

**NORTH PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

AGENDA

January 12, 2017

3:00 P.M.

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Inform Public of Open Meetings Act
3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting
4. Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable
5. Comments from the Public
6. Manager's Report
7. Legislative Update
8. Presentation on Drought Tournament
9. Board Reorganization
10. Consideration of Changes to the Conservation Policy Statement for the NSWCP Program
11. Consideration of Platte River Recovery Implementation Program (PRRIP) Request
Regarding the Western Water Use Management Model (WWUMM)
12. Consideration of the Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) Request Regarding the
Western Water Use Management Model (WWUMM)
13. Adjourn

NORTH PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Nebraska Soil & Water Conservation Program
North Platte NRD Conservation Program
POLICY STATEMENT

This policy statement of the Board of Directors of the North Platte Natural Resources District (District or NRD) sets forth the procedures to be followed in administering the Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation Program and the North Platte NRD's District Conservation Program.

These programs exist to provide financial incentives to landowners in the North Platte Natural Resources District to implement soil and water conservation practices on their property, to conserve and protect natural resources for the general good of the people of the District.

The Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation Program is funded by money appropriated by the Legislature of the State of Nebraska. The program is administered on the state level by the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission, which in turn allocates the funds to the 23 natural resources districts. The Districts then obligate their allocated money for cost-sharing on construction of soil and water conservation practices by local landowners.

The North Platte NRD Conservation Program is funded by money set aside in the District's budget by the Board of Directors. NRD funds are to be used to cost-share conservation practices only as approved by the Board of Directors. Conservation practices which are eligible for funding under the District Conservation Program include all practices approved by the District Board of Directors for the Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation Program, as well as other practices approved from time to time by the Board specifically for the District Conservation Program.

I. Application Procedures: Landowners or groups of landowners will usually make application for funds from either program through their local Natural Resources Conservation Service on forms provided for the Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation Program. In the case of an applicant seeking cost-share reimbursement for conservation practices contained only in the District Conservation Program, the District program application will be used. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) or NRD technician will sign the application, indicating the application is needed and practical and will refer the application to the District office, where

the General Manager will determine if the application meets all requirements of the appropriate program. The landowner may not begin work until the application has been declared eligible for funding and approved by the General Manager.

II. Approval by Board of Directors: The Board of Directors of the North Platte Natural Resources District has delegated authority to the General Manager to declare applications eligible on a case-by-case basis, provided the applications meet all requirements of the appropriate program as established by the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission or the North Platte NRD Board of Directors. Applications will be scored by the General Manager in February of each year under a predetermined ranking process, and applications will be approved and funded according to the outcome of that ranking.

III. Cost-share rates: The cost-share rate for the North Platte NRD cost-share program will be set by the Board of Directors and will be indicated on the program sheets. Where average costs are used to determine the cost-share, the average cost used will be the unit costs established for each county by the appropriate USDA agency. The maximum cost-share issued to a single entity in a single fiscal year shall not exceed \$5,000.00. All other applicable rules, regulations and guidelines of the Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation Program will apply to the North Platte NRD Conservation Program, except as modified by the Board of Directors.

IV. Reimbursement: When program participants are reimbursed for conservation practices that are eligible under either program, funds for reimbursement will generally come first from the Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation Program. When those funds are exhausted, funds may be used from the District Conservation Program if such funds are available.

Exceptions: In some cases, an application may be reimbursed with District funds first, even though the application involves a practice eligible for the Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation Program and NSWCP funding is available. Such cases include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. An application for which District funds are used to match other sources of funding, such as federal or state grants.
2. An application for which another source of funds is available.

