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RE: Draft agenda RRCA work session, March 1 2013, regarding Nebraska's Rock Creek Augmentation Proposal

Dear Commissioner Dunnigan and Commissioner Wolfe,

To help us prepare for and organize Friday's RRCA work session regarding Nebraska's Rock Creek Augmentation Proposal provided to the states on February 8th, I would offer the draft agenda on page 2.

The draft agenda is organized around: 1) a review of the specifics of the proposal and the underlying technical work provided, and 2) discussing the elements Kansas requested be included in augmentation plans in its letter of January 14, 2013.

The draft agenda includes specifics under these general headings that Kansas would like to discuss. I invite your additions to the agenda at your earliest convenience

Per our agreement via email, we will meet starting at 11:00 a.m. We will meet in the Kansas Water Office's conference room, at 901 S. Kansas Avenue (KWO is in the same building as DWR, on the first floor; its entrance is on Kansas Avenue, rather than 9th Street).

Sincerely,

David W. Barfield, P.E.
Kansas Chief Engineer
Chairman, RRCA

Draft agenda
RRCA work session, March 1, 2013, 11:00 a.m.
Regarding Nebraska's Rock Creek Augmentation Project of February 8, 2013

1. Review draft agenda
2. Discussion of Nebraska's proposal
 - a. Section II, Baseline conditions
 - i. Review and discuss wateruse data, consumptive use
 - b. Section III, Operational aspects
 - i. When will deliveries be determined?
 - ii. When will deliveries typically be made, seasonal operations?
 - iii. Flow rates
 - iv. How will deliveries be administered, esp. with respect to Swanson Reservoir, the Frenchman Cambridge Irrigation District, and Harlan County Reservoir?
 - c. Section IV, Groundwater modeling analysis
 - i. Discuss runs completed, their inputs and results
 - ii. Discuss Nebraska's method to demonstrate "No new net depletions" and results
 - d. Section V, RRCA Accounting Procedures Modifications
 - i. Example calculations and tables
 - ii. Appendix A, Accounting Procedure markup
 - e. Related matters:
 - i. Is an RRCA Resolution and/or any type of stipulation planned? Any other documents?
3. Kansas requested items to be included in an augmentation plan (January 14, 2013 letter)
 - a. Consumptive use of augmentation water.
 - i. Kansas initial estimates of impacts of including augmentation flows in the model
 - b. Location and extent of stream depletions being offset
 - c. Potential effects to usability of Kansas' allocations
 - d. Operational limits and accounting to ensure usability to Kansas not impaired by planned operations.
 - e. Periodic review and term of approval
4. Next steps on the Rock Creek Proposal. Options:
 - a. Move to a vote on the plan submitted on Feb 8 as soon as possible.
 - b. Continued discussions on the plan
 - i. Allow Kansas and Colorado a limited time to provide written comments
 - ii. Nebraska amendment to the plan
 - iii. Telephonic RRCA work session to discuss revised plan
 - iv. RRCA consideration
 - c. Other
5. RRCA special meeting arrangements