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Memorandum

Date:

July 19, 2017

To:

Platte River Subcommittee

From:

David Potter, Assistant General Manager

Subject:

July 18, 2017 Platte River Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

The Platte River Subcommittee met on Tuesday, July 18th at the Lower Platte South NRD. Subcommittee members present included Karen Amen, Dick Bolte, Mike DeKalb, Milt Schmidt, Ron Svoboda, Greg Osborn, and Sarah Wilson. Others present were Ray Stevens, Paul Zillig and David Potter. The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Chair Karen Amen.

The first item for discussion was the status of the Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance. Staff discussed the interrupted progress in the adoption of the proposed interlocal agreement and made the subcommittee aware that Lower Platte North Board of Directors voted to be removed from the Alliance all together. Without participation from LPN, it is most likely the Alliance will terminate. LPN will still need to submit a formal withdraw or termination notice but it is forthcoming and much work will need to be done with current projects, separate agreements, and distribution of funds in the near future. Staff has recently met with USGS to discuss current stream gauges and how those will continue with such termination. The Water Quality Management Plan should be completed in January or February and contributions will need to be collected and invoices paid. A separate agreement will need to be worked out between the three NRDs to move forward with the proposed Watershed Restoration Study. The website and ESRI contracts will need to continue in order to house project information, maps, and any news related to the Alliance.

Following the discussion of the LPRCA, the Subcommittee discussed the proposed changes to the FY2018 and the FY2019-2022 actions and priorities of the LRIP based on the current status of the Alliance and draft two of the proposed budget. Even with a termination of the Alliance, the LPRCA program area will remain as part of the Platte River Subcommittee for some time due the projects, website, etc. A number of cuts were identified and shifts in projects were explained. It was moved by DeKalb, seconded by Svoboda and unanimously approved to forward the updated and revised FY2018 and FY19-22 actions and priorities to the Finance and Planning subcommittee for inclusion in the District's Long Range Implementation Plan.

Finally, potential projects and future areas of interest for the Platte River Subcommittee were briefly discussed.

With no further business or discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

