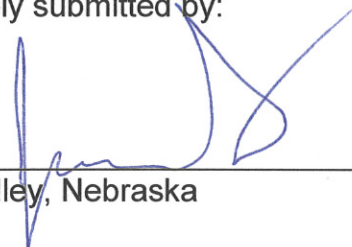
Report of the Groundwater Wells Subcommittee

For the April 7, 2015 NPDC Meeting

As of the April 7, 2015 meeting of the North Platte Decree Committee (NPDC), no new groundwater well applications were submitted to the Wyoming State Engineer's Office which requires the approval of the Groundwater Wells Subcommittee (GWSC).

Additionally, no actions or recommendations were generated by the GWSC which requires NPDC consideration or approval.

Respectively submitted by:




Jesse Bradley, Nebraska

4/7/15
Date



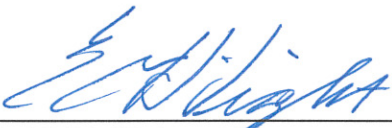
Lyle Myler, US Bureau of Reclamation

4/7/2015
Date



Matthew J. Hoobler, Wyoming
Groundwater Wells Subcommittee Chair

4/7/15
Date



Erin Light, Colorado

04/07/15
Date

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January 27, 2015

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REPORT OF THE CONTROL CREST SUBCOMMITTEE

To the North Platte Decree Committee

April 7, 2015

The Control Crest Subcommittee of Tom Hayden, Brian Pugsley, and Brad Cannon met on January 27, 2015 in Torrington Wyoming. The North Platte River stream flow measurement sites with control crests were discussed and performance of the individual control crests was reviewed. The Subcommittee makes the following recommendations to the NPDC for measurement of discharge in the North Platte River for 2015:

CONTROL CREST DISCUSSION:

North Platte River near Sinclair, WY (USGS #06630000)

1. In 2014 shifts were applied to all measurements.
2. Current rating table No.18.0 with 2014 measurements were plotted and reviewed.
3. Seventeen measurements were made and, all plotted to the negative side of the curve.
4. Rating table No. 18.0 will continue to be used in 2015.
5. Measurements should be completed biweekly during the irrigation season at discharges up to 4000 cfs and weekly at discharges over 4000 cfs.
6. All measurements shall be shifted according to rating table No. 18.0 during 2015

Medicine Bow River near Hanna, WY (USGS #06635000)

1. In 2014, measurements were made biweekly during the irrigation season at discharges up to 600 cfs and weekly at discharges over 600 cfs.
2. Current rating table No. 24.0 with 2014 measurements were plotted and reviewed.
3. In 2014 a zero shift was applied to measurements up to 600 cfs. For measurements exceeding 600 cfs, shift was applied according to rating table No. 24.0.
4. Rating table No 24.0 will be used in 2015.
5. Measurements will be made biweekly during the irrigation season at discharges up to 600 cfs and weekly at discharges over 600 cfs during 2015.
6. A zero shift will be used for measurements up to 600 cfs and measurements exceeding 600 cfs, a shift will be applied according to rating table No. 24.0.

Sweetwater River near Alcova, WY (USGS #06939000)

1. In 2014 a shift was applied to all measurements from Rating No. 23.0.
2. Rating table No. 23.0 with 2014 measurements were plotted and reviewed.
3. Measurements were made weekly at discharges above 100 cfs. and biweekly at discharges below 100 cfs. during 2014.
4. Shifts will be applied to all measurements from Rating No. 23.0.

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5. Measurements will be made weekly at discharges above 100 cfs and biweekly at discharges below 100 cfs during 2015.

