

Meeting called to order by Chace A.Tavelli @ 10:00 A.M., 5/2/2000

Specific agencies were asked to give a brief update on what their agency has been doing with respect to water planning. Agencies specifically asked to report and their representative(s):

- Wyoming Water Development Commission (Jon Wade)
- Department of Agriculture (Jon Ungerer)
- Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts (Bobbie Frank)
- Department of Environmental Quality (Chuck Harnish, Steve Bubnick, Kim Parker)
- Bureau of Reclamation (John Lawson)
- Natural Resources Conservation Service (???)
- State Engineer's Office (Ron Vore)

The agencies reported in the order as listed above, and the reports were given by the people listed with their respective agency.

Following the "Special Invite" Reports three other agencies reported:

- DFLP / Forest Service (Stan Sylva)
- USGS (Myron Brooks)
- BLM (Rick Schuler)

The intention of the meeting was to hear from the aforementioned groups and then have a round table discussion about the reports or ask/field questions relating to water planning. Pat Tyrrell (States West Water Resources Corp. and consultant to the Green River Basin Water Plan) started the discussion. Mr. Tyrrell mentioned that it was good for him to be in attendance and that he, at one time during the River Basin Planning, has spoken with many of the other meeting's attendees and that he hopes to keep everyone involved. He stated that the Green River Basin Water Plan is 1/2 to 2/3 complete and that at the next Basin Advisory Group (B.A.G.) Meeting States West plans on updating the members of the B.A.G. of the progress made on the Basin Plan so far. Ron Vore (S.E.O.) questioned the availability on the web site of the presentations that have been given at the B.A.G. meetings. Jon Wade (WWDC) informed the group that the planning team tries to make every presentation available on the web site that the Water Resources Data System (WRDS) maintains for the project. Steve Bubnick (E.P.A. / D.E.Q.) clarified that the E.P.A. is responsible for the development of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL's) independent of watershed planning efforts. Earlier in the meeting it was mentioned that watershed planning is being done in lieu of TMDL development. Mr. Bubnick stated that if the waters meet standards then there is no need to list them and the watershed planning taking place can help the water to meet these standards, but nothing can be done "in lieu" of the TMDL development. He also mentioned that when everyone is working together, referring to the watershed planning efforts, then it is possible to keep TMDL's from becoming an issue.

Pat Tyrrell then mentioned his need to interview irrigation districts to obtain data necessary for the Green River Basin Plan and how that has been a difficult task. He asked if anyone knew of a good way to contact these individuals. Bobbie Frank stated that personally visiting with the local districts was a good alternative.

Prior to the meeting ending, Rick Schuler (BLM) wanted to commend the DEQ for their efforts to hold coordination meetings bringing the state, local, and federal agencies together to discuss issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 A.M.