

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
RELATING TO THE LEWIS AND CLARK NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
AND THE NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Pursuant to *Neb. Rev. Stat.* § 46-718, the Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District (District) and the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (Department) hereby provide notice that the District and the Department shall hold a public hearing on July 28, 2016 at 6:45 p.m., at the District office, 608 N Robinson Avenue, Hartington, NE 68739. As required by *Neb. Rev. Stat.* § 46-718(1), the purpose of the hearing is to take testimony on the proposed District/Department integrated management plan (IMP) and the proposed controls. The geographic area for the proposed IMP and proposed controls encompasses the entire land area that is within the District boundary. A general description of the contents of the chapters of the proposed IMP is: 1) authority and effective date, 2) purpose, 3) integrated water management framework, 4) background, 5) voluntary IMP development process, 6) geographic area of IMP, 7) goals, objectives, action items and long-term studies, 8) regulatory action items, 9) monitoring plan, 10) funding options, 11) information considered in preparing this IMP, and 12) review process and modifications to the integrated management plan. In Chapter 10, the proposed IMP also lists potential funding sources that may be employed by the District or Department, including a possible occupation tax, or funds competitively acquired through the Water Sustainability Fund or the Nebraska Environmental Trust.

The proposed groundwater regulatory action item (control) for the District is set forth in Chapter 8 of the IMP and consists of the following action: the District will require education requirements for new industrial and agricultural groundwater permits. The following proposed surface water action item (control) is also set forth in Chapter 8: the Department will require education requirements for new industrial and agricultural surface water permits.

Any interested person may appear at the hearing and present written or oral testimony concerning the proposed IMP and proposed controls. Individuals with disabilities may request auxiliary aids and service necessary for participation by contacting Annette Sudbeck with the District (ASudbeck@lcnrd.org or 402-254-6758), or Melissa Mosier with the Department (melissa.mosier@nebraska.gov or 402-471-3948) by July 21, 2016. Testimony or other evidence relevant to the purposes of the hearing may also be submitted in writing to Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District, 608 N Robinson Avenue, P.O. Box 518, Hartington, NE 68739-0518, or to the Department of Natural Resources, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 94676, Lincoln, NE 68509-4676, or by electronic mail to the District at TMoser@lcnrd.org or to the Department at amy.zoller@nebraska.gov by 5:00 pm, July 26th, 2016.

For further information regarding the proposed IMP and proposed controls or for the full text of the proposed IMP and proposed controls, refer to the District website at <http://www.lcnrd.org/> or the Department's website at <http://dnr.nebraska.gov> or contact the District or the Department at the addresses listed above or contact the District at (402) 254-6758 or the Department at (402) 471-2363.

Following the public hearing on the proposed IMP and proposed controls, the District and the Department will make a joint decision within 60 days of whether to implement the proposed IMP with or without modifications and whether to adopt and implement the groundwater and surface water controls proposed in the IMP.