North Platte River at Orin, WY (USGS #06652000)

1. The primary gage at this site is the H350 unit.
2. In 2014 measurements were made biweekly during the irrigation season at discharges over 1500 cfs. and weekly at discharges below 1500 cfs.
3. Shifts were applied to all measurements from rating No. 18.1 during 2014.
4. Current rating table No. 18.1 with 2014 measurements were plotted and reviewed.
5. Rating table No. 18.1 will be used in 2015.
6. During 2015 measurements will be made biweekly during the irrigation season at discharges over 1500 cfs. and weekly at discharges below 1500 cfs.
7. Shifts will be applied to all measurements from rating No. 18.1 during 2015

North Platte River below Whalen Diversion Dam (USGS #06657000)

1. In 2014 a zero shift was applied for measurements less than 3000 cfs and, for measurements exceeding 3000 cfs a shift was applied according to rating No 23.3.
2. In 2014 measurements were made biweekly during the irrigation season at discharges up to 3000 cfs, and weekly at discharges over 3000 cfs.
3. Current rating table No. 23.3 with 2014 measurements were plotted and reviewed.
4. In 2015 a zero shift will be used for measurements less than 1000 cfs, and measurements exceeding 1000 cfs a shift will be applied to rating No 23.3.
5. In 2015 measurements will be made biweekly during the irrigation season at discharges up to 1000 cfs, and weekly at discharges exceeding 1000 cfs.

North Platte River at the WY-NE State Line (USGS #06674500)

1. In 2014 weekly measurements were made on Mondays with additional measurements being made on Thursdays or Fridays as needed for potential shift changes.
2. Current rating table No. 26.0 with 2014 measurements were plotted and reviewed.
3. Rating table No. 26.0 will continue to be used in 2015.
4. During 2015 weekly measurements will be made on Mondays with additional measurements made as needed for potential shift changes due to approach hydraulics or when major hydrologic events warrant that additional measurements be made.
5. All measurements made will be shifted according to rating table No. 26.0.
6. Timely notification of additional measurements will be made to the other parties.

All parties agreed to include language that allowed for flexibility with the zero shift ranges during the irrigation season. This means if all three parties agree that conditions during the 2015 irrigation season make a zero shift range no longer agreeable, the Control Crest Subcommittee

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can unanimously agree to shift measurements accordingly. Zero shift ranges may be re-instated at a later date if conditions warrant and all three parties agree.

Measurement Schedule for Control Crest Sites, Water year 2015

Week of	Sinclair	Medicine Bow	Sweetwater	Orin	Whalen	Stateline	
30-Mar						WY	
06-Apr						USBR	
13-Apr						NE	
20-Apr						WY	
27-Apr	WY	WY	WY	WY	WY	USBR	
04-May	WY	WY	WY	WY	WY	NE	
11-May	USBR	USBR	USBR	USBR	USBR	WY	
18-May	USBR	USBR	USBR	USBR	USBR	USBR	
25-May	WY	WY	WY	WY	WY	NE	
01-Jun	WY	WY	WY	WY	WY	WY	
8-Jun	USBR	USBR	USBR	USBR	USBR	USBR	
15-Jun	USBR	USBR	USBR	USBR	USBR	NE	
22-Jun	WY	WY	WY	WY	WY	WY	
29-Jun	WY	WY	WY	WY	WY	USBR	
06-Jul	USBR	USBR	USBR	USBR	USBR	NE	
13-Jul	USBR	USBR	USBR	USBR	USBR	WY	
20-Jul	WY	WY	WY	WY	WY	USBR	
27-Jul	WY	WY	WY	WY	WY	NE	
03-Aug	USBR	USBR	USBR	USBR	USBR	WY	
10-Aug	USBR	USBR	USBR	USBR	USBR	USBR	
17-Aug	WY	WY	WY	WY	WY	NE	
24-Aug	WY	WY	WY	WY	WY	WY	
31-Aug	USBR	USBR	USBR	USBR	USBR	USBR	
07-Sep	USBR	USBR	USBR	USBR	USBR	NE	
14-Sep	WY	WY	WY	WY	WY	WY	

