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Managing Water in the West

Henry's Fork Basin Study Workgroup Meeting 3

In Cooperation with:
Idaho Water Resource Board



and



U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Reclamation

Henry's Fork Watershed Council

Meeting Agenda

➤ Status Review

- Purpose and Objectives of the Study
- Collaborative process
- Progress since last meeting

➤ Refined Study Process & Schedule

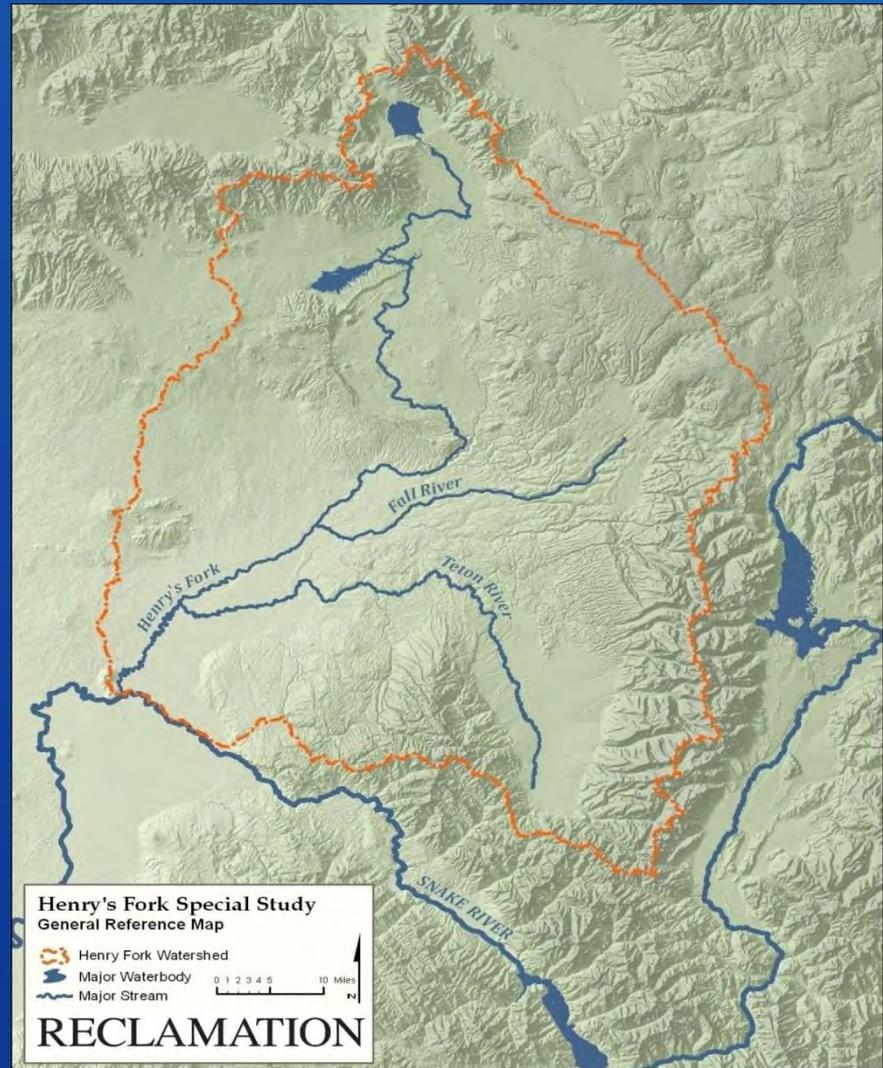
➤ Solidification of Workgroup Process

➤ Technical Step 1: Identify Issues, Constraints, Opportunities and Ideas

Status Review

Study Purpose

Assess potential for water supply development and improved water management in the Henrys Fork Basin –
To help meet State and local needs



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Status Review

Study Objectives

- Identify and Assess Options in the Basin to:
 - Develop Additional Water Supply
 - Surface storage
 - Groundwater storage and/or recharge
 - Improve Water Management
 - Conservation
 - Water markets
 - Other approaches?
- To help meet State water management needs
- To meet needs in the Henrys Fork Basin
- To sustain environmental qualities and values

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Status Review

Collaborative Process

- Work with the full spectrum of stakeholders
- Establish a stakeholder workgroup under the umbrella of the Henrys Fork Watershed Council
- Obtain and consider workgroup input at each step in the study process
- Incorporate/consider work in related programs

