NOTICE OF STAKEHOLDER MEETING MEETING RELATED TO THE REPUBLICAN RIVER BASIN-WIDE WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN ESTABLISHED THROUGH LB 1098

The Department of Natural Resources is preparing a basin-wide plan for the Republican River Basin in collaboration with the four Natural Resources Districts within the Basin, which include the Upper, Middle, and Lower Republican and the Tri-Basin Natural Resources Districts.

Notice is hereby provided that a public meeting of the plan's Stakeholder Advisory Committee will be held on Wednesday, December 13, 2017, at the Ella Missing Community Building in Arapahoe, Nebraska (411 6th Street). At this meeting, participants will build upon discussion from the November 2017 Stakeholder meeting including continued discussions of how the plan can help to balance water supply and use in the basin and draft plan language. The meeting agenda will be available for public review on the Republican River Basin-Wide Water Management Plan website (https://rrbwp.nebraska.gov/).

This Stakeholder Advisory Committee meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. and end at approximately 3:00 p.m., Central Time, on Wednesday, December 13, 2017. A public comment period will be provided.

The Republican River Basin-Wide Water Management Plan was initiated in response to the requirements in Nebraska Legislative Bill (LB) 1098 and Nebraska Revised Statute § 46-755. LB 1098 requires basin-wide planning if three or more natural resources districts within a basin are required to complete integrated management plans. According to the bill, the basin-wide plan shall have clear goals and objectives, ensure compliance with interstate compacts, and set forth a timeline to meet the goals and objectives.

Individuals with disabilities may request auxiliary aids and services necessary for participation by contacting Kathy Benson at the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources by 5 pm Central Time, Monday, December 11, 2017. Kathy may be reached by telephone at 402-471-0582 or by email at kathy.benson@nebraska.gov.