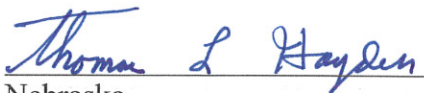
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21-Sep	WY	WY	WY	WY	WY	USBR	
28-Sep	USBR	USBR	USBR	USBR	USBR	NE	

Respectfully submitted



Nebraska



Wyoming



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Report of the Replacement Water Subcommittee
For the April 7, 2015, NPDC Meeting

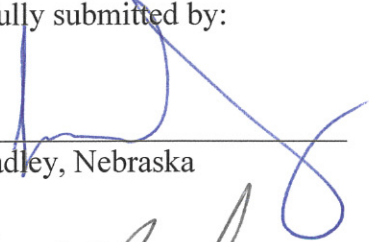
At the April 2014 NPDC Meeting, a motion was approved to move forward with having the 2012 Triangle Area questionnaire data entered into a database. The Replacement Water Subcommittee (RWSC) was instructed to develop a cost estimate for the effort that would be required in order to compare the 2012 survey data with the 2007 survey data. At the October 2014 NPDC meeting, the RWSC reported on the 2012 survey database entry work that had been completed and an estimate of the resources that would be necessary for the survey comparison. This work was done in accordance with Paragraph D.5 of Exhibit 10, Paragraph B.3.b.ii of Exhibit 11 and Paragraph B.II.B & D of Exhibit B to Exhibit 6 of Appendix G of the Final Settlement Stipulation, which describes that the NPDC will review the data once every 5 years.

At the October 2014 NPDC meeting, the RWSC presented a draft agreement for the services required to create an updated Access database with the 2012 data entered, compared to the 2007 survey data, and summarized for the purpose of tracking changes in irrigation practices. This agreement was approved by the NPDC, as was an agreement for the Finance Subcommittee to amend funding to include a comparison of the results of the 2012 vs. 2007 Triangle Area and 2011 vs. 2006 Above Guernsey survey data.

Prior the comparison of these datasets, an estimated total cost of the project was provided to the NPDC. Comparisons were then completed in an Excel file in which all charts and tables from previous work were included, along with a final invoice for the entire project, which resulted in a total of \$7,026.75 at a rate of \$31.23 per hour, \$936.90 of which accounted for the data comparisons. All document files, including a final invoice, the Access databases, Excel files summarizing all data, an Excel file comparing results across survey years, and a technical memorandum describing all procedures used in the process and the results of the comparisons, were provided to the NPDC via email on November 26, 2014. Another copy is being provided on CD attached to this report.

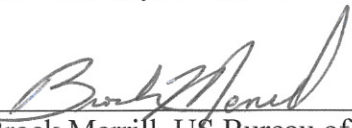
At this time all current assignments to the RWSC have been completed. The next 5 year survey for above Guernsey will occur in 2016, and the next 5 year survey for the triangle area will occur in 2017.

Respectfully submitted by:




Jesse Bradley, Nebraska

4/7/15
Date



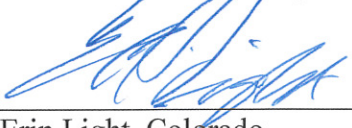
Brock Merrill, US Bureau of Reclamation

4/7/2015
Date



Matthew J. Hoobler, Wyoming SEO

4/7/15
Date



Erin Light, Colorado

04/07/15
Date

Spring 2015 Budget Status Report**1. Nebraska Community Foundation Financial Statement**

The Nebraska Community Foundation (NCF) completed the financial statement report for the quarter ending December 31, 2014. As of December 31, 2014, the NCF reported the following net balances: Nebraska \$2,167.86; Reclamation \$0.02; and Wyoming \$540.45; with a total balance of \$2,708.33 in the North Platte Decree Foundation Fund.

1.1 The Quarterly Financial Statement, for the quarter ending September 30, 2014, from the NCF is attached as Attachment A.

1.2 The Quarterly Financial Statement, for the quarter ending December 31, 2014, from the NCF is attached as Attachment B.

