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Public Hearing: 9/19/16

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## FACTSHEET

**TITLE:** Inter-local Agreement to Participate in a Platte River Stream Flow Evaluation

**BOARD/COMMITTEE:** N/a

**APPLICANT:** Public Works & Utilities

**RECOMMENDATION:** N/a

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** For

**OTHER DEPARTMENTS AFFECTED:** N/a

**SPONSOR:** Public Works & Utilities, Lincoln Water System

**OPPONENT:** Unknown

### REASON FOR LEGISLATION

To approve an inter-local agreement allowing the City of Lincoln to participate in a consortium of Platte River water users for the purpose of evaluating alternatives to increase Platte River stream flows in the lower reaches of the river during late spring and summer months. Agencies expected to join the consortium include Lincoln Water System, Metropolitan Utilities District, Lower Platte South NRD, Lower Platte North NRD, Papio-Missouri River NRD and the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources.

### DISCUSSION / FINDINGS OF FACT:

The evaluation will identify potential practices that could be implemented in the Platte River basin to measurably increase stream flows during late spring and summer months benefiting downstream water users such as the Lincoln Water System and MUD well fields. The evaluation will be funded through a grant from the Bureau of Reclamation (already received), the Nebraska Water Sustainability Fund (application has been submitted) and matching funds contributed by each the consortium agency members. The maximum contribution of each non-state agency including the Lincoln Water System is \$40,000.

**POLICY OR PROGRAM CHANGE:** \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_x No

**OPERATIONAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT:** None.

**COST OF TOTAL PROJECT:** \$440,000 - \$551,000

**RELATED ANNUAL OPERATING COSTS:** None

**SOURCE OF FUNDS:** Water Revenues, CIP

**CITY:** Not to exceed \$40,000

**NON CITY:** \$400,000 - \$511,000

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**DATE:** August 5, 2016

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**DATE:**