Status Review

Progress Since Last Meeting

- More definition of approach and schedule
- Assembly of technical study team
- Concept for stakeholder workgroup interaction and participation

Approach & Schedule

Next Steps in the Process—

Reconnaissance Assessment of Alternatives

- Issues, Constraints, Opportunities, Ideas
- Goals & Objectives, and Criteria For Success
- Potential Actions—Elements of Alternatives
 - Water supply - Water management - Environmental
- Technical Studies (water budget, environment)
- Alternatives for Reconnaissance Analysis
- Reconnaissance Analysis & Results

Study Process & Schedule

Schedule For Next Steps

☆ = Workgroup Meetings

	2010			2011								
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	
Issues, Constraints, Opportunities, Ideas	☆											
Goals, Objectives & Criteria For Success		☆										
Potential Actions/Elements of Alternatives				☆	☆	☆						
Alternatives for Reconnaissance Analysis												
Technical Studies												
Reconnaissance Analysis & Results											☆	☆

Reconnaissance Analysis Report

Technical Study Team

- Reclamation and IDWR hydrologists, water system modelers, biologists...
- Humboldt State University (Dr. Van Kirk) watershed/ water budget model
- CH2M HILL Technical Team
 - Alternatives definition – physical design characteristics
 - Water market expertise
 - Cost analysis
 - Environmental analysis

Workgroup Process

Refined Workgroup Concept

- Umbrella of Henrys Fork Watershed Council
- Ensure participation by all involved constituencies
- Focus on core group of participants
- ...with continued opportunities for broader public comment & participation

Workgroup Process

Reasons For A Core Group

- Continuity throughout a complex process
...by all involved constituencies
- Commitment to attend meetings, review and comment on work products
- Full background/"history" as decisions & recommendations are made
- Experience & credibility of constituent representation

Workgroup Process

Expectations, Role, Responsibilities

- Provide continuous input throughout the Study
- Attend all workgroup meetings (in partnership with an alternate if necessary)
- Represent & be available to the broader constituency
- Remain open to multiple points of view
- Not a formal advisory committee (as defined in Federal regulations)

Workgroup Process

Core Group Formation

- Is the list of constituencies complete?
- Letters to each constituency
- Nominations & expressions of interest at today's meeting
- Nominations & expressions of interest via letter or email within the next week

Workgroup Process

Core Group Composition

...preliminary list of representatives:

- American Rivers
- City of Ashton
- City of Rexburg
- Committee of Nine
- County of Fremont
- County of Teton
- ESPA CAMP
- Fremont Madison Irrigation District
- Friends of the Teton
- Henrys Fork Foundation
- Henrys Lake Canal Company
- Idaho Department of Env. Quality
- Forest Service
- Idaho Department of Water Resources
- Idaho Department of Fish & Game
- Idaho Ground Water Association
- Fall River Electric Co.
- Idaho Rivers United
- Idaho Water Users Association
- Forest Service
- Soil & Water Conservation District
- Teton Canal Company
- Trout Unlimited
- Water District 1
- Yellowstone Coalition
- Public "at large"
- BLM
- ?

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Workgroup Process

Next Steps Meeting Schedule & Content

- Nov 16th '10
 - Issues, Constraints, Opportunities, Ideas—*final listing*
 - Goals, Objectives & Criteria
- Jan 12th '11
 - Goals, Objectives & Criteria—*complete if necessary*
 - Potential Actions/Elements of Alternatives
- Feb 15th '11
 - Potential Actions/Elements of Alternatives
- Mar 15th '11
 - Select Alternatives for Reconnaissance Analysis
- Jul ___ '11
 - Presentation by Technical Team of Reconnaissance Analysis Results
- Aug ___ '11
 - Presentation by Technical Team of Reconnaissance Analysis Results

Open Discussion

- Q & A on Presentation
- Technical Step 1: Identify Issues, Constraints, Opportunities and Ideas

Wrap-Up

- Next Meeting:
- Contact Reclamation:
 - Search/Google: “usbr henrys fork”, or
 - Go to: *[_www.usbr.gov/pn/programs/studies/idaho/henrys_fork/index.html](http://www.usbr.gov/pn/programs/studies/idaho/henrys_fork/index.html)*