2. NPDC Contracts / Funding Agreements**2.1 Consumptive Use Subcommittee – Weather Stations Project:**

The NCF contract with the High Plains Regional Climate Center (HPRCC) to maintain the weather stations ended on March 9, 2015. The HPRCC indicated to Matt Hoobler that they do not want to enter into a long term agreement for continued maintenance of the weather stations. Matt will present options in the April 7, 2015, NPDC meeting.

2.2 State of Nebraska – Document and Database Management Services:

At the April 2008 NPDC meeting, the NPDC members approved a funding agreement addressing Nebraska's in-kind services of managing the repository database. At the November 2009 NPDC meeting, the NPDC members approved the continuation of Nebraska's in-kind services. At the October 2010 NPDC meeting, the NPDC members voted to allow Nebraska to do the reporting and submit invoices to FSC chair and NPDC chair for database maintenance and storage of files.

2.3 Replacement Water Subcommittee – Questionnaire Project:

By direction of the NPDC at their Spring 2014 meeting the Finance Subcommittee chair and the Replacement Water Subcommittee have worked to develop a funding agreement to create a database, enter data and summarize the data for the questionnaire of irrigation practices. The agreement is Attachment C, and the voucher approval (Attachment D) will be presented for signature of the parties at the NPDC meeting on April 7, 2015.

3. Current Invoices and Total Disbursements

An invoice for item 2.3 above (the Questionnaire Project) dated November 18, 2014 for \$7,026.75 was received from the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NDNR). The invoice approval is Attachment D and upon signature will be approved to be processed for payment.

There are no other outstanding invoices.


Report of the Finance Subcommittee

For the April 7, 2015 NPDC Meeting

4. Action Items

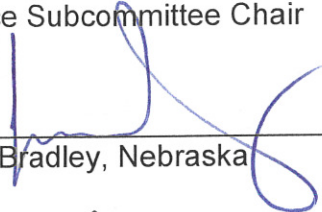
- Obtain approvals so the NDNR invoice can be processed for payment.
- Obtain further direction from the NPDC for the CUSC and FSC to draft and execute an agreement to fund the weather stations operation, maintenance, and data collection.

Respectfully submitted by:




Mahonri Williams, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
Finance Subcommittee Chair

4/7/2015
Date



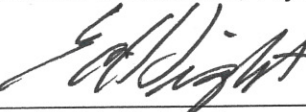
Jesse Bradley, Nebraska

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Matthew J. Hoobler, Wyoming

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Erin Light, Colorado

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Date

Quarterly Financial Statement
Nebraska Community Foundation
North Platte Decree Committee Fund
For the Quarter Ending September 30, 2014

Date of Initial Contribution	DOI Account 06/02/06	Nebraska Account 06/02/06	Wyoming Account 06/29/06	R12092 Bur of Reclamad 04/01/13	R12092 Nebraska Account 04/01/13	R12092 Wyoming Account 06/29/06	Total Fund
Beginning Balance							
Petty Cash							
Cash in Bank		2,167.85	540.45	0.02	0.01		2,708.33
Certificates of Deposit							
Investments							
Total Beginning Balance		2,167.85	540.45	0.02	0.01		2,708.33
Activity for the quarter							
Contributions							
Investment Market Value Changes							
Allocated Interest							
Direct Interest Income							
Total Income for Period							
Grants & Disbursements							
Support Fee-Non-Perm Accounts							
Support Fee-Endowed Accounts							
Amortization Fee							
Other Fees							
Total Expenses for Period							
Ending Balance							
Petty Cash							
Cash in Bank		2,167.85	540.45	0.02	0.01		2,708.33
Certificates of Deposit							
Investments							
Total Ending Balance		2,167.85	540.45	0.02	0.01		2,708.33
Permanent Endowment Information							
12-Quarter Endowment Average							
Annual Payout Percentage							
FY 2015 Payout Available							
FY 2014 Payout Carried Forward							

