

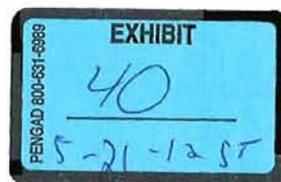
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50TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
REPUBLICAN RIVER COMPACT ADMINISTRATION

AUGUST 12, 2010

9:15 A.M.

Burlington Community and Education Center  
Burlington, Colorado



PANELS:  
 FOR COLORADO:  
 Commissioner Dick Wolfe  
 Mr. Peter Ampe  
 Ms. Megan Sullivan

FOR KANSAS:  
 Commissioner David Barfield  
 Mr. Burke Griggs  
 Mr. Chris Grunewald  
 Mr. Scott Ross  
 Mr. Chris Beightel

FOR NEBRASKA:  
 Commissioner Brian Dunnigan  
 Mr. Justin Lavene  
 Mr. Jim Schneider  
 Mr. Tom O'Connor

1 Department of Agriculture. And to my left is Scott  
 2 Ross. He's water commissioner for our Stockton Field  
 3 Office that covers all of northwest Kansas, and he's our  
 4 engineering committee lead. And then Chris Beightel is  
 5 our program manager for Water Management Services.  
 6 COMMISSIONER WOLFE: Commissioner?  
 7 COMMISSIONER DUNNIGAN: Thank you,  
 8 Commissioner Wolfe.  
 9 My name is Brian Dunnigan, and I'm the  
 10 director of the Nebraska Department of Natural  
 11 Resources.  
 12 And with me at the table today from  
 13 Nebraska, to my immediate left, Justin Lavene from the  
 14 attorney general's office; Jim Schneider, deputy  
 15 director; and Tom O'Connor.  
 16 Thank you.  
 17 COMMISSIONER WOLFE: Thank you.  
 18 Just a couple other procedural things.  
 19 There's copies of the agenda on the table when you came  
 20 in. If you didn't get one, they should be back there.  
 21 And there's refreshments in the back, some doughnuts and  
 22 coffee you're welcome to, so please help yourself to  
 23 those. And if you haven't found the restrooms already,  
 24 you go out these doors here, go down to your left and  
 25 again to the left, down to the next hallway and those

PROCEEDINGS

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 3 COMMISSIONER WOLFE: Good morning,  
 4 everyone. I'm Dick Wolfe, State Engineer for Colorado  
 5 and Compact Commissioner for Colorado for the Republican  
 6 River Compact Administration. Welcome to Burlington.  
 7 At this time, I'd like to introduce some of  
 8 the staff members here at the table that are from  
 9 Colorado with me. To my immediate right is Mr. Peter  
 10 Ampe. He's First Assistant Attorney General at the  
 11 Colorado State Attorney General's Office. And to my  
 12 left is Megan Sullivan, who is the engineer advisor for  
 13 Colorado.  
 14 David, do you want to go ahead and  
 15 introduce your staff here at the table for Kansas?  
 16 COMMISSIONER BARFIELD: Yes. Thank you,  
 17 Dick.  
 18 Again, thank you for hosting the meeting.  
 19 With me -- my name, for the record, is Dave Barfield.  
 20 I'm chief engineer for the Kansas Division of Water  
 21 Resources and Commissioner for the State of Kansas to  
 22 the Administration.  
 23 At the table here to my right is Chris  
 24 Grunewald, attorney with the -- for the Kansas Attorney  
 25 General's Office. Burke Griggs, an attorney with the

1 will be there.  
 2 We also have a court reporter here today  
 3 recording this for transcription. And as we go through  
 4 and make introductions, I'm going to, at this next step,  
 5 allow folks in the audience to introduce themselves.  
 6 And we'll pass around the mike, and so we'll make sure  
 7 that the court reporter hears those as well.  
 8 So my deputy, Mike Sullivan, over here to  
 9 the left, is here with me as well. And we're going to  
 10 start there, and we'll just pass this mike around so we  
 11 can hear everyone.  
 12 So, Mike, take it away.  
 13 MR. SULLIVAN: I'm Mike Sullivan with the  
 14 Colorado Division of Water Resources.  
 15 MR. MILLER: John Miller with the U.S.  
 16 Geological Survey out of North Platte, Nebraska.  
 17 MR. BOOK: Dale Book, consultant for the  
 18 State of Kansas.  
 19 MR. PERKINS: Sam Perkins, Division of Water  
 20 Resources, Kansas.  
 21 MR. KESTER: Paul Kester, Department of  
 22 Natural Resources, Nebraska.  
 23 MR. STANTON: Shane Stanton, and I'm a  
 24 field office manager for the State of Nebraska in  
 25 Cambridge.

