

Support Services for the
WATER FUNDING TASK FORCE

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Discussion NRDF and LB517 Fund (s)

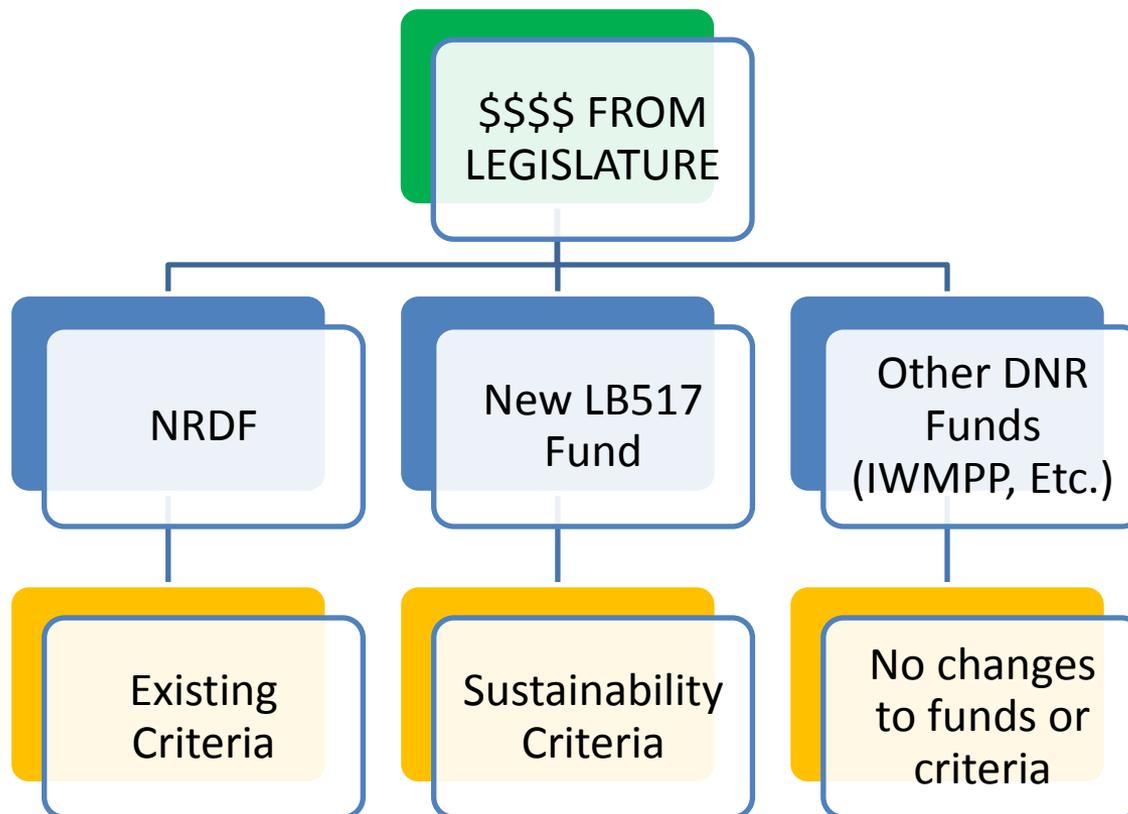


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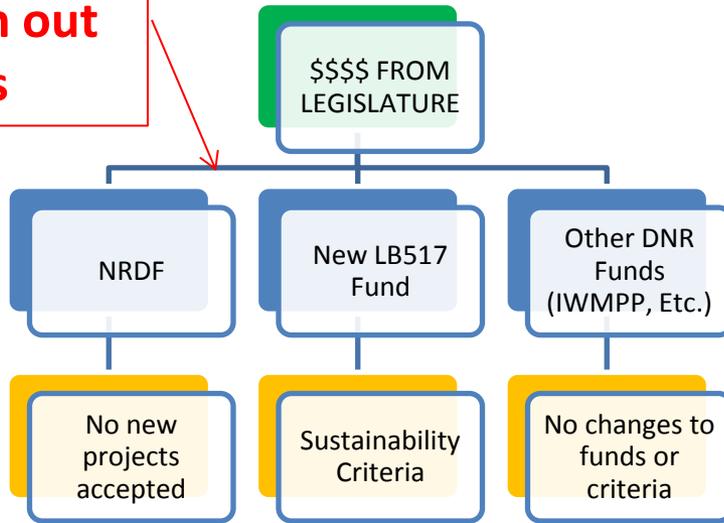
Option 1