3. An application which, in the General Manager's judgment, is desirable to reimburse with District funds.

V. Approval prior to reimbursement; agreement not to terminate or remove practice:

Prior to submission of a claim for reimbursement, the NRD or NRCS technician must approve the work and certify the practice was installed according to specifications. Once an application has been approved, the practice must be completed by June 1 of the calendar year in which the application was approved. The applicant must also agree that if, at any time in the ten years following the date on which the applicant received payment from the District, a practice is terminated or a project or practice is removed, altered or modified so as to lessen its effectiveness, without prior approval of the District, the landowner shall refund to the District the full amount of the District cost-share payment previously received for the project or practice, or for the portion thereof which pertains to the practice that has been thus terminated, removed, altered or modified.

This revised policy statement was adopted by the Board of Directors of the North Platte Natural Resources District at a regular Board Meeting held at Scottsbluff, Nebraska, on November 10, 2016.



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November 17, 2016

John Berge
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Re: Program Participation on Internal Review Board for Western Water Use Model

Dear Mr. Berge,

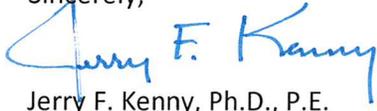
The Platte River Recovery Implementation Program (the Program) has a vested interest in the water resources of Western Nebraska as they directly relate to the Program's species recovery efforts along the Central Platte River. The Western Water Use Model (WWUM) is slated to become the primary tool for evaluating Western Nebraska water resources. The Program, by this letter, is requesting of the North Platte and South Platte Natural Resource Districts the opportunity to serve on the internal review board for the WWUM. The Program's Executive Director's office brings extensive experience with similar models and can contribute to an insightful technical review of the model. The Program personnel that would participate in the review process would be myself and two Senior Water Resources Engineers that serve as part of the staff of the Executive Director's Office. Our qualifications are summarized as follows:

- Jerry F. Kenny, Ph.D., P.E. - I serve as the Executive Director of the Program, and bring almost forty years of experience in water resources. I have worked with all phases of the development and evaluation of systematic water resource models, groundwater models, surface water operations models, hydrologic models, and hydraulic models; and have extensive knowledge of the water resources and operations of water supply systems throughout the Platte Basin.
- Seth Turner, P.E., has thirteen years of experience in water resources and has worked with a variety of surface water operations models. He is familiar with the water rights and surface water irrigation systems in Wyoming and western Nebraska.
- Scott Griebing, P.E., has ten years of water resources experience focusing on groundwater modeling, surface water operations modeling, hydrologic modeling, and the linking of such models. He has been deeply involved in the technical development and evaluation of the Cooperative Hydrologic Study (COHYST) model for the past four years.

We look forward to this opportunity to participate in the review board, if we are allowed to participate. Please let us know what the next steps in the internal review process will be and if we can provide you

additional information. I will serve as the primary point of contact for the Programs requested involvement in the review process, and can be reached at the address and phone number on the letterhead or via email at kennyj@headwaterscorp.com. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Jerry F. Kenny, Ph.D., P.E.

Executive Director, Platte River Recovery Implementation Program





Nebraska Public Power District

Always there when you need us

December 19, 2016

Mr. John Berge
General Manager
North Platte NRD
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Scottsbluff NE 69363-0280

Mr. Rod Horn
General Manager
South Platte NRD
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Dear Mr. Berge and Mr. Horn:

Re: Wester Water Use Model Review

I would like to request that Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) have the opportunity to be included in the upcoming review of the Western Water Use Model. As we in Nebraska move forward with the development of the models and other tools that we will be using to aid in the management decisions, it is helpful if stakeholders have an understanding and confidence in those tools. As you are aware, NPPD and our customers are downstream stakeholders and an opportunity to participate in your upcoming review would be greatly appreciated.

Also, the Cohyst Model of which NPPD has been a participant in the development is reaching a point where updates to the model will be going through a review process as well. Should your Districts wish to understand that process, I would be glad to recommend to the Sponsors that you be involved as well.

Understanding the development and functioning of the tools that will be used to help in your management decisions for the Platte Basin would be very beneficial and NPPD appreciates your consideration to participate in your review process. I envision participation would be by our groundwater modeler and our surface water modeler.