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1 MR. BRADLEY: Jesse Bradley with the  
2 Nebraska Department of Natural Resources.  
3 MR. KEPLER: Jason Kepler with the Nebraska  
4 Department of Natural Resources.  
5 MR. EDGERTON: Brad Edgerton. I'm manager  
6 of Frenchman-Cambridge Irrigation District.  
7 MR. CLEMENTS: Mike Clements, manager, Lower  
8 Republican NRD in Alma, Nebraska.  
9 MR. CRAMER: Dale Cramer, former president  
10 of Frenchman-Cambridge Irrigation District.  
11 MR. DELKA: Mike Delka, manager of the  
12 Bostwick Irrigation District in Nebraska.  
13 MS. JURICEK: Chelsea Juricek, the Stockton  
14 Field Office, for Kansas Division of Water Resources.  
15 MR. VAN NOSTRAND: John Van Nostrand,  
16 manager of the Burlington Record.  
17 MR. MURPHY: Stan Murphy, the general  
18 manager for the Republican River Water Conservation  
19 District in Colorado.  
20 MR. GUENTHNER: Scott Guenthner with the  
21 Bureau of Reclamation out of our regional office in  
22 Billings.  
23 MR. ERGER: Patrick Erger from the Bureau  
24 of Reclamation out of the Billings office in the  
25 regional office.

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1 MR. SWANDA: Marv Swanda with the Bureau of  
2 Reclamation out of the McCook Field Office, McCook,  
3 Nebraska.  
4 MR. THOMPSON: Aaron Thompson, the area  
5 manager for the Bureau of Reclamation Nebraska-Kansas  
6 Office.  
7 MR. SMITH: Dan Smith, manager of Middle  
8 Republican Natural Resources District, in Curtis,  
9 Nebraska.  
10 MR. FANNING: Jasper Fanning, manager of the  
11 Upper Republican Natural Resources District.  
12 MR. PARKER: Edward Parker, with the Corps  
13 of Engineers at Kansas City.  
14 MR. EISENACH: Bob Eisenach, board member  
15 of Hitchcock and Red Willow County Irrigation District.  
16 MR. KOTSCHWAR: Jerry Kotschwar, Frenchman  
17 Valley Irrigation District.  
18 MR. ALBERT: Kenneth Albert, the director  
19 of Frenchman Valley Irrigation District in Culbertson,  
20 Nebraska.  
21 MR. FELKER: Don Felker, manager of  
22 Frenchman Valley/H&RW, Nebraska.  
23 MR. KEELER: Dave Keeler, Republican River  
24 in Colorado.  
25 MR. RIDNOUR: Devin Ridnour, Republican

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1 River in Colorado.  
2 MS. DANIEL: Deb Daniel, Plains and East  
3 Cheyenne Ground Water Districts in Colorado.  
4 MR. DINNEL: Dirk Dinnel, assistant  
5 manager, Upper Republican NRD.  
6 MR. RILEY: Tom Riley with the Flatwater  
7 Group.  
8 MR. KOELLIKER: Jim Koelliker, Kansas State  
9 University, Manhattan.  
10 MR. MARTIN: I'm Derrel Martin, University  
11 of Nebraska at Lincoln.  
12 MS. HOMM: Diane Homm, the Homm Ranch.  
13 MR. BLANCA: I'm Don Blanca. I'm outside  
14 legal counsel for Nebraska.  
15 MR. POWERS: Marcus Powers, Nebraska  
16 Attorney General's Office.  
17 MS. BERNHARDT: Autumn Bernhardt, Colorado  
18 Attorney General's Office.  
19 MR. SULLIVAN: In the back, which helped us  
20 put this meeting together, is Katie Radke with the  
21 Colorado Division of Water Resources.  
22 COMMISSIONER WOLFE: Thank you all.  
23 Also, too, to help us out and also help the  
24 reporter, make sure you've signed in the sign-in sheet.  
25 If you haven't done that, if you'll make sure you get

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1 that signed in before you leave today, we would  
2 appreciate it.  
3 At this time, we're going to move on to  
4 Agenda Item 3 -- excuse me, 2. We do have a couple of  
5 modifications to the agenda. The first one is, on  
6 Agenda Item 3, instead of approval of the previous  
7 annual and special meeting reports, that will just be a  
8 status.  
9 The other addition to the agenda will be  
10 under Item 8, Subitem (c). This is an addition, and  
11 this will be a motion to dissolve the ad hoc legal  
12 committee.  
13 Commissioners, are there any other  
14 amendments to the agenda at this time?  
15 COMMISSIONER BARFIELD: Well, I guess I  
16 would move that we adopt the agenda as you've  
17 recommended we amend.  
18 COMMISSIONER DUNNIGAN: Second.  
19 COMMISSIONER WOLFE: All right. All those  
20 in favor signify by saying aye.  
21 COMMISSIONER DUNNIGAN: Aye.  
22 COMMISSIONER BARFIELD: Aye.  
23 COMMISSIONER WOLFE: Motion approved.  
24 All right. We're on to Agenda Item No. 3.  
25 This in regards to the status of the previous annual and