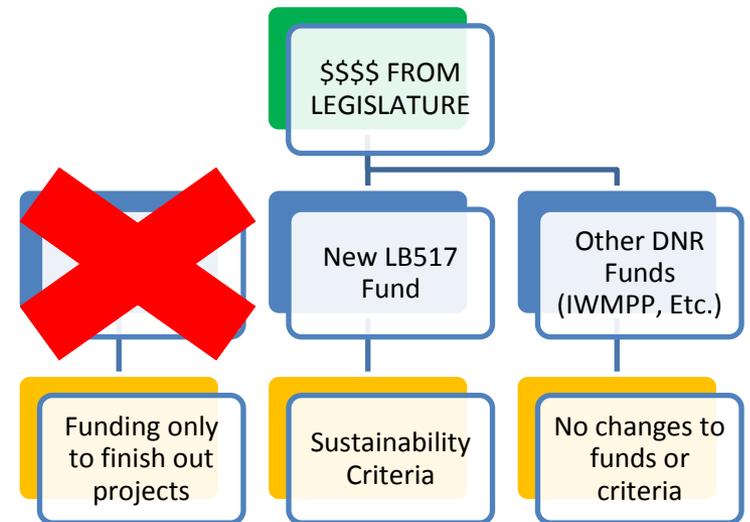
Option 2

Funding only to finish out projects

Short-term



Long-term



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Yes



I can live with it.



No, what would it take to get you to live with it?

Discussion on Commission Representation



Administration Overarching Principles

- 1. The existing organization needs to change, focusing on water sustainability, to gain statewide support.**
- 2. Any changes to the organization need to ensure representation of all user groups in a balanced way**
- 3. Any changes to the organization need to ensure geographic distribution of representation to all parts of the state.**

Administration – Option 1

EXPANDED Natural Resources Commission

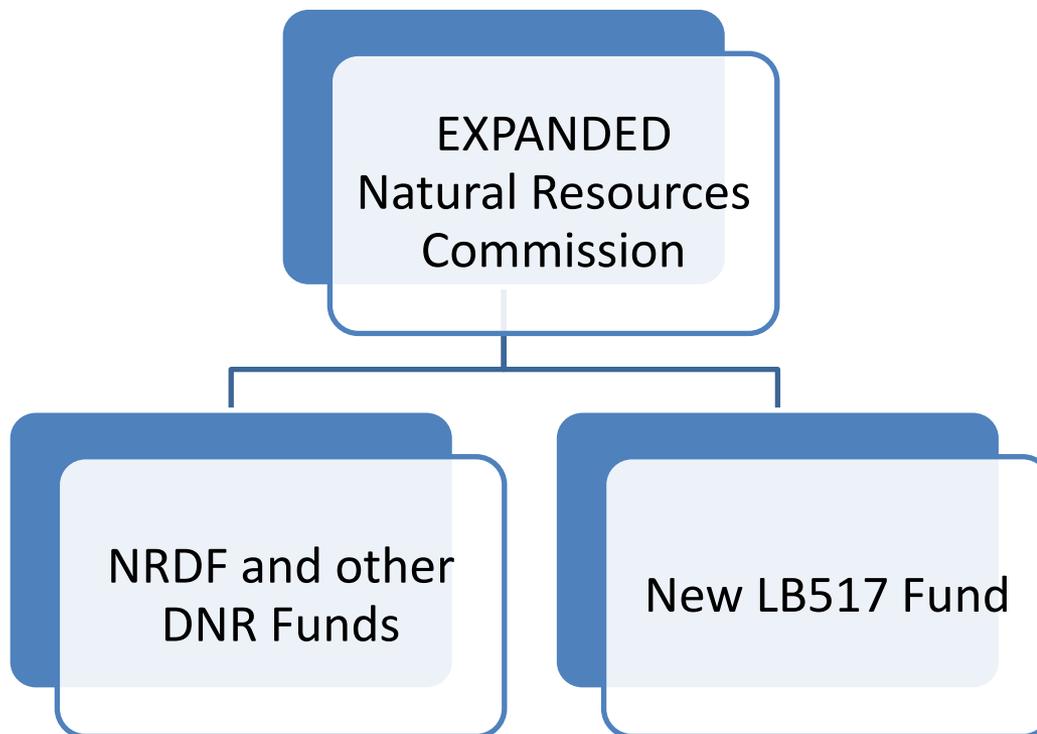
ROLE:

- **Administers all new (LB517), existing NRDF and other DNR funds**

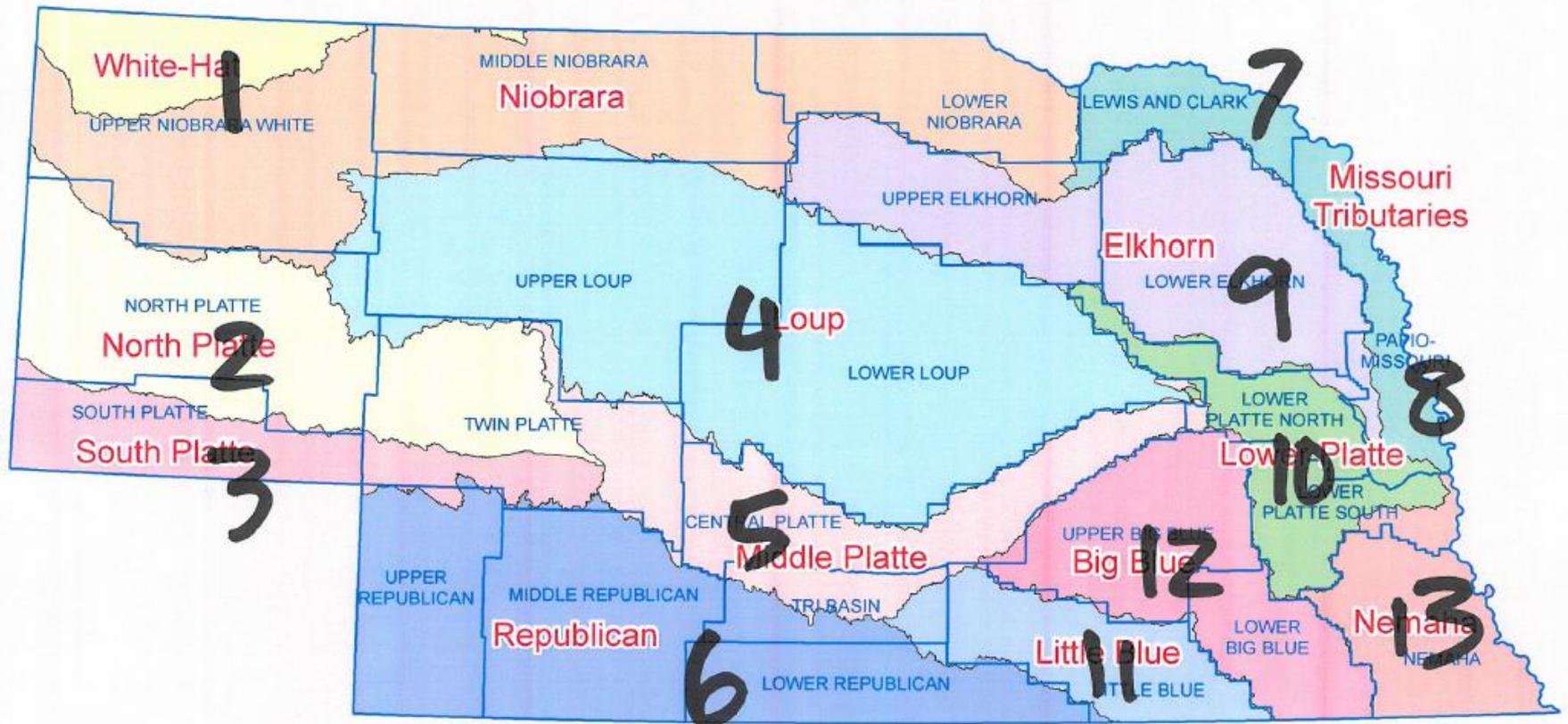
REPRESENTATION:

- **Expands Representation to include all water user groups by **adding** appointed representatives**
- ***Elected members = 13***
- ***Appointed members = Up to 14 including municipal, industry, conservation, recreation, surface water, public power, livestock/range, and agriculture***