I hope you and your staff have a Happy Holiday Season!

Sincerely,

Brian L. Barels
Water Resources Manger

cc: Don Kraus

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**NORTH PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES
DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING**

December 8, 2016

The regular meeting of the North Platte Natural Resources District (NRD) Board of Directors was called to order at 3:05 p.m. MDT, December 8, 2016, by Kent Andreas at the North Platte NRD conference room, 100547 Airport Road, Scottsbluff, Nebraska. Notice of the meeting was given to the public by publishing a legal notice in the December 1, 2016, Scottsbluff *Star-Herald*. Andreas informed meeting attendees that this meeting would be conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, a copy of which is posted in the meeting room for public inspection.

Board members present: Kent Andreas, Dave Deines, Roger Eirich, Chuck Henkel, Dave Ostdiek, and Dan Weinreis. Absent: Gary Darnall, Gerald Dillman, and Pete Lapaseotes. Others present: John Berge, Dave Wolf, Lydia Hanson, Scott Schaneman, Kyle Ann Hopkins, and Todd Filipi, NPNRD staff; Kevin Sylvester, Dana Cole & Company; Thad Kuntz, Adaptive Resources, Inc; Sarah Gray, NRCS District Conservationist; and Byron Peterson, from the public.

The following items of informational material were made available to the Directors electronically prior to the Board Meeting:

1. Meeting Notice
2. Agenda

3. Minutes, North Platte Natural Resources District, Board of Directors Meeting,
November 10, 2016.
4. Treasurer's Report

The following items were provided to the Directors at the Board Meeting:

1. Agenda
2. Minutes, North Platte Natural Resources District, Board of Directors Meeting,
November 10, 2016.
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Manager's Report
5. State Budget Article, "Ricketts Will Propose Flat State Budget", by Don Walton,
Lincoln Journal Star, dated December 5, 2016.
6. Minutes, North Platte Natural Resources District, Budget & Personnel Subcommittee,
November 22, 2016.
7. Minutes, North Platte Natural Resources District, Water Resources Subcommittee,
November 30, 2016.
8. Minutes, North Platte Natural Resources District, District Operations Subcommittee,
November 30, 2016.
9. Suggested Motion for the Consideration of the Meter Exchange Program and Meter
Maintenance Package Program.

10. Suggested Motion for Adjusting the Maximum Cost-share Payments to \$5,000 per Practice per Landowner.
11. DRAFT, North Platte Natural Resources District, Preliminary Draft for Discussion Only of Audit & Financial Statements, June 30, 2016.
12. NDA Grant-Nebraska Noxious and Invasive Weed Initiative, Grantee Information Form.
13. Riparian Vegetation Management Grant Agreement between the Nebraska Department of Agriculture & the North Platte Natural Resources District #18-06-164.
14. Suggested Motion to Modify Meter Maintenance Service Call.

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

The Board reviewed the minutes of the November 10, 2016, regular Board meeting.

Moved by Ostdiek, seconded by Deines, to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2016, regular Board meeting. Motion passed.

Ayes: Andreas, Deines, Henkel, Ostdiek, Weinreis

Nay: None

Abstain: Eirich

Absent: Darnall, Dillman, Lapaseotes

4. Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable

Dave Ostdiek reviewed the Treasurer's report. Moved by Weinreis, seconded by Eirich, to accept the Treasurer's report and pay the bills as listed. Motion passed.

Ayes: Andreas, Deines, Eirich, Henkel, Ostdiek, Weinreis

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Darnall, Dillman, Lapaseotes

5. Comments from the Public

No comments from the public.