AUDIT TRAIL REPORT

For Date Range 7/1/2014 To 9/30/2014

Date	Donor/Payee	Description	Purpose	Amount
	NPDECRNEBRASKA			
	CASH IN BANK			
	ACCOUNT: 1111	Cash in Bank NPDECR - Nebraska		\$2,167.85
	TOTAL CASH IN BANK			\$2,167.85

AUDIT TRAIL REPORT

For Date Range 7/1/2014 To 9/30/2014

Date	Donor/Payee	Description	Purpose	Amount
NPDECRWYOMINGA				
CASH IN BANK				
ACCOUNT: 1111 Cash in Bank NPDECR - Wyoming				
TOTAL CASH IN BANK				ENDING BALANCE
				\$540.45
				\$540.45

AUDIT TRAIL REPORT

For Date Range 7/1/2014 To 9/30/2014

Date	Donor/Payee	Description	Purpose	Amount
NPDECRR12092BR		CASH IN BANK		
		ACCOUNT: 1111 Cash in Bank NPDECR - Bureau of Reclamation		
		TOTAL CASH IN BANK	ENDING BALANCE	\$0.02
				\$0.02

AUDIT TRAIL REPORT

For Date Range 7/1/2014 To 9/30/2014

Date	Donor/Payee	Description	Purpose	Amount
NPDECRR12092NE		CASH IN BANK		
	ACCOUNT: 1111	Cash in Bank NPDECR - Nebraska		
		TOTAL CASH IN BANK	ENDING BALANCE	\$0.01
				\$0.01

Quarterly Financial Statement
 Nebraska Community Foundation
 North Platte Decree Committee Fund
 For the Quarter Ending December 31, 2014

Date of Initial Contribution	DOI Account 06/02/06	Nebraska Account 06/02/06	Wyoming Account 06/29/06	Bur of Reclamation 04/01/13	R12092 Nebraska Account 04/01/13	R12092 Wyoming Account 06/29/06	Total Fund
Beginning Balance							
Petty Cash	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cash in Bank	-	2,167.85	540.45	0.02	0.01	-	2,708.33
Certificates of Deposit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
L-T Investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Beginning Balance	-	2,167.85	540.45	0.02	0.01	-	2,708.33
Activity for the quarter							
Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
L-T Investment Mkt Value Chngs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Allocated Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Direct Interest Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Income for Period	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grants & Disbursements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Support Fee-Non-Perm Accounts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Support Fee-Endowed Accounts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Affiliation Fee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenses for Period	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ending Balance							
Petty Cash	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cash in Bank	-	2,167.85	540.45	0.02	0.01	-	2,708.33
Certificates of Deposit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
L-T Investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Ending Balance	-	2,167.85	540.45	0.02	0.01	-	2,708.33
Permanent Endowment Information							
12 -Quarter Endowment Average	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Annual Payout Percentage	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FY 2015 Payout Available	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FY 2014 Payout Carried Forward	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

AUDIT TRAIL REPORT

For Date Range 10/1/2014 To 12/31/2014

Date	Donor/Payee	Description	Purpose	Amount
NPDECRNEBRASKA				
CASH IN BANK				
ACCOUNT: 1111 Cash in Bank NPDECR - Nebraska				
TOTAL CASH IN BANK			ENDING BALANCE	\$2,167.85
				\$2,167.85

AUDIT TRAIL REPORT

For Date Range 10/1/2014 To 12/31/2014

Date	Donor/Payee	Description	Purpose	Amount
NPDECRWYOMINGA				
CASH IN BANK				
ACCOUNT: 1111	Cash in Bank NPDECR - Wyoming			
TOTAL CASH IN BANK			ENDING BALANCE	\$540.45
				\$540.45

