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I. ADMINISTRATION

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- Noticed in:
 - Scottsbluff Star Herald
 - North Platte Telegraph
 - Sidney Sun-Telegraph
 - Kearney Hub
 - The Grand Island Independent

UPPER PLATTE BASIN-WIDE PLAN WEBSITE

upbwp.nebraska.gov

REVIEW OF THE SPG DECISION- MAKING PROCESS

- The first goal is consensus
- A majority vote is the determining factor for all sections of the plan.
- If the group cannot reach a majority, the NeDNR and the NRDs will work together to resolve the disputed issues.
- If the SPG is unable to come to consensus by June 2018, the NeDNR and the NRDs will work together to resolve the disputed issues and create a final plan by August 2018.

ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED IN THE 2ND INCREMENT

<p><u>Administrative</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Revisit order of goals• Define FA (unknown numbers)• # of increments• Meter the whole state?	<p><u>General Management</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oversight• Monitor progress (score sheet)• Improved model for lower reaches• Accounting for surface water appropriators• Offsets based on timing and locations
<p><u>Economic, Social, Environmental</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clean food and water for future generations• Water quality• Fish, Wildlife, park lands• Check valves on wells• Economic analysis (scenarios)• Management of the Resource	<p><u>New Sections / Additional</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drought conditions• Storage• Conjunctive Management• Hydropower



II. NRD/NEDNR RESPONSIBILITIES FOR MUNICIPAL AND INDUSTRIAL USERS

NRD/NEDNR RESPONSIBILITIES

Neb. Rev. Stat. § 46-740 » Describes options and authorities related to municipal and commercial/industrial water uses

- Municipalities and industries exempted from water allocation limitations through December 31, 2025
 - Conservation Plan – May be required by IMP in order to qualify for the exemption through 2025
 - Exemption **does not apply** to increases in industrial consumptive uses that are greater than 25 million gallons/year
 - Offsets for these uses may be the responsibility of the industry, if directed by IMP

NRD/NEDNR RESPONSIBILITIES

- Any permanent reduction in consumptive use of water associated with municipal growth accrues to the benefit of the NRD
- Any reduction in consumptive use of water associated with new nonmunicipal industrial or commercial uses of < 25 million gallons accrues to the benefit of the NRD
- IMP controls shall protect existing users
- IMP controls shall ensure compliance with state and federal laws
 - PRRIP – Nebraska New Depletion Plan
 - » Mitigation for new or expanded uses after July 1, 1997



III. BASIN VALUES

BASIN VALUES (FROM MAY MTG)

- Generational Stewardship
- Maintaining the good life
- There is a space for all; willingness and interest in working together; shared burden
- Looking beyond our own fences
- Others can make good use of the water we save (Gering)
- We are making a difference! Restored flow to Pumpkin Creek
- We have a long culture of adapting and changing with the times
- *“Putting water back to the river without causing economic harm”*
- Others?



IV. POTENTIAL NEW GOALS

NEW GOAL #1

1. Partner with municipalities and industry to maximize conservation and water use efficiency.

- Establish community education programs; track effectiveness annually
- Establish standardized economic development policies regarding new water-intensive business.

NEW GOAL #2

2. Work to maintain economic viability of users within the basin.

- Increase sustainability under cyclical supply conditions
 - » Identify storage opportunities
 - » Conjunctive management
 - » Continue to encourage diversity in revenue streams (hunting, cattle, alternative crops, hydro, etc).
- Pursue regulatory modifications (local, state, Federal)
- Identify strategies to establish geographic equity for water users above and below Lake McConaughy.
- Continued support of advancing technological practices; efficiency of use



V. POTENTIAL NEW OBJECTIVES (EX. GOAL 3)

CURRENT GOAL 3 AND OBJECTIVES

Goal 3 - Keep the Plan current

Objective 1: Meet at least annually to review progress toward achieving the goals and objectives of this Plan and those portions of individual NRD IMPs that implement this Plan.

Objective 2: Gather and evaluate data and information to measure the effectiveness of controls, incentives and/or other programs in the individual NRD IMPs used to implement this Plan.

