

Meeting Summary
Lower Platte River Consortium
Consortium Meeting
Thursday, December 15, 2016 at 2:00 pm
Lower Platte South NRD
3125 Portia Street, Lincoln Nebraska

Consortium members present included the following:

LPSNRD: Paul Zillig, David Potter, Dick Ehrman, Devin Biesecker, & Dan Schulz
P-MRNRD - Marlin Petermann & Paul Woodward
LPNNRD - John Miyoshi & Larry Angle
NDNR - Jennifer Schellpeper & Amy Zoller
City of Lincoln - Steve Owen
MUD - Joel Christensen, Rick Kubat, & Jim Shields (MUD)

Other attendees included John Engel (HDR), Simone Rock (HDR), Jesse Bradley (TFG), Janece Mollhoff (League of Women Voters), & Gary Aldridge (Lincoln)

The HDR Team updated the Consortium on the progress in the first 90-day increment thus far. The first 90-day increments will include activities from task series 100, 200, 500 and 600. A draft Work Plan has been emailed to Consortium members for review. The Work Plan must be submitted to BOR by February 2017.

One of the items of discussion related to the Work Plan included plans for disseminating information to the public. The group discussed options for a Project website that could be hosted either by LPSNRD, DNR or HDR. The HDR Team will present a website layout template to the group at the next Consortium meeting for review.

Additionally, the HDR Team informed the group that we were successful in obtaining the Water Sustainability Fund (WSF) Grant for this project. Because the contract amendment was written in such a way that tasks 700 & 800 would be approved contingent on WSF success, no further action is needed. LPSNRD as the applicant to the WSF will work with DNR on all administrative matters related to the WSF.

Related to tasks 610 & 710. The HDR Team provided the Consortium members a handout of fourteen (14) site locations that have been preliminarily investigated. These locations were located along the Platte, Elkhorn, and Loup Rivers (or tributaries). Comments from the Consortium members on the preliminary site locations included the following:

- P-MRNRD has investigated some streamflow gage/conveyance along the Elkhorn River and notes that Elkhorn River gains 40-50 cfs between Waterloo and Q St. Suggests move site location to an existing well cluster near the confluence of the Platte and Elkhorn Rivers. These wells are not currently continuously monitoring.
- MUD indicates there may be an existing streamflow gage near Venice

- P-MRNRD suggests moving the preliminary site along the Elkhorn River at Highway 36 up to Highway 30.
- LPNDRD expressed interest in adding a site location along Shell Creek near Linwood.

Finally, the HDR Team indicated it will be meeting with both Lincoln Water Systems and Metropolitan Utility District the week of January 9th. Questionnaires will be provided to both LWS & MUD no later than Jan 6, 2017.

Next Steps:

- Send Questionnaire to LWS & MUD (as well as Fremont, Papillion, Louisville, Ashland, & North Bend)
- Meetings with LWS (Jan 10) & MUD (Jan 12)
- Finalize Work Plan
- Installation Plan by site location
- Coordination with NRDs
- Begin work on Forecasting Tool

Action Items:

- The HDR Team will develop a web layout template that could be used as the project website to keep the public informed.
- The HDR Team to generate list of questions to ask BOR and provide to DNR. All communications & submittals to BOR must originate with DNR.
- HDR to send out Doodle Poll for next Consortium meeting for early February 2017.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

LOWER PLATTE RIVER CONSORTIUM

PURPOSE: To study long-term water supplies available to the lower subbasin for enhancing streamflows or aquifer storage to support sustainable public water systems.

PARTIES TO THE CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT:

- Nebraska Department of Natural Resources
- Lower Platte North NRD
- Metropolitan Utilities District
- Papio-Missouri River NRD
- City of Lincoln-Lincoln Water System
- Lower Platte South NRD