AUDIT TRAIL REPORT

For Date Range 10/1/2014 To 12/31/2014

Date	Donor/Payee	Description	Purpose	Amount
NPDECRR12092BR		CASH IN BANK		
		ACCOUNT: 1111 Cash in Bank NPDECR - Bureau of Reclamation		
		TOTAL CASH IN BANK	ENDING BALANCE	\$0.02
				\$0.02

AUDIT TRAIL REPORT

For Date Range 10/1/2014 To 12/31/2014

Date	Donor/Payee	Description	Purpose	Amount
NPDECRR12092NE				
CASH IN BANK				
ACCOUNT: 1111	Cash in Bank NPDECR - Nebraska			
TOTAL CASH IN BANK			ENDING BALANCE	\$0.01
				\$0.01

**NORTH PLATTE DECREE COMMITTEE
FUNDING AGREEMENT**

For

Questionnaire of Irrigation Practices Database Entry and Summary

Project:

Purpose: This Funding Agreement describes the NPDC Questionnaire of Irrigation Practices Database Entry and Summary Project (the "Project"). The Project anticipates that the State of Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NDNR) will process paper questionnaires according to the same process that was used to populate the Microsoft Access database with the 2007 and 2004 questionnaires and to complete the Microsoft Excel spreadsheet summary of the questionnaire responses at a cost of \$6,090.12.

Description of Work: NDNR will 1) review the new surveys from 2009 and 2012, 2) revise the Access database as necessary to accommodate revised questions and a new version of Microsoft Access, 3) enter the questionnaire responses into the Access database, 4) summarize the responses in Microsoft Excel, 5) provide a report describing the work, assumptions made and significant changes to the database, 6) provide a copy of the new Access database and Excel spreadsheets to the NPDC, and 7) compare prior surveys to the current surveys.

Total Project Costs: \$7,027.06

Members with Interest in Project: Wyoming, Nebraska, and Bureau of Reclamation. See Appendix G North Platte Decree Committee Charter, Exhibit 6 – Exhibit B.II.B & D, Exhibit 10.D.5, & Exhibit 11.B.3.b.ii, to Final Settlement Stipulation, pgs. 280, 319, & 344.

Per member share for total Project Cost: $\$7,027.06 / 3 = \$2,342.35$

Balances at Beginning of Project:

In-Kind Credits: None for this project

In-Kind Debits: None for this project

Payments:

In-kind Services:

Nebraska will carry out the described work for a cost not to exceed \$7,027.06. An invoice will be provided to the NPDC by November 15, 2014. Following approval of the invoice by the NPDC, other members will make payment by transferring funds to Nebraska's account at the Nebraska Community Foundation.

Requested NPDC Action:

Approval to have NDNR carry out in-kind services.

Approval of per member share of total costs (not to exceed).

Approved by the NPDC Date: October 21, 2014



**Approval Page
For
Nebraska Department of Natural Resources
Invoice #20141114, November 18, 2014**

Invoice #20141114 from Nebraska Department of Natural Resources is hereby approved for payment. The total amount of the invoice is **\$7,026.75** and should be divided evenly among the three parties ($\$7026.75/3 = \$2,342.25$).

The Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NDNR) will bill the parties for their share of the invoices and an additional 5%, which is estimated for NCF indirect and actual costs. Therefore, the NCF should bill each party as follows: Nebraska **\$2,459.36**; Wyoming **\$2,459.36**; and Reclamation **\$2,459.36**.

At a later date the NDNR will issue a billing correction to address the difference between the estimated and actual costs for the NDNR's services.