6. Manager's Report

Berge reported the date and menu have been set for this year's annual employee appreciation dinner. The event will be held on February 3 at the Gering Civic Center. A save the date card will be sent to the Board so that they may mark their calendars. The annual Christmas Dinner at the office, followed by a gift exchange, will be held midday on December 15. Board members are invited to attend. Barb Cross, Jackie Bishop and Berge, in consultation with the Board's Budget and Personnel Subcommittee, have made a number of changes to the Personnel Manual and have distributed the new manuals to employees at a recent staff meeting. Many changes were minor, but some were significant overhauls of policy that had not been updated for several years.

The North Platte NRD organized and hosted a drought tournament at the WNCC Harms Advanced Technology Center on November 20. There will be a full read out and report at the January Board Meeting. Dave Wolf and Berge will be meeting with Susan Weideman of Panhandle Coop to review a parcel of land adjacent to their home store to

determine what help we might be able to provide in restoring some grasses on the landscape that could potentially discourage the infestation of prairie dogs that they are currently experiencing. Staff will be meeting with representatives of Ducks Unlimited and landowners in the Blue Creek Watershed to determine whether there is a partnership that could exist to temporarily lease some cropland along the creek for our credit and for habitat for DU.

An internal committee went through our NSWCP Cost Share Questionnaire and Scoring Sheets to ensure that we are prepared for the upcoming awards season in February. The District has signed a permanent retirement on 152.7 acres of groundwater near Broadwater owned by Blaine McVicker. The District has also signed a permanent retirement on 82.49 acres of groundwater in Sioux County owned by Jim and Joann Schnieder, and the District is a few steps closer on retiring an additional Tighe property of 394.1 acres in Sioux County. All three of these retirements are eligible for reimbursements under the Water Sustainability Fund.

Wolf and Berge will be revamping our efforts to provide regular columns for District newspapers to keep our constituents apprised as to what is occurring at the NRD. Scott Schaneman, Wolf and Berge participated in the first annual technology meeting between the North Platte, South Platte, and Upper Niobrara White NRDs in the panhandle. Growers and NRDs were able to discuss the work that is going on related to the use of technology for water savings in each of the NRDs. Schaneman and Berge also

participated in the Annual Tour of the Sugar Factory with the Scottsbluff-Gering United Chamber of Commerce. The District is in the planning stages for producer roundtable meetings to be held across the district in January/February.

7. Legislative Update-State Budget

Berge reminded the Board that the 2017 Unicameral will start this January. He reported the session will be focusing on budget, corrections, and Senator Bill Kitner. Berge included some articles regarding Governor Pete Rickett's proposed flat state budget for the board to read. He also mentioned that he met with Senator John Stinner and relayed his concern about budget short fall and the impacts it could have on the Water Sustainability Fund. Senator Stinner will also introduce a bill for the District which will change the rules regarding how long a surface water right can be tied to a conservation contract. The change will add local to the list of federal and state conservation programs and will extend the number of years the producers can stay in conservation contracts from five to fifteen years.

8. Report from Budget and Personnel Subcommittee

Dave Ostdiek reported staff brought updates to the employee manual. The committee read through each item and made comments or clarifications on wording. The committee found the document acceptable. The committee unanimously delegated the authority to the General Manager to complete future necessary minor changes to the employee manual that do not effect budget considerations.

Ostdiek reported Berge reviewed line items in the budget and the percentage of the current budget used with the committee. Some purchases have been put on hold until the tax dollars and grant funding is received. He updated the committee on the status of the \$1.9 million that the Department of Natural Resources will be issuing the District for water retirements. Once all paperwork is completed, it will be submitted to DNR with an estimated disbursement time of 30 days.

Ostdiek also reported the committee was informed that the financial audit was complete and will be presented later in the board meeting. The committee was advised that job description updates are being completed due to the changes in overtime regulations on exemption status that will take effect on December 1, 2016. Minor changes to update current duties are also being made.

9. Report from Water Resources Subcommittee

Roger Eirich reported that Lindsey would like to know the status of the Field Net Meter pilot project. They would like to see the meter accepted on the District's approved flow meter list. The main concern staff has with the flow meter is they are battery operated, since most the District's failed meters are due to battery problems on electric meters. The committee members would like staff to go and gather more information.