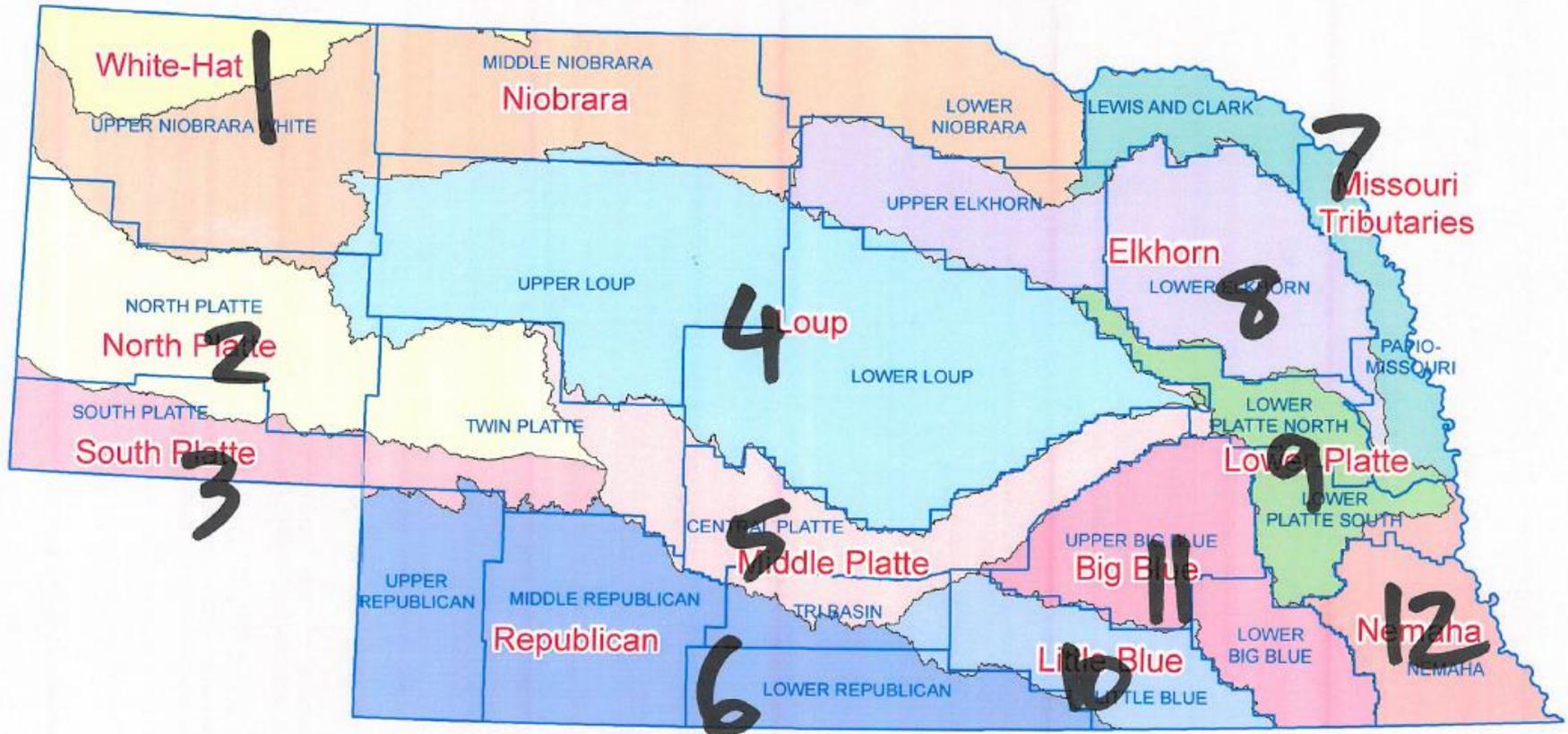
Option 1



Option 1 – Current Elected NRC



Option 1 – Current Elected NRC (-1)



Administration – Option 2

NEW LB517 Commission

ROLE:

- **Administers the new LB517 Fund**
- **NRC remains as is and oversees existing NRDF and existing DNR Funds**

REPRESENTATION:

- ***Elected members = 0***
- ***Appointed members = Up to 12 including municipal, industry, conservation, recreation, surface water, public power, livestock/range, and agriculture***