NEW OBJECTIVES – GOAL 3

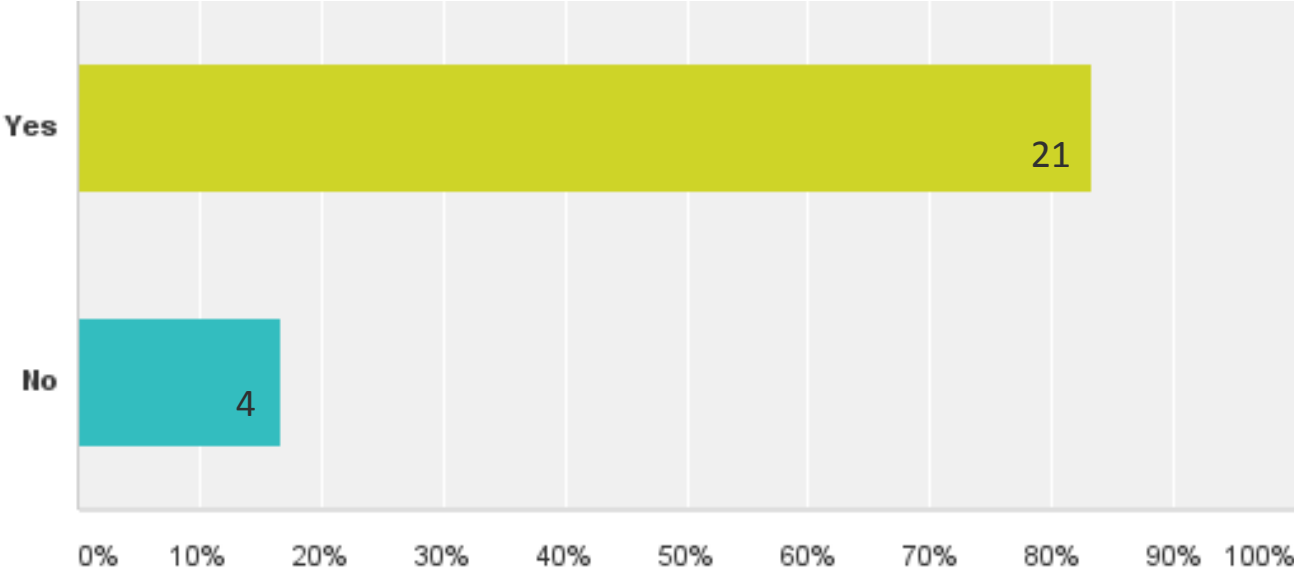
- Increased, standardized and regular reporting / education on business health
 - Impact of community conservation education programs
 - Establish standard indices of economic health for distinct user groups (including cost of regulations to irrigators)
- Broader public inclusion in process and information dissemination



VI. CONTINUED WORK ON ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS

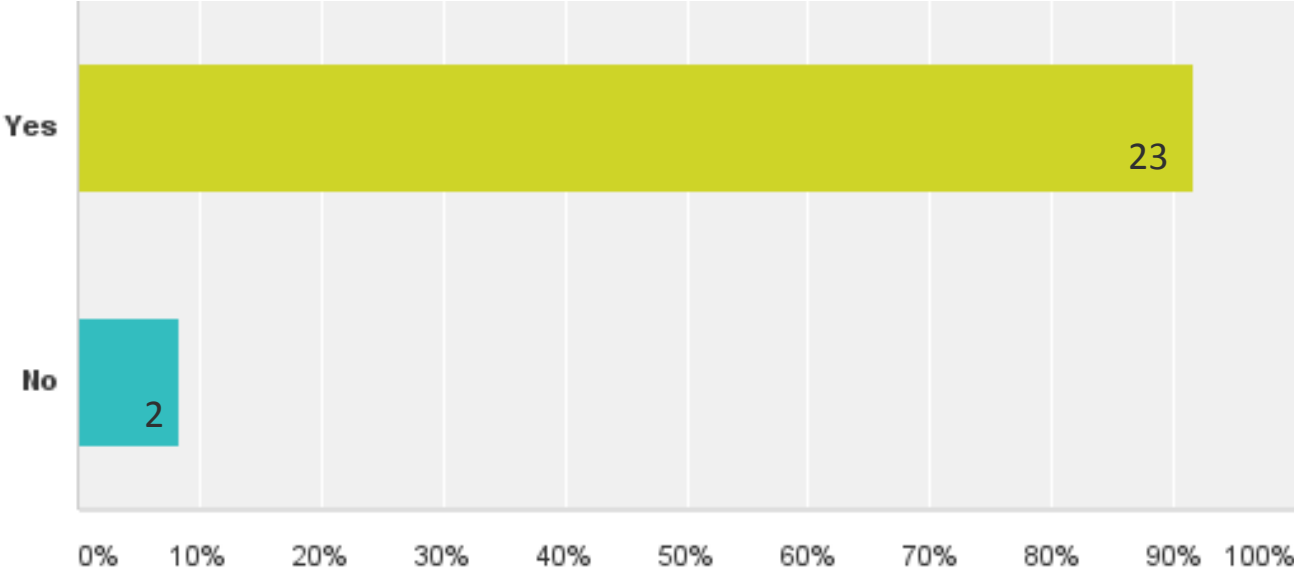
Q4: Does the first increment plan appropriately address the call to maintain the social and environmental health of the river basin?