He reported that the District might have to think of other avenues other than water retirements to help meet our obligations under the Intergraded Management Plan. Berge expressed that another option would be to increase the on-farm efficiency on groundwater

acres only. Berge included information on variable rate irrigation (VRI) from Elite Ag as examples. Berge want to start the conversation with the committee members, and the members of the Water Resources Committee would like to have some of the producers that are currently using the technology come and talk with the committee.

Eirich reported Berge would also like to open the discussion on creating a District-Wide Nitrate Management Area. Our only current nitrate management area is in the Lisco-Oshkosh-Lewellen (LOL), and it would be beneficial to use the tools in LOL to help with the various nitrate hot spots that are spread throughout the District.

Finally, Eirich reported the fully appropriate portion of the District has been metered. The District did apply for a Bureau of Reclamation Grant to help fund the cost-share program, but the District still has approximately \$68,000 left to spend. The Bureau does not want the money back and suggested that we request an amendment to the grant agreement to allow NPNRD to use the remaining funds on flow meter maintenance and cost share, including those in the over appropriated portion of the District. NPNRD has begun that process.

10. Report from District Operations Subcommittee

Chuck Henkel and John Berge reported Robin Foulk, District Conservationist for the Upper Niobrara White NRD, has asked us to review the questionnaire the use when evaluating contracts for Environmental Quality Incentives Program. She asked Berge if they would like to convene a local work group meeting to talk about the questionnaire.

The committee members reviewed the questionnaire and had no additional suggestions. Berge will report the results back to Foulk and tell her that a meeting will not be necessary. The committee was also briefed on the District-Wide Nitrate Management, variable rate irrigation, and update on fully appropriated flow meters discussions, but since they were already reported on in the Water Resources Committee report, so they were skipped.

a. Consideration of Meter Exchange Program and Meter Maintenance

Package Program

McCrometer has requested the NRD change the way they order their parts for flow meters, and they have asked us to develop our repair kits. Staff have reassured the committee that we can still order individual parts in bulk, if they so choose too. McCrometer has also developed a flow meter exchange program. If a producer has a meter that will needs extensive repairs and might cost hundreds of dollars to replace, they could just exchange their broken flow meter for a refurbished one at half the price of a new flow meter. The NRD would still allow cost-share on the refurbished meter, and it could drop cost the cost for the producer to \$325. There were not enough committee members for a quorum, but there was a consensus from the committee members present and staff to make a recommendation to the full board to proceed with the McCrometer Flow Meter Exchange Program. Motion by Deines, seconded by Eirich, to approve the meter exchange program and the Meter Maintenance Package Program to ensure that a

landowner can exchange a broken flow meter with a refurbished one what it is more cost-effective to do so, and to develop a meter maintenance package when it is more cost effective for the District and landowner than replacing parts individually. Motion passed.

Ayes: Andreas, Deines, Eirich, Henkel, Ostdiek, Weinreis

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Darnall, Dillman, Lapaseotes

b. Consideration of Adjusting Maximum Cost-Share Payment to \$5000 per Practice Per Landowner

Berge reported that there were changes made to the cost-share questionnaire that is used in the evaluation of the Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation Program. The questionnaire was provided for the committee members and no additional suggestions were offered. Staff will also bring a recommendation to the full Board of Directors to increase the limit of the cost-share from \$3000 per practice, per person, per year to \$5000 per practice, per person, per year. There were no objections from the committee members on bring it to the full board. Moved by Eirich, seconded by Ostdiek to raise the maximum cost-share payment under the Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation Program from \$3000 to \$5000 per practice per landowner.

Motion passed.

