

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE
PROPOSED SECOND INCREMENT JOINT INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT PLAN COOPERATIVELY
DEVELOPED BY THE TWIN PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT AND THE NEBRASKA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

Pursuant to *Neb. Rev. Stat. § 46-718(1)*, the Twin Platte 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 16, 2019, at 2:30 p.m. (CDT) at the Best Western Plus, 3201 South Jeffers Street, North Platte, NE 69101. There will be an information session held at 2:00 p.m. (CDT) prior to the hearing at the same location.

As required by *Neb. Rev. Stat. § 46-718(1)*, the purpose of the hearing is to take testimony concerning the proposed Second Increment Joint Integrated Management Plan Cooperatively Developed by the Twin Platte Natural Resources District and the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (IMP) and proposed controls. The geographic area subject to the proposed IMP is the entirety of the land area within the District boundary. A general description of the contents of the proposed IMP includes the following: Effective Date; Authority; Maps and Management Area Boundaries; Vision Statement; Funding; Science and Methods; First Increment Accomplishments; Goals and Objectives; and Action Items, which include Controls and Triggers, and Monitoring and Evaluation. The District will continue existing groundwater controls which are: 1) a moratorium on new groundwater well permits and on new or expanded groundwater uses; 2) certification of groundwater irrigation uses; 3) requirement of large user permits; 4) variances; 5) transfers; and 6) municipal and industrial accounting and offsets. The District will add two new groundwater controls which are: 1) mandatory education and 2) mandatory data collection.

The Department will continue the existing surface water controls which are: 1) maintaining the moratorium on new surface water appropriations and on expanded surface water uses; 2) transfers of appropriations are subject to statutory criteria and Department rules; 3) continuation of surface water administration and monitoring of use of surface water; 4) no additional requirements of surface water appropriators to use additional conservation measures; and 5) no other reasonable restrictions on surface water use. The Department will add one new surface water control, which is expanding data collection on surface water uses and providing education related to surface water data.

Further information, including the full text of the proposed IMP and proposed controls, may be obtained via the District's website at www.tpnrd.org or by telephone at (308) 535-8080; or the Department's website at dnr.nebraska.gov or by telephone at (402) 471-2363.

Any interested person may appear at the hearing and present written or oral testimony concerning the proposed IMP and proposed controls. Testimony relevant to the purposes of the hearing may also be submitted in writing by 5:00 p.m. (CDT) July 12, 2019, to Twin Platte Natural Resources District, PO Box 1347, North Platte, NE 69103-1347 or by electronic mail to komiller@tpnrd.org, or Department of Natural Resources, PO Box 94676, Lincoln, NE 68509-4676, or by electronic mail to dnr.legalfile@nebraska.gov. Individuals with disabilities may request auxiliary aids and service necessary for participation by contacting the District or Department by telephone at the numbers listed above or in writing to the addresses above by 5:00 p.m. (CDT) June 25, 2019.

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