

Tracking of Edits to IMP through Dec-January Reviews

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More substantive updates

Municipal tracking as part of Platte River Special Management Area

- Added in a requirement (DNR's request) that the NRD track the Village of Prosser's population (can use Census or data from the Village of Prosser), Chapter 8, section 2. This is in lieu of the typically required municipality/industrial metering and tracking that occurs elsewhere in the Upper Platte River Basin, that is under the New Depletions Plan, and is in response to the Little Blue NRD Board conveying that they don't expect any significant development in Prosser.

Geographic Area Explanations

- Changed the titles of the geographic areas (figures 5-1 and 5-2) maps to be clearer, and any references to control areas—so that the reader would better understand when we were talking about the Platte area vs. the whole NRD, and also the difference in SW and GW controls in the Platte area only.
- Likewise updated the features in the Platte Special Management Area map (figure 5-2), to clearly show the SW controls area which is the Platte SW Basin, and the GW controls area determined by modeling/proximity in SW basin and discussions with DNR upper management and Onnen.
- Made the IMP area maps larger to cover one page (Figures 5-1 and 5-2) as these are the most important maps in the document.

Stakeholder Approved Water Sustainability Materials

- Added in the stakeholder water sustainability packet that was voted on and approved by the majority of the stakeholder group, and reference in Goal 2. There were, however, a couple of changes made to the packet, due to copyright issues, as follows:
 - Page D-4. Swapped out Attachment 4 (Stakeholder materials) with a similar topic document, provided by LBNRD, to prevent copyright infractions.
 - DNR removed one figure from Attachment 6 cont. due to copyright issues. This figure was one page from a UNL education/outreach document with issue number EC 105, so instead of including the figure, I included a reference to the publication. See green highlighted text below on how this was done. Page D-7.
 - Where possible, I added the web link to the figures shown in various attachments, if the reader wants to learn more. See yellow highlight text below for an example.
 - **Attachment #6** (online at <https://dnr.nebraska.gov/sites/dnr.nebraska.gov/files/doc/water-planning/statewide/FAB/2017AnnualReport/AppendixD.pdf>); **also see UNL extension publication NebGuide EC105.**
 - Rewording on action item 2.1.4 provided by the stakeholders regarding complimentary controls for NRD and DNR. Now says "2.1.4 The Department will work with the District to ensure groundwater and surface water controls are complimentary with respect to the IMP (Both). Stakeholders had written it holistically with no reference to IMP, "*It is widely recognized that surface water and groundwater are connected and each influences the other. Because of this relationship, it is imperative that the Department implement complimentary controls (to groundwater) of surface water use within the LBNRD*".

Editorial updates

- Changed heading font throughout document to be easier to read (Times New Roman kept on body text—that is Mike Onnen’s preferred font)
- Page E-1: Slight wording changes on NeDNR’s Appendix 6 to make the description of setting the trigger more clear. The actual trigger of 24 days of SW administration did not change.
- Page C-3. Stakeholder process report by JEO, had a summary of Stakeholder meeting #4, where the stakeholder materials were presented and voted on. We added a line to this summary to show where the results from that note actually appear in the IMP. See highlighted text:

The stakeholder document and supporting materials are provided as Appendix D of the IMP, and the stakeholder recommendations for specific allocations are included in Goal 2 of the IMP.
- Removed reference to the Well Decommissioning fund as no longer in place (Chapter 10—Funding options).
- Updated “NeDNR, NRD” to Department and District throughout document to be consistent.
- Updated Glossary.
- Updated date on front cover to May, but depending on potential Board approval data, and timing in public hearing process, that may need to be updated again.
- Added in a picture of the Platte River Program endangered/threatened species