

Upper Republican Regional Advisory Committee Revised Goals & Actions Plans

Priority Goal #1: In collaboration with other water agencies, the RAC will assist in developing and recommending a water conservation management plan that provides maximum flexibility while reducing overall actual use throughout the Upper Republican Basin to extend the aquifer life and economic wellbeing. To adopt conservation measures to lessen economic impacts and allow user transition, the Conservation Plan shall address all types of use while considering flexibility tools and overall actual reduction.

Action Steps:

- ❖ Support GMD 4 LEMA plan.
- ❖ Look outside the box for other possible funding sources necessary to improve water efficiency.
- ❖ Find samples of water conservations plans for the Upper Republican RAC to consider.

Priority Goal #2: In collaboration with other water agencies, the RAC will assist in enhancing current efforts on education of all water users for all age groups on sources of supply, water quality, quantity of supply, best management practices, etc. to help stakeholders understand, conserve and extend the life of the aquifer.

Action Steps:

- ❖ Continue to support KWO, KDA, GMD 4, and other entities in increased education of water technology farms.
- ❖ Support KDA in education of WCAs.
- ❖ Work with NRCS to evaluate effectiveness of RCPP program and find efficiencies.
- ❖ Participating in events for education of water conservation, that involve water agencies and schools.
- ❖ Support GMD 4 on the development of an irrigator/education program.

Priority Goal #3: In collaboration with other water agencies, the RAC will encourage the Republican River Compact administration to maintain compliance in the Republican River Basin.

Action Steps:

- ❖ Ensure KDA continually updates the RAC on the Republican River Compact, especially if any changes occur within the area.

Priority Goal #4: In collaboration with other water agencies, the RAC will actively encourage all water users to increase utilization and adoption of water conservation technologies and practices.

Action Steps:

- ❖ Support and promote conservation programs that offer incentives such as water savings technology cost-share programs, water technology farms, LEMA's, and increased data collections and disseminations.

- ❖ Actively assist in seeking annual funding to ensure successful achievement of goal.

Priority Goal #5: In collaboration with other water agencies, the RAC will work to increase awareness about source water protection to improve the long-term water quality in the region.

Action Steps:

- ❖ Support KDHE to help establish a baseline potable of water quality within the region.