

2016-2019 North Platte Basin Roundtable Education Action Plan

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Background Information:

Since 2010, the North Platte Basin Roundtable has worked with the Public Education, Participation and Outreach Workgroup (PEPO) and the Colorado Foundation for Water Education (CFWE) to strengthen their education and outreach activities. As the result, the North Platte Basin Roundtable developed a functioning Education & Outreach Committee tasked with creating an Education Action Plan (EAP), the first version of which was approved in January of 2011. The EAP details the educational goals and tasks most effective for the basin roundtable. It identifies roundtable member education activities that promote a well-informed and high-functioning basin roundtable. It also defines public participation objectives and appropriate implementation methods.

During the 2016-2019 time frame, the PEPO Workgroup of the IBCC and the Basin Roundtable Education Liaisons will be working with their basins to implement EAPs that reach out to decision makers and stakeholders of their Basin Implementation Plan (BIP). It will let the decision makers in the basin understand how they are represented, the status of the basin's consumptive and non-consumptive needs, planned projects, current river operation and opportunities and constraints associated with different hydrologic cycles. Where appropriate, this effort can also help the roundtable outreach to potential project proponents for the new projects and methods needed to meet future water needs to determine if they are interested in being partners or the lead entity. The North Platte Basin Implementation Plan indicates the components and activities of the EAP will continue to be utilized to facilitate public outreach and education related to the North Platte Basin.

1. Roundtable Involvement

- A) Names and affiliations of Education & Outreach Committee members:
1. Deb Alpe (Education Liaison, CSU Extension)
 2. Kent Crowder (NPBRT Chair, Jackson County Administrator)
 3. John Rich (IBCC & NPBRT)
 4. Carl Trick (NPBRT)
 5. Deb Heeney (NRCS)
 6. Kay Meyring (NPBRT)
 7. Barbara Vasquez (NPBRT Recorder and Environmental Representative)
 8. Ty Wattenberg (CWCB)

2. Educational Priorities &
3. Implementation Strategies

Overall goals of the E&O Committee: To educate the basin public on solutions-oriented water supply planning			
OBJECTIVES	TASKS	LEAD(S)	TIMELINE
North Platte Basin Roundtable Outreach to Stakeholders and Decision Makers regarding North Platte Basin BIP	Submit written NPBRT and BIP progress reports distributed to PEPO, CWCB and Jackson County Star. Continue to post All RT meetings scheduled in the Jackson County Star inviting the public to attend. Provide NPBRT and BIP updates during community meetings such as the North Park Stock Growers Annual and Winter meetings.	Education Liaison with E&O Cmte assistance	On-going
	Provide information on North Platte Basin water activities to Interim Legislative Water Committee	E&O Cmte and all roundtable members	Upon request as scheduled
	Distribute Colorado Water Plan and BIP pamphlets and Basin Fact Sheets in community.	Education Liaison with E&O Cmte	Ongoing within appropriate time frames
	Deliver speaker's bureau utilizing presentation materials and updating or customizing the presentation to meet interests of stakeholder groups within and potentially outside the NP Basin.	E&O Cmte and all roundtable members	Ongoing upon request
	Host community water education workshop(s) to better engage stakeholders in water law and issues relevant to the North Platte River Basin. Potential topics may include presentations on water law, history of decrees, and compacts, ongoing efforts in Colorado to meet consumptive and non-consumptive water "gaps", WSRA project updates, etc.	E&O Cmte	At least one presentation per year 2016-2019.
	Develop and/or purchase educational materials, supplies and services to utilize in North Platte Basin Education efforts such as development of table	E&O Cmte	These will be developed annually by E&O Cmte as the NPBRT

	top displays, print materials, audio/video clips, newspaper ads.		deems appropriate.
	Annual EAP funds will be requested as needed each year based on availability with a current budget submitted annually to support educational efforts as noted above. Annual funds will be submitted for reimbursement no later than June 15 of each year requests are made. *Please see 2016 budget details.		

4. Partnerships

Educational groups and efforts already existing in the North Platte Basin as potential partners:

- Jackson County Outdoor Education Network
- North Park Conservation District
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Jackson County Water Conservancy District
- North Park School District
- CSU Extension
- North Park Stockgrowers/ Cattlewomen/ Fair Board
- Colorado Department of Natural Resources
- Owl Mountain Partnership
- Colorado Parks and Wildlife
- Jackson County
- Town of Walden
- Bureau of Land Management
- United States Fish and Wildlife Service

5. Reporting

The North Platte Basin Education Liaison and members of the Education Committee will submit regular PEPO reports to share progress, resources and challenges upon request or as deemed appropriate. This item is noted above as one of our educational priorities and strategies for outreach.

***2016 Budget details/estimated expenses**

Educational materials, supplies, services developed or purchased	\$2,500.00
Educational Program Marketing-printing, newspaper, postage	\$1,000.00
Speaker travel expenses as requested	\$2,500.00
Workshop/Meeting Supplies-food, paper goods, registration supplies	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$6,500.00