

**Colorado State Technical Committee Meeting
Teleconference
April 20, 2012**

Meeting Held By: Eugene Backhaus, State Resource Conservationist, NRCS

Meeting Presenters: Eugene Backhaus, NRCS & Jason Peel, NRCS
Maps and Water

Minutes by: Charlene Lucero

Welcome - Gene Backhaus, State Resource Conservationist, NRCS

- Welcomed everyone
- Explained the purpose of this teleconference

National Water Quality Initiative –

Background:

National Headquarters is asking states to participate in this initiative to assist producers to address high-priority water resource concerns in small watersheds that have one or more of the following categories.

- (1) Impaired – A stream or water body documented to be impaired, and identified on a State's 303(d) list of impaired waters as designated by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EQP)
- (2) Threatened – A stream or water body with water quality data documenting an impairment, but does not have a TMDL implementation plan and is not listed on the 303(d) list of impaired waters as designated by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EQP)
- (3) Total Maximum Daily Loads – A stream or water body that has been on the Environmental Protection Agency's 303(d) list of impaired waters, but may have been removed because there is a having a TMDL plan for implementation
- (4) Critical – a stream or water body upstream of an impaired segment or area, and is known to be a contributing source of the downstream impairment for a stream in one or more of the three categories above.

Talking Points:

National sent down a list of 60 possible watersheds. Colorado will select 1-3 watersheds and develop an area wide Watershed plan for this initiative. NRCS and the State of Colorado Water Quality Control Division were involved in compiling list of recommendations of impaired waters on the Colorado 303 (d) list. NRCS will need to submit the recommended watershed to NHQ by April 24, 2012. We are operating on a short timeline.

Jason Peel developed an Areawide Watershed Plan for the National Water Quality Initiative report that recommends the Fruit Growers Reservoir as our primary recommended project for this year. A secondary recommended site would be the DeWeese Reservoir.

Discussion was done on next year and future recommendation sites. Possibly having DeWeese Reservoir as primary site next year and another recommendation for next year was the Lower South Platte. Cindy Lair did offer to send in a report on the Lower South Platte for consideration for next year's project. She will send report to Eugene.

Participants were asked for concurrence on the recommendation of Fruit Growers Reservoir as our Primary project for this Water Quality Initiative. All participants concurred.

Currently looking at doing another teleconference Monday April 23rd with State Conservationist, Phyllis Ann Philipps, stakeholders, partners, and cooperators to get some buy in on this initiative.

Eugene thanked everyone that participated.

Adjourned