

Minutes of NPBRT Meeting: 6-24-14
USFS Conf. Room (7-9 PM) 100 Main Street, Walden, CO

Members/Liaisons Present

*Mike Allnutt
Deb Alpe
Mike Alpe
*Jimmer Baller
Paula Belcher
*Kent Crowder
*Randy Miller
*Rick Wyatt
*Carl Trick II
*Barbara Vasquez
*Doug Waldron
*Ty Wattenberg

Members/Liaisons Absent

Jason Brey
*Blaine Evans
*Tom Hackleman
Debbi Heeney
*Mike Honholz
*John Rich
Ann Timberman
Hunter Townsend

Others Present

Alan Jenkins (Silver Spur)
Greg Johnson (Wilson Water Group)
Ed Pier (Engineer from Wyoming)
Caid Waldron

I. Agenda Review

The agenda was accepted as published.

II. Approval of Roundtable Minutes:

Approval of minutes from 5/13/14 & 6/17/14 NPBRT Meetings delayed till next meeting.

III. Continue Review of Draft North Platte Basin Implementation Plan - Greg Johnson, Wilson Water Group with NPBRT members and liaisons

Barbara had submitted proposed revisions of the draft NPBIP that focused on nonconsumptive issues to the membership in advance of this meeting.

The proposed revisions included:

- Expansion of the description of the plentiful and healthy wetlands in the basin, including reference to the two CNHP wetland studies completed in 2010 & 2012, their importance as habitat for prioritized species as well as important recreation opportunities in the basin
- Reference to the CDPHE “2012 Integrated Water Quality and Monitoring Assessment” in which it is recognized that wetlands are an integral part of the state’s water resources and the ecological services provided by wetlands are enumerated.
- Inclusion of a map of the wetlands in the basin.
- Description of the synergy between irrigated hay meadows and waterfowl production.
- Updated non-consumptive (environmental and recreational) project list.
- Request creation of a “Proposed Project Summary” for inclusion in section 4 for stream restoration projects in the three CPW SWAs (Verner, Manville & Brownlee).
- Inclusion of updated attribute maps for stream and lake fishing (updated by P Conovitz of CPW) and waterfowl hunting (updated by M Reddy of DU)

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- Explanation of the importance of fishing on private lands in the basin, although not captured on the important fishing locations map, the title of which was modified to include 'public access'.
- Inclusion of a project (locations to be specified later) for the potential future replacement of existing in-stream diversion structures with new structures that offer better operability, reliability as well as improved fish connectivity.
- inclusion of the original (2011) composite map for NC attribute overlaid with projects in addition to the NC 'heat' map generated for the BIP
- Move (or duplicate) at least two multipurpose projects in the proposed consumptive project list in Section 4 that are more strongly or equally identified as Non-consumptive in origin to the non-consumptive project list. These include the McFarlane Dam project & the in-stream diversion structure identification project.
- Suggestion to strike the Big Creek Reservoir and Meadow Creek Reservoir projects on the consumptive project list in section 4.
- Proposed additional comments in Table 11: Strategies to Address Conflict under the Partnership subheading.

The majority of this meeting was used to discuss these proposed revisions and decide on whether to include them in the NP BIP. It was agreed that many of edits proposed for Section 1 will be moved and incorporated into later sections. The subset of the revisions that were accepted by the voting members are to be incorporated into the 'final' draft of the NP BIP, for presentation to the CWCB at their next meeting on July 16/17.

IV. CWCB/IBCC Update - Ty Wattenberg, John Rich and Mike Allnutt

CWCB: The new (June 5, 2014) CWCB "Supplemental Scoring Matrix Applied to Evaluation Criteria Tiers 1-3" was briefly discussed. The WSRA Grant application criteria and guidelines can be seen at

<http://cwcb.state.co.us/loansgrants/water-supply-reserve-account-grants/pages/statewidewatersupplyreserveaccountgrants.aspx>

and the supplemental scoring matrix can be seen at

<http://cwcbweblink.state.co.us/weblink/0/doc/191028/Electronic.aspx?searchid=e7acf1b7-c6c1-46db-8f09-dd0593757ff1>

IBCC: In the interest of time, there was no report on the IBCC.

V. Old Business/New Business

Old: None

New: None

VI. Date for the next meeting

Date for the next meeting: Tue, July 22, 7-9p.m. to be held in the FS Conference Room at 100 Main Street, Walden.

VII. Meeting Adjourned