STATE OF NEBRASKA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE State of Nebraska, Natural Resources Commission (Commission) will hold a public rule-making hearing pursuant to *Neb. Rev. Stat.* § 84-907. The hearing will be held at 9:30 a.m. on July 31, 2015, in conference room Lower Level F of the Nebraska State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska.

The purpose of the hearing is to take public comments concerning adoption of Commission's rules *Neb. Admin. Code* Title 261, entitled "Rules Governing the Water Sustainability Fund." The proposed rules:

Authorize filing of applications to the Water Sustainability Fund, describes criteria for ranking and scoring by the Commission of applications, and awarding grants and/or loans from the Fund.

The proposed rules are available at the offices of the Secretary of State, Regulations/Licensing Division, Room 1305, State Capitol, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509, and on the Department's website at *http://dnr.nebraska.gov/rules*. The description of the fiscal and other impacts may be inspected and obtained at the Department of Natural Resources, 4th Floor, State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509. The fiscal impact is expected to be none.

All interested persons are invited to attend and make oral or written comments at the hearing. Interested persons may also submit written comments prior to hearing which will be made part of the hearing record at the time of hearing if received by the Department of Natural Resources on or before July 30, 2015. If auxiliary aids or reasonable accommodations are needed to participate in the hearing or if hearing impaired, please call LeRoy Sievers at (402) 471-1113 by July 29, 2015.

Date: June 29, 2015

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