Mahonri Williams

Mahonri Williams
Finance Subcommittee Chair

4/7/2015

Date

Carlie Ronca

Carlie Ronca
NPDC Chairperson

4/7/15

Date

Patrick Tyrrell

Patrick Tyrrell
NPDC Representative

4/7/15

Date



Department of Natural Resources

PO Box 94676
 Lincoln, NE 68509
 (402)471-2363 fax (402)471-2900

Invoice No. 20141114

INVOICE

Customer

Name NPDC Chair
 Company North Platte Decree Committee
 Address PO Box 1630
 City Mills State WY ZIP 82644-1630
 Phone

Date 11/18/2014

Qty (hr)	Description	Hourly Cost	TOTAL
55	Database Design and Entry in Electronic Database	\$31.23	\$1,717.65
10	Querying Information and Exporting Spreadsheets	\$31.23	\$312.30
30	Exporting all Information to Excel for Ease of Use	\$31.23	\$936.90
65	Formatting and Summarizing Data and Charts in Excel	\$31.23	\$2,029.95
35	Completing all Charts and Tables, Writing Procedure Doc	\$31.23	\$1,093.05
30	Comparing Results of Tables and Charts for Summary	\$31.23	\$936.90
SubTotal			\$7,026.75
Shipping & Handling			\$0.00
TOTAL			\$7,026.75

Report of the Ad-Hoc Official Files Subcommittee
For the April 7, 2015, NPDC Meeting

At the October 21, 2014, NPDC meeting, the functionality of the new NPDC Official Files SharePoint database was demonstrated and the ad-hoc Official Files Subcommittee (OFSC) was renewed. The action items assigned to the OFSC were to: 1) get the new NPDC Official Files SharePoint database working by January 1, 2015, 2) ensure that the remaining NPDC official files get uploaded to the new database, and 3) review the "NPDC Repository of Documents Protocol."

The Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NDNR) has worked with The Flatwater Group to improve the browsing and searching functionality of the SharePoint database, and also on uploading the remaining official files documents. The OFSC met via conference call on March 13, 2015, to discuss the proposed updates to the "NPDC Repository of Documents Protocol" (Protocol) and potential changes to the procedure for managing new incoming official NPDC documents. The proposed updates to the Protocol include background information on the decision to migrate the official files database to SharePoint and instructions on how to use the new web-based platform. The OFSC also discussed potential changes to the procedure used for designating, exchanging, and uploading NPDC official files. These changes include a new electronic stamping and approval procedure for new official file documents, and the use of the SharePoint inbox for integration of the new documents into the database via email. NDNR and The Flatwater Group have been assigned the task of including these proposed changes in a redline version of the Protocol, which will be discussed at a follow-up OFSC conference call to be scheduled in mid-May, 2015. These proposed changes will be demonstrated at today's meeting by Gordon Coke of The Flatwater Group.

Discussion Item

1. Should the OFSC revise the "NPDC Repository of Documents Protocol" by adding a requirement that all NPDC Official Files are to be sent to the SharePoint database email address, as well as the inclusion of a new electronic stamping and approval procedure?

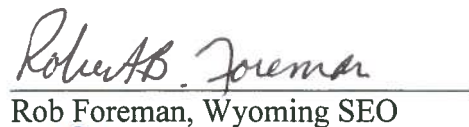
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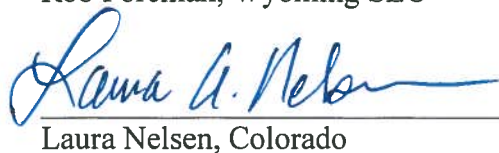
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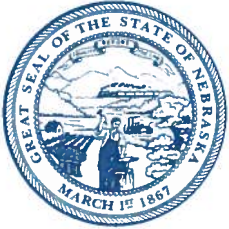
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IN REPLY TO:

April 16, 2015

Laura Nelsen
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Re: Spring 2015 Ad-Hoc Official Files Subcommittee Report to NPDC

Dear Ms. Nelsen:

Enclosed please find the Ad-Hoc Official Files Subcommittee's Spring 2015 report to the NPDC for your signature.

After you have signed and dated the report, please return it to me at the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jennifer J. Schellpeper".

Jennifer J. Schellpeper
Integrated Water Management, Acting Division Head

Enclosure