11. Audit Report and Approval of Audit from Dana Cole and Company

Kevin Sylvester explained their findings in the audit. On both the government activities side and business side, the accounting principles were fairly presented. The only deficiencies were the segregation of duties, the number of people that work on the accounting process and there were some uncollateralized bank accounts. The two deficiencies have been common in past audits and mainly due to the relatively small size of the staff. Berge also thanked Sylvester and Dana Cole for their help through the budget process. Moved by Eirich, seconded by Henkel to approve the FY 2016 Audit Report from Dana Cole Company. Motion passed.

Ayes: Andreas, Deines, Eirich, Henkel, Ostdiek, Weinreis

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Darnall, Dillman, Lapascotes

12. Consideration of Riparian Vegetation Management Grant Agreement with the Nebraska Department of Agriculture

The Nebraska Department of Agriculture has approached the District about applying for Riparian Vegetation Management Grant, as they still have funds available. Todd Filipi said we could use some additional equipment to help with weed control, and the District already have enough work to cover the in-kind match. The equipment Filipi

has identified as a need are: spray booms that can fit on the back of a four-wheeler and a seven-inch disc for tilling smaller areas. Moved by Ostdiek, seconded by Eirich to approve the Riparian Vegetation Management Grant Agreement with the Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Motion passed.

Ayes: Andreas, Deines, Eirich, Henkel, Ostdiek, Weinreis

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Darnall, Dillman, Lapaseotes

13. Consideration of Staff Recommendation for Modification of Meter Maintenance

Service Call Charge

The committee also discussed changing the flow meter maintenance fee. The \$25 per meter fee was put in place to help the District recoup some of the of the costs they have incurred due to the amount of travel some of the flow meters require. With some producers having multiple flow meters worked on at the same time, the some of the final bills were reaching over \$1000. Staff has proposed to change the fee to \$25 per entity per month to help alleviate some of those costs. Staff also recommended that the changes be retroactive to October 1, 2016, so the District can reimburse some of the producer that have already paid. Since there was not enough committee members for a quorum, there was a consensus from the committee members and staff to make a recommendation to the full board to approve the changes to the flow meter maintenance service call fee. Motion by

Weinreis, seconded by Henkel to approve the changes to the meter maintenance service all fee from \$25 per meter to \$25 per entity, per month, effective October 1, 2016. Motion passed.

Ayes: Andreas, Deines, Eirich, Henkel, Ostdiek, Weinreis

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Darnall, Dillman, Lapaseotes

14. Adjourn

Moved by Eirich, seconded by Ostdiek, to adjourn at 4:06 p.m., MDT. Motion passed.

Ayes: Andreas, Deines, Eirich, Henkel, Ostdiek, Weinreis

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Darnall, Dillman, Lapaseotes

NORTH PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DIST (NRD)

