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Agenda Items 11-14 (Budget) : New Budget reduces water funding by roughly \$800K (annual leasing reduced) and land acquisition by \$500K. Im good with it. Question: how does reduction in leasing affect water score considering its only a yearly budget?

EDO contract - J2 Regulating Reservoir design and other per-construction activities in support of CNPPID? Agreement - The Reservoir Project is to be designed, constructed, owned, and operated by Central

Agenda Item 15 (T&P contract)- support 1 year sole source on T&P monitoring with understanding that future years will be reevaluated and reduced.

Agenda Item 16 (new ISAC members)- I don't have intel on proposed ISAC members....Randy, Michelle or Ted were not familiar with Edmund Andrews. There is push in TAC to keep ISAC independent vs. retaining existing members (like Rob Jacobson).

Agenda Item 17 (GW scoring), 18 (grassland burning) & 19 (tree clearing on binfield) - good with EDO memos-

Agenda Items 20-22 (ISAC & State of Platte) -

In general agree with ISAC responses, but I am thinking that the number of articles being recommended by EDO based on ISAC memo is a lot given the benefits. Publications may be a way to have F&W take a second bite of the peer review apple (i.e. stage change study). I also agree that EDO should seek to continue WC telemetry project. There is a suggestion to use money normally used by air flights.

State of Platte Report - availability of suitable habitat has an impact on T&Ps

Agenda Item 23 & Executive Session (Water leasing):

The CPNRD contract will be no more than \$54/af by 2019. The Program is planning to lease up to 5,125 AF of water from the 217 CPNRD at a rate of \$35/AF for a 2014. I recommended Approval of CPNRD agreement with one change to item 1:

"1. Water. CPNRD agrees to annually provide water to the Platte River in amounts not to exceed 20,500 acre-feet. CPNRD shall provide the water between Gothenburg, Nebraska and **Grand Island (change to Lexington)**, Nebraska." so that we get our as high as score as possible and the water activity occurs above Lexington

Cost of \$190/AF for the NPPD surface water lease. This approach by the NPPD is based on the price differential between irrigated land and dry land in Dawson County Amounts to \$198K which is small. Is there a concern with precedent.

all water are from certified groundwater irrigated acres, all are pre-1997 wells and should be grandfathered in. All have option of using both surface and groundwater. Transfer of depletion to grandfathered wells.

Central NCCW - Last i heard Central is amenable to a yearly payment for the NCCW but central may raise

price on an annual basis. Jerry is spinning it as Central is "financing it for us"which is bs. The fact that we will be paying for undelivered water is still an issue.

Drain is thinking score would be in \$8k, what will F&WS say about 0 deliveries.

Agenda Item 25 (Newark Pit and Spiedel) -

Concur with Broadfoot- Newark (Kilgore Island) memo to sell water rights with land. (I dont recall this going to WAC, did it go to scoring committee?)

Spiedel - I believe this is the land trade we discussed in June. There is a concern by Central for the 3-way land trade because we will be a purchasing conservation ground (already have credit), plus other concerns "shell game"

Later

LAC -

1) support reclassification of gravel pit at Dyer, NPPD against because shadle believes we should be able to purchase more sand pits to meet goal because sand and gravel pits are the most productive. (March GC)

CU all at 8:30

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