Option 2

New LB517
Commission

New LB517
Fund

Existing Natural
Resources
Commission

NRDF and
other DNR
Funds

Administration – Option 3

REINVENTED Natural Resources Commission

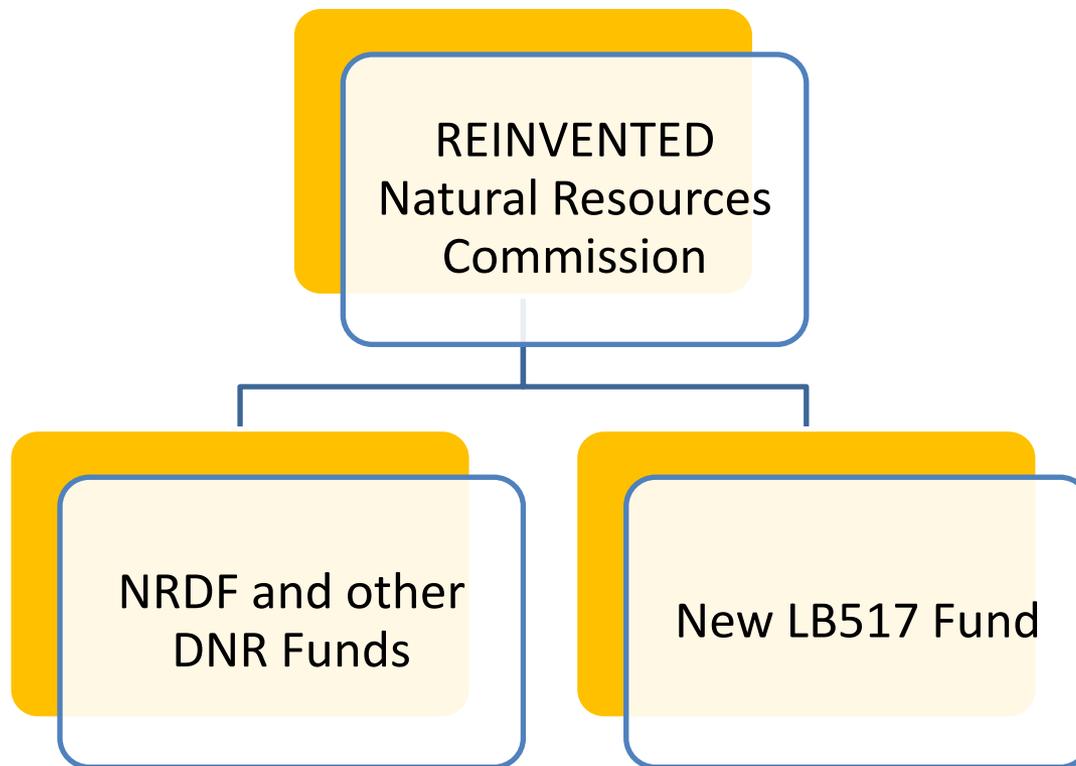
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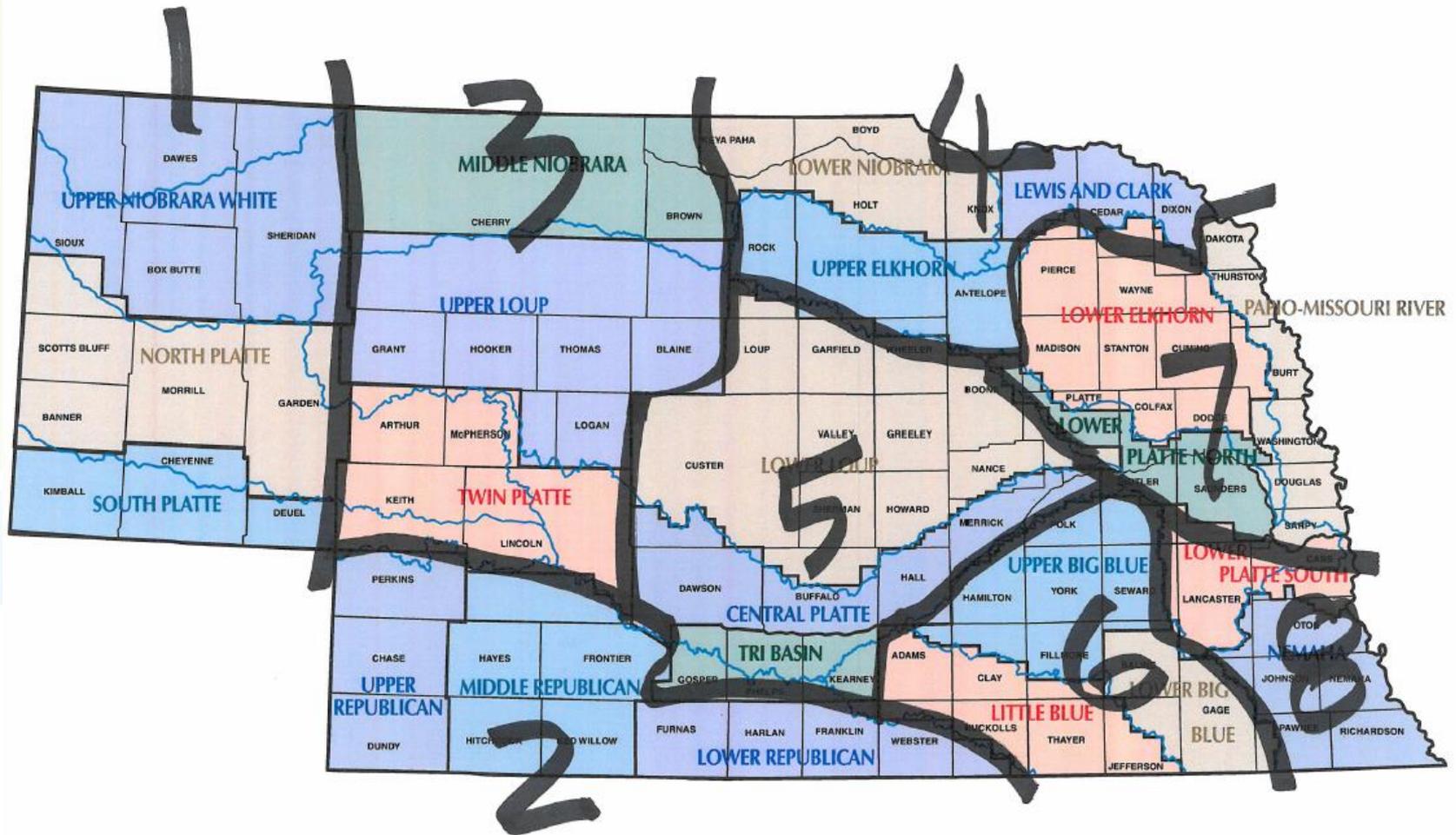
REPRESENTATION:

- **Expands Representation to include all water user groups by reducing watershed representatives and adding appointed representatives**
- ***Elected members = 8***
- ***Appointed members = Up to 8 including municipal, industry, conservation, recreation, surface water, public power, livestock/range agriculture***

Option 3

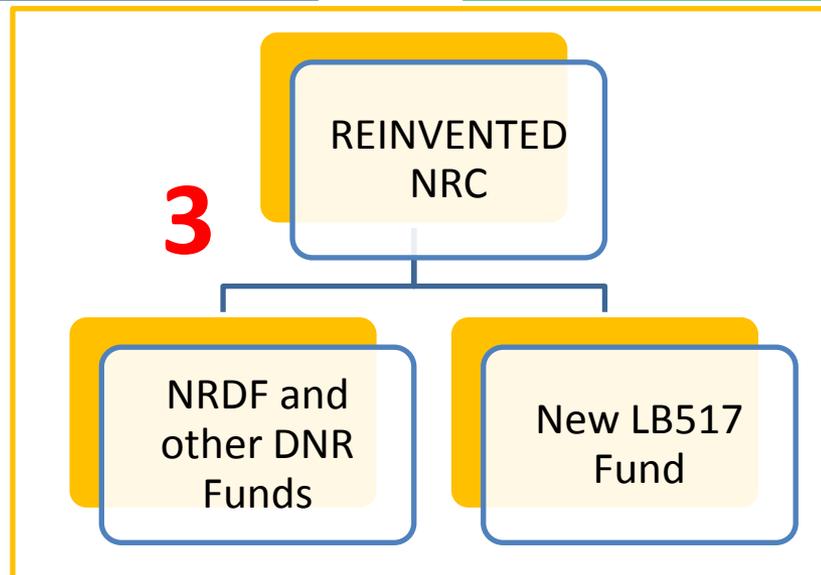
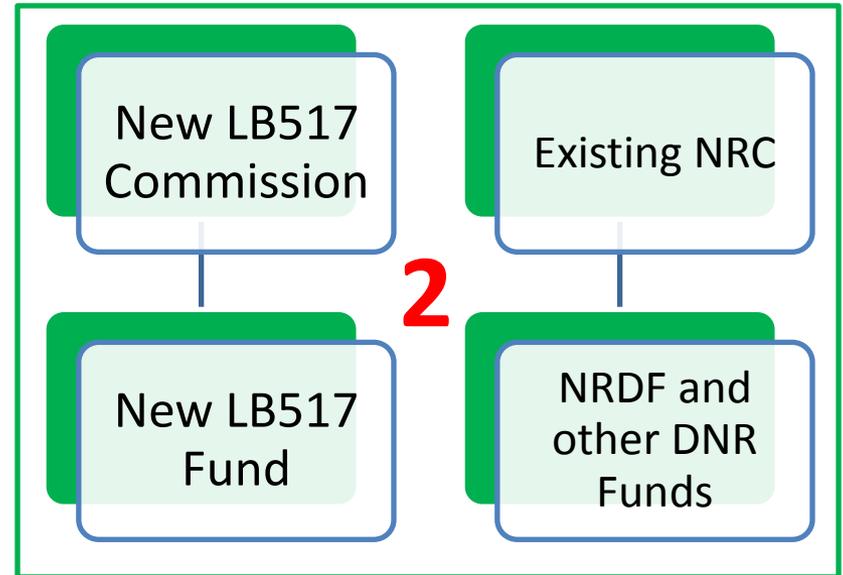
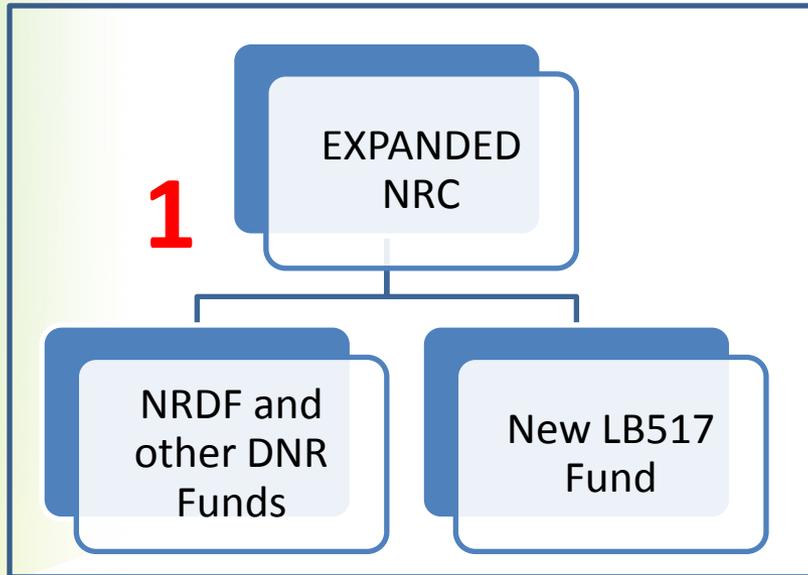


Options 3 – Proposed Elected Reps.



Example illustrates statewide representation

Options 1, 2 and 3





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LB517 Timeline

2013 - Task Force Makes Recommendations

- Criteria to identify and prioritize PPAs
- Funding Amount for permanent Water Sustainability Fund (WSF)
- Oversight Commission Representation

2014 - Legislature Adopts Task Force Recommendations

- DNR Staff & Commission develop application guidelines
- PPA Proposal Phase Applications accepted in Fall 2014
- PPAs categorized and funding needs evaluated
- PPAs ranked, lists compiled, projects mapped for geographic distribution

2015 - Funds Available for WSF Distribution through DNR

- PPA Funding Phase applications accepted
- DNR Staff/Technical Advisors review technical and cost analysis in Funding Phase Applications and make recommendations for funding to Commission

Timeline for Planning?