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Basic Rattlesnake/Quivera LEMA concept:

- a) Rattlesnake Basin wide conservation
- End gun removal in the entire seahorse area
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 - Planned savings 19,000 acre feet per year
 - No cost to GMD #5
- b) Seahorse "hot zone" conservation
- USDA CREP water retirement
 - Kansas water retirement
 - Water buy-out program funded by assessment Rattlesnake Basin wide
 - Water moves by current owners
 - Water moves by sale to interested buyers
 - Annual water retirement on a rental basis
 - Planned savings 4,000 acre feet per year
 - Multiple funding sources... GMD #5 increased assessment required
- c) Augmentation
- Upon DWR approval of the LEMA proposal...
 - Augmentation formal design begins
 - Augmentation site acquisition begins
 - DWR provides water rights for augmentation
 - Augmentation development begins
 - Augmentation water delivery begins
 - GMD #5 increased assessment required
- d) Five year review
- DWR & GMD #5 evaluate progress made in first five years
 - In the event DWR & GMD #5 agree 19,000 and 4,000 acre foot goals have not been met...
 - GMD #5 will extend the Seahorse "hot zone" reduction plan until the 23,000 goal is met...
 - A period of no more than five additional years
- e) Ten year review
- DWR & GMD #5 evaluate progress made in second five years
 - In the event DWR & GMD #5 agree 19,000 and 4,000 acre foot goals have not been met...
 - GMD #5 will request DWR impose an IGUCA to reach the 23,000 goal
 - The IGUCA will recognize water priority with minimum disturbance to the local economy

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