

LITTLE BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

NOTICE OF ORDER ADOPTING THE JOINTLY DEVELOPED VOLUNTARY INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT PLAN AND ASSOCIATED GROUNDWATER CONTROLS

In accordance with *Neb. Rev. Stat. § 46-744*, notice is hereby given that the Little Blue Natural Resources District (District) on July 15, 2019, issued an Order adopting the voluntary Integrated Management Plan (IMP) jointly developed by the District and the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources and the associated groundwater controls contained within the IMP. The IMP will become effective August 15, 2019.

The outlined contents and chapters of the voluntary IMP are: 1. Authority and Effective Date, 2. Introduction, 3. Legislative background, 4. Public participation, 5. Geography and physical description, 6. Goals, objectives and action items, 7. Integrated Management Plan controls, 8. The Platte River Special Management Area, 9. Monitoring plan, 10. Funding options, 11. Information considered, and 12. Review process and modifications, and Appendices.

A general description of the groundwater control included in the IMP which will apply to the entire geographic area of the Little Blue NRD is: 1. A District-wide mandatory annual reporting of groundwater withdrawals by all high-capacity (greater than 50 gallons per minute) groundwater users.

A general description of the groundwater controls included in the IMP and which will apply to the Platte River Special Management Area, the geographic area of which is described in Chapter 5 of the voluntary IMP, is: 1. Establishing a moratorium on new or expanded groundwater uses, 2. Requiring certification of groundwater uses, 3. Establishing a procedure for granting variances for new groundwater uses or modification to certified acres, 4. Establishing a requirement for permits for new or changed groundwater uses, 5. Requiring tracking and reporting of the Village of Prosser's population, 6. Acknowledging allocations for new municipal and industrial uses beginning in 2026.

The full text of the IMP and Order are available on the District's website at <https://littlebluenrd.org/>, or by submitting a request to the District at 100 East 6th Street, P.O. Box 100, Davenport, NE 68335, (402) 364-2145.