

Meeting Notes
Upper Republican Basin Advisory Committee

Atwood City Building, 106 S. 3rd, Atwood, KS
March 8, 2007

Basin Advisory Committee Members Present

Anne Marie Worley, Joe Cabrinha, Steven Cox, Harlan Downing, Lee Juennemann, John Keller, Sid Metcalf, Charles Peckham

Basin Advisory Committee Members Absent

Wayne Bossert, Greg Grafel

Others in Attendance

Danielle Freeman (TH CD), David Studer, Kelly Stewart (DWR), Scott Voss (DWR), Chris Berens (KDWP), Diane Coe (KWO)

Welcome and Introduction was made by chair, Anne Marie Worley. Self introductions were made by all present.

Approval of Meeting Notes - Sid Metcalf made the **motion that the meeting notes from December be approved as written**. Charles Peckham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Annual Status Report – Diane Coe reported that the report of the status of Water Plan activities for FY2006 and plans for FY2007 and 08 has been compiled and provided in your mailing. Also provided was 1) a summary of statewide activities and 2) basin accomplishments.

The Upper Republican River basin summary report is organized by agency and program for State Fiscal Year 2006 (July 1, 2005-June 30, 2006). If a program or project reported in the statewide Status Report is not applicable to the upper Republican River basin or no basin specific activities are occurring, it is not reported.

Legislative Update - The discussion lead into the Legislative activities related to the basin and water issues of interest including the incentive based programs, the IGUCA bill and the Upper Republican Settlement Fund legislation.

Agency Reports

DWR- Kelly Stewart reported that DWR recently issued an order requiring water meters in some fringe areas outside GMD4. GMD4 is in its second year of water meter installation, the NE ¼.

WRAPS- Danielle Freeman reported that two public meetings have been held to gather local concerns for the Prairie Dog watershed. Two more are scheduled for next week. The flyer was in the mailing. Irrigation, fertilizers and pesticides and municipal runoff were among the concerns.

Basin Activities/Update – Diane Coe reported that the NW Model (groundwater model) continues to be developed for the areas above Kirwin and Webster as well as pilot areas within GMD4. Calibration is complete for the GMD4 areas and the first scenarios will be run soon. These were chosen by GMD4 for and will be status quo, total shut off and a 30% reduction in pumping. The changes will be applied in the target areas.

Keith Sebelius Reservoir and the Almena Irrigation District lake level agreement has had negotiations occur since December. State officials meet with the District in January. Steven Cox added that the state did present a proposal since the January meeting, but it was unacceptable to the Irrigation District.

Ms Coe reminded the committee that the BAC membership drive continues for the positions that expire June 30, 2007. Deadline for application is April 2. Applications are available on line and can now be submitted on line. www.kwo.org then to basin advisory committee then to interested in applying or membership. By clicking on the map you can bring up the on line application or clicking on the name of the basin below map bring up application to print. The next BAC meeting, first week in May will be focused on selection for the categories not filled in January by KWA. KWA will review at the June meeting.

Discussion was held of the need for applications, the vacant GMD category and other issues involving the categories and the upcoming nominations.

A discussion was held on the need to address non native plants such as red cedar, salt cedar and russian olive, and the existing 10 year strategic plan, demonstration projects and funding through federal and state programs and a new KDWP habitat program.

Other Business

- a. Messages to the Kansas Water Authority-**none**
- b. It was announced that the next Kansas Water Authority Meeting has been changed to **April 4 in Hutchinson**
- c. Next BAC Meeting date was discussed and will be either May 9th, or the last week in April, in Atwood, or Oberlin.

Note the WaterTap hearing is May 1 in Norton at 7pm (Norton Public Library, No. 1 Washington Square)

Sid Metcalf made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by John Keller. Motion carried.