

## **STATUS REPORT**

These status sheets describe projects and programs that are being implemented in the Red River Basin that assist in carrying out the mission of the Red River Basin Commission.

**Project/Program:**      **WATERSHED INFORMATION NETWORK (WIN)**

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### **Project Summary:**

The project will involve three main efforts:

- 1) Coordinate natural resources management efforts and programs in the RRB. RRBB (RRBC) staff will work with the Board and provide a forum for coordination among the Directors. RRBB (RRBC) staff will work with other international organizations and inform the RRBB (RRBC) where it can assist efforts and ensure success. Efforts will identify duplication of efforts and acknowledge inherent strengths of the various organizations.
  
- 2) The RRBB will use its Information and Education Committee to develop a long-range media plan. The plan will include strategies for regular press releases and a quarterly newsletter. The newsletter will be mailed directly to individuals and organizations throughout the RRB. Media outreach will be used to develop strong linkages between the public, policy, and the RRBB (RRBC) Guiding Principles. Efforts will include development of display materials that provide information on the RRBB (RRBC), its mission and Guiding Principles, and fundamentals of holistic water management for ecosystem protection. The RRBB (RRBC) will develop and produce a series of videos and training materials (flyers/pamphlets) for new and current RRB decision makers. The video will provide resources/contacts water quality data and explain how these data should be used when making water and resources management decisions. Contents will include basic hydrological and water quality information about the RRBB and provide a framework for making sound, defensible water management decisions.
  
- 3) Provide informational support for the International Red River Basin Board. The RRBB (RRBC) will provide activity reports at regular IRRB meetings and publish a yearly "State of the Basin" document. The RRBB (RRBC) will work with the IRRB to address the IJC recommendations through RRBB (RRBC) adoption and/or identification of the most appropriate organization to carry the recommendations forward.

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**Plan Management Action:** None

**RRBC Action:** September, 2001

**Follow-up Action:**

July 2003 - State of the Basin Report completed and presented at the IRRB annual meeting.



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