		Period to Date	% of Revenue	Year to Date	% of Revenue
REVENUE					
3010-000	STATE GRANTS AND FUNDS	\$ 1,904,003.00	98.61%	\$ 1,917,128.50	64.42%
3010-019	STATE GRANTS AND FUN:HMP	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 17,869.51	0.60%
3030-000	FEDERAL GRANTS AND FUNDS	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 75,581.45	2.54%
3050-000	GENERAL PROPERTY TAX	\$ 14,973.99	0.78%	\$ 908,351.40	30.52%
3070-000	PROPERTY RENT	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 1,225.00	0.04%
3081-000	CHEMIGATION FEES NRD SHARE	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 120.00	0.00%
3090-000	HWS WU	\$ 2,265.72	0.12%	\$ 15,877.92	0.53%
3091-000	FLAG SALES	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 8.56	0.00%
3092-010	TREE SALES	\$ 5,330.00	0.28%	\$ -7,361.74	-0.25%
3093-010	TREE PLANTING	\$ 3,000.00	0.16%	\$ 11,640.00	0.39%
3094-010	SPRAYING SERVICES	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 2,916.00	0.10%
3095-000	FLOW METER SERVICES	\$ -525.00	-0.03%	\$ -652.10	-0.02%
3095-095	FLOW METER SERVICES:FMP INV	\$ 874.44	0.05%	\$ 13,609.02	0.46%
3096-000	CHEM SERVICES	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 440.47	0.01%
3097-010	COGS TREES:TP	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ -1,682.39	-0.06%
3098-095	COGS FMP:FMP INV	\$ -595.60	-0.03%	\$ -11,656.88	-0.39%
3110-000	INVESTMENTS GENERAL FUND	\$ 181.00	0.01%	\$ 596.90	0.02%
3120-000	INVESTMENTS SINKING FUND	\$ 234.35	0.01%	\$ 552.60	0.02%
3130-000	MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 12,788.25	0.43%
3180-011	REIMBURSEMENT OF PRO:CWF	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 860.00	0.03%
3200-000	FEES	\$ 44.00	0.00%	\$ 444.00	0.01%
3200-020	FEES:WP	\$ 1,025.00	0.05%	\$ 11,675.00	0.39%
3200-080	FEES:HWS	\$ -50.00	0.00%	\$ 40.00	0.00%
3300-000	WESTERN WATER MODEL	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 5,540.00	0.19%
Total REVENUE:		\$ 1,930,760.90	100.00%	\$ 2,975,911.47	100.00%
GROSS REVENUE:		\$ 1,930,760.90	100.00%	\$ 2,975,911.47	100.00%
EXPENDITURES					
4050-000	AUTO AND TRUCK EXPENSE	\$ 148.28	0.01%	\$ 1,431.91	0.05%
4050-010	AUTO & TRUCK EXPENSE-TREES	\$ 186.31	0.01%	\$ 2,052.03	0.07%
4050-020	AUTO & TRUCK EXPENSE - WATER	\$ 15.54	0.00%	\$ 2,650.42	0.09%
4050-080	AUTO AND TRUCK EXPEN - HWS	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 28.45	0.00%
4051-000	FUEL	\$ 246.59	0.01%	\$ 2,451.35	0.08%
4051-010	FUEL - TREES	\$ 481.84	0.02%	\$ 2,215.88	0.07%
4051-020	FUEL - WATER	\$ 977.71	0.05%	\$ 7,811.10	0.26%
4070-000	DIRECTORS EXPENSE	\$ 1,487.41	0.08%	\$ 2,232.06	0.08%
4090-000	DIRECTORS PER DIEM	\$ 980.00	0.05%	\$ 4,620.00	0.16%
4110-000	Depreciation Expense	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 23,000.00	0.77%
4110-020	CAPITAL OUTLAY:WP	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 44,466.07	1.49%
4130-000	DUES AND MEMBERSHIPS	\$ 900.00	0.05%	\$ 25,474.90	0.86%
4130-085	DUES AND MEMBERSHIPS:POLDEPT	\$ 179.00	0.01%	\$ 328.00	0.01%
4150-000	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$ 34,541.99	1.79%	\$ 167,297.99	5.62%
4155-000	Employee Recognition	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 33.90	0.00%
4160-000	FREIGHT	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 326.26	0.01%
4170-000	PERSONNEL EXPENSE	\$ 3,285.43	0.17%	\$ 26,117.76	0.88%
4170-010	PERSONNEL EXPENSE-TREES	\$ 150.00	0.01%	\$ 743.66	0.02%
4170-020	PERSONNEL EXPENSE - WATER	\$ 1,200.00	0.06%	\$ 3,554.25	0.12%
4170-040	PERSONNEL EXPENSE:GIS	\$ 38.34	0.00%	\$ 2,483.68	0.08%
4170-070	PERSONNEL EXPENSE:EDUC	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 1,715.35	0.06%
4170-085	PERSONNEL EXPENSE:POLDEPT	\$ 3,241.85	0.17%	\$ 8,074.69	0.27%
4171-000	Personnel - Tuition	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 2,885.00	0.10%
4171-085	Personnel - Tuition:POLDEPT	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 1,864.95	0.06%
4172-000	PERSONNEL - TRAINING	\$ 1,070.00	0.06%	\$ 2,260.00	0.08%
4172-085	PERSONNEL - TRAINING:POLDEPT	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 1,771.10	0.06%
4190-000	FEES AND LICENSES	\$ 562.21	0.03%	\$ 4,359.36	0.15%
4190-010	FEES & LICENSES - TREES	\$ 119.66	0.01%	\$ 610.16	0.02%
4190-020	FEES & LICENSES-WATER	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 280.25	0.01%
4190-080	FEES AND LICENSES:HWS	\$ 792.00	0.04%	\$ 1,569.00	0.05%
4191-000	LICENSE SW	\$ 1,105.36	0.06%	\$ 10,912.65	0.37%
4191-020	LICENSE SW:WP	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 1,250.99	0.04%

