

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
NORTH PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT AND
NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
AMENDMENTS TO INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT PLAN

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 46-743, notice is hereby given that the North Platte Natural Resources District (NPNRD) and the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (DNR) shall hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. MDT on April 4, 2013, at the NPNRD Conference Room, 100547 Airport Road, Scottsbluff, Nebraska. The purpose of the public hearing is to take testimony concerning the proposed amendments to the NPNRD/DNR integrated management plan (IMP). For the full text of the proposed amendments to the IMP, refer to the NPNRD website at <http://www.npnrd.org> or the DNR website at <http://www.dnr.ne.gov>; contact the NPNRD at the address above or the DNR at P.O. Box 94676, Lincoln, NE 68509-4676; or contact the NPNRD at (308) 632-2749 or the DNR at (402) 471-2363.

The NPNRD/DNR IMP encompasses the entirety of the overappropriated and fully appropriated land area within the NPNRD. The IMP includes goals, objectives, regulatory and non-regulatory surface water and ground water controls/action items, procedures to monitor implementation progress and determine what additional data may need to be collected and evaluated, and the process for IMP modifications.

The following provides a general description of the proposed amendments to the IMP that applies to the entirety of the fully appropriated and overappropriated areas of the NPNRD unless otherwise specified:

1. The inclusion of language related to the use of the occupation tax authority authorized by Neb. Rev. Stat. § 2-3226.05 for qualified projects described in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 2-3226.04 for water supply enhancement and reduction of consumptive uses of water to assist in achieving the goals and objectives of the IMP.
2. A change of the allocation in the overappropriated portion of the NPNRD excluding the Pumpkin Creek Ground Water Management Subarea from 56 acre-inches per certified irrigated acre for an allocation period of 4 water years to 70 acre-inches per certified irrigated acre for an allocation period of 5 water years.
3. The removal of obsolete language from the overappropriated area ground water controls section of the IMP.

Any interested person may appear at the hearing and present written or oral testimony concerning the proposed amendments to the IMP. Individuals with disabilities may request auxiliary aids and service necessary for participation by contacting the NPNRD by March 28, 2013. Testimony relevant to the purposes of the hearing may also be submitted in writing to the NPNRD or the DNR at the addresses listed above or by electronic mail to the NPNRD at rcacek@npnrd.org or the DNR at jesse.bradley@nebraska.gov by 5:00 p.m. MDT on April 3, 2013.

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