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Discussion and Consensus Agreement on Rules

- Consensus Approach
- 11Ad-hoc Committee
- Respectful
- Equal voices
- Meetings are open
- Abusive behavior will result in a request to leave

Discussion of the Laramie County Control Area History (**Information provided by the SEO and their consultant**)

Options for Management

SEO Permanent Order approved on April 1st, 2015 vs. grassroots local water users agreement plan following W.S. 41-3-915(c) (**Explanation by the SEO Staff of the two agreements**)

Issues on the Table

- Should the whole county be in the control area?
- Should we look to a Water Development Level III project for water?
- Is a watershed type approach right?
- We should be forward thinking, consider the future
- Consider the actions of our neighbor states (**Research by the SEO for the Ad hoc Committee**)
- Other communities have addressed these tough questions (**Information by the SEO and Consultant**)
- We should ask the consultant to come and explain the reports. (**SEO Consultant will be present at the December 1st meeting**).
- Ag initiated the control area to look at the speed of development (**Not sure what this is all about?**)

Committee would like more knowledge on

- History and Hydrography (**Information provided by SEO and Consultant**)
- What studies have been done? What was their conclusion? (**Information provided by SEO and Consultant**)
- What are the challenges? What works and what doesn't
- What are neighboring states doing? (**Information provided by SEO and Consultant**)
- What are the Best Management Practices for all of the major users
- What are the Critical recharge rates and recharge areas? (**Information provided by SEO Consultant**)
- What can the Wyoming Water Development Commission do to help?

A Facilitator is needed to:

- Provide a synopsis of the meetings key points
- Record the proceedings
- Keep a calendar
- Coordinate group contact
- Manage documents, web-presence, etc.

Final thought - "This needs to be what is best in the economic interest for the state of Wyoming and Laramie County. It's not a water rights discussion, it's an economic development discussion."

Next Meeting - December 1st, same time and place, it should be centered on education and information sharing

To do:

- SEO will disseminate information to the Steering Committee for review
- Commissioners will discuss facilitation options/budget/partners/ etc.
- Governor's Office will set up a Google+ page to share information
- The State engineer will ask the consultants to come to the next meeting **(SEO has made arrangements for consultants to attend)**
- State Engineer will look at addressing the other "knowledge" questions **(SEO to provide other information as listed above)**