Answered: 25 Skipped: 2



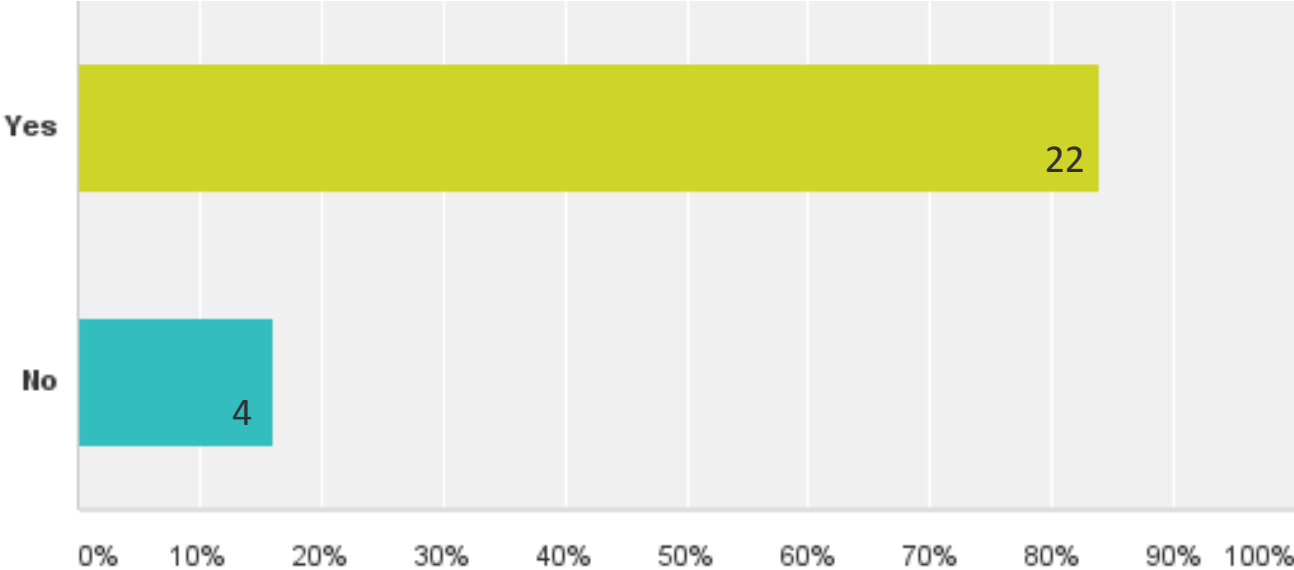
Q5: Does the first increment plan appropriately address the call to maintain the safety of the river basin?

Answered: 25 Skipped: 2



Q6: Does the first increment plan appropriately address the call to maintain the welfare of the river basin?

Answered: 26 Skipped: 1





IV. NEXT STEPS



V. PUBLIC COMMENT



**NEXT MEETING – SEPTEMBER
20, 2017**