

NORTH PLATTE BASIN ROUNDTABLE

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Re: Submittal of Final North Platte Basin Implementation Plan and Roundtable Statement on the IBCC Conceptual Framework

Dear Mr. Godbout:

With this letter, the members of the North Platte Basin Roundtable are pleased to submit the final North Platte Basin Implementation Plan. Though revisions were not made to the plan since the July 31, 2014 draft, work has proceeded on a handful of important projects included in the plan.

In addition, at the March 24, 2015 meeting of the North Platte Basin Roundtable, members voted to officially submit the following statement concerning the Interbasin Compact Committee's Conceptual Framework:

Keeping agriculture as a big part of the Colorado economy is the utmost priority of the North Platte Basin Roundtable (NPBRT). We understand that our role is not to preserve agriculture, but perhaps we can help conserve it. If a new trans-mountain diversion (TMD) will help slow down the buy-and-dry of agricultural lands, then the NPBRT is in support of a new TMD, providing it doesn't damage east- or west-slope agriculture. The NPBRT wants all waters to which Colorado is entitled, to be used fully before leaving the state, regardless of what direction they leave. A new TMD would be junior to existing rights and must abide by interstate compacts and Supreme Court decrees.

Thank you for the opportunity to further water planning objectives in the North Platte Basin and provide input to water planning processes throughout Colorado. Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,



Wm. Kent Crowder
Chair of the North Platte Basin Roundtable