

STATE OF NEBRASKA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

NOTICE OF ORDER ADOPTING THE JOINTLY DEVELOPED VOLUNTARY
INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT PLAN AND ASSOCIATED SURFACE WATER
CONTROLS FOR THE LITTLE BLUE RIVER BASIN PORTION OF THE TRI-BASIN
NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

In accordance with *Neb. Rev. Stat.* § 46-744, notice is hereby given that the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (Department) on March 12, 2020 issued an Order adopting the voluntary Integrated Management Plan (IMP) jointly developed by the Department and Tri-Basin Natural Resources District (District) and the associated surface water controls contained within the IMP. The IMP will become effective April 15, 2020.

The outlined contents and chapters of the voluntary IMP are: 1. Authority and Effective Date, 2. Introduction, 3. Legislative background, 4. Public participation, 5. Geographic area and physical description, 6. Goals, objectives and action items, 7. Groundwater and surface water controls, 8. Monitoring plan, 9. Funding options, 10. Information considered, 11. Review process and modifications, 12. Glossary of terms, 13. Works cited, and 14. Appendices.

A general description of the surface water controls that are included in the IMP and will apply to the Little Blue River Basin portion of the Tri-Basin NRD are as follows: 1. Continued assessment of surface water irrigation appropriations in the Little Blue Basin and initiation of an adjudication process through preliminary determination of non-use; 2. Continued enforcement of statutes and rules for surface water appropriations; 3. Evaluation of surface water transfers, 4. Required measuring devices on all new high capacity surface water irrigation uses, and 5. Mandatory reporting for all high capacity surface water irrigation uses when a water availability trigger is met.

The full text of the IMP and associated surface water controls and Order are available on the Department's website at <http://dnr.nebraska.gov> or by submitting a request to the Department, 301 Centennial Mall, South, P.O. Box 94676, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-4675, (402) 471-2363.