**DRAFT Recommendation**

At the Harney Community-Based Water Planning (CBWP) Collaborative's meeting on Thursday, October 28th, 2021, signatories who have attended two of the last four meetings will be asked if they support the recommendation below.

**Why is this consensus decision being held this month?**
To continue moving through the place-based planning steps, specifically drafting the groundwater portion of the integrated water plan, the Collaborative must wrap up Step 4 (solutions) as outlined in OWRD's place-based planning guidelines. To prepare, eligible Collaborative members participated in a consensus event in August 2021 to give their support on the list of Critical Groundwater Resource Issues. Consensus was achieved upon the notion that Collaborative-identified provisions be addressed. At this point, such provisions have been attended to and the Collaborative now needs to transition back to strategies and decide on the suite to include in their plan. Now that there is a clearer list of issues to include in the groundwater plan, the Collaborative can continue to work through strategies and hold a consensus event to measure their support for the suite of solutions they have developed. After the consensus event on strategies, the Collaborative can begin determining a sequence for addressing issues with specific strategies and can then recommend a clear, actionable path forward to the department.

**Recommendations:**
The Harney Community-Based Water Planning (CBWP) Collaborative supports the initial list of strategies identified throughout the planning process and has general agreement on the objectives and recommended actions associated with each strategy (with recognition that some language may need to be added, deleted, revisited, and/or refined and that there may be some strategies added to the list if identified as missing currently). In other words, is there general agreement from the Collaborative that the current list of strategies is foundational enough for Holly Mondo (CBWP Project Manager) and Ken Bierly (CBWP Technical Consultant) to draft the Groundwater Plan?

Everyone is encouraged to continue thinking about the strategies after the consensus event. If there are any strategies that are missing or need additional refining, Collaborative members should submit their suggestions by Wednesday, November 10. Those suggestions will then be circulated to the rest of the Collaborative by Thursday, November 11 for review. During the November 18 Full Collaborative meeting, all suggestions will be reviewed and discussed in depth. Strategies will be refined based on suggestions with a final review during the December 16 Full Collaborative meeting. An additional consensus event is planned for the December meeting where the level of support for the November suggestions to the strategy list will be gauged. It is the goal to have an *as complete as possible* draft of the Groundwater Plan done by December 31.

**Background:**
In January 2021, the CBWP Collaborative made it a goal to complete the groundwater portion of the integrated water plan by December 2021. This year, there has been significant emphasis,

effort, and success on wrapping up Steps 2 (current conditions) and 3 (future needs) of the place-based planning program. At this time, it is crucial to achieve consensus on the strategies developed to address the list of critical groundwater resource issues (Step 4) to continue moving forward with the groundwater plan draft (Step 5). Now that there is general support for the list of critical groundwater issues, there needs to be general support for the strategies to be implemented in the basin (assuming the plan gets adopted).