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4191-040	LICENSE SW:GIS	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 3,298.00	0.11%
4191-085	LICENSE SW:POLDEPT	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 39.95	0.00%
4192-000	LICENSES - PER	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 273.00	0.01%
4210-000	INFORMATION AND EDUCATION	\$ 636.93	0.03%	\$ -1,043.68	-0.04%
4210-010	INFORMATION & EDUCATION-TREES	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 26.06	0.00%
4210-020	INFORMATION & EDUCATION-WATER	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ -25.00	0.00%
4210-030	INFORMATION AND EDUC:PR	\$ 3,354.75	0.17%	\$ 8,127.64	0.27%
4210-070	INFORMATION AND EDUC:EDUC	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 863.61	0.03%
4210-071	INFORMATION AND EDUC:RECY	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 89.00	0.00%
4250-000	INSURANCE	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 80,462.00	2.70%
4280-010	INVADJ:TP	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 4,076.32	0.14%
4280-095	INVADJ:FMP INV	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 6,603.58	0.22%
4310-000	LEGAL NOTICES	\$ 79.42	0.00%	\$ 492.27	0.02%
4320-000	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	\$ 48.94	0.00%	\$ 68.21	0.00%
4330-000	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 1,316.22	0.07%	\$ 8,817.67	0.30%
4330-010	OFFICE SUPPLIES - TREES	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 9.59	0.00%
4330-020	OFFICE EXPENSE - WATER	\$ 184.15	0.01%	\$ 5,431.15	0.18%
4330-021	OFFICE SUPPLIES:WQF	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 21.91	0.00%
4340-000	EQUIPMENT OPERATION & MAINT	\$ 4,178.93	0.22%	\$ 29,758.28	1.00%
4340-010	EQUIPMENT OPERATION & MAINT - TREES	\$ 1,042.90	0.05%	\$ 3,237.82	0.11%
4340-020	EQUIPMENT OPERATION & MAINT - WATER	\$ 169.65	0.01%	\$ 553.43	0.02%
4340-080	EQUIPMENT OPERATION:HWS	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 1,655.58	0.06%
4350-000	PAYROLL TAXES	\$ 7,695.73	0.40%	\$ 44,966.55	1.51%
4370-000	POSTAGE	\$ 556.96	0.03%	\$ 1,828.56	0.06%
4370-020	POSTAGE - WATER	\$ 244.45	0.01%	\$ 244.45	0.01%
4380-000	SPECIAL PROJECTS	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 6,801.25	0.23%
4380-019	SPECIAL PROJECTS:HMP	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 19,037.90	0.64%
4380-020	SPECIAL PROJECTS - WATER	\$ 343.00	0.02%	\$ 1,928.50	0.06%
4380-021	SPECIAL PROJECTS:WQF	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 2,500.45	0.08%
4380-022	SPECIAL PROJECTS:SWL	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 104,566.50	3.51%
4380-023	SPECIAL PROJECTS:GWL	\$ 30,933.75	1.60%	\$ 250,327.75	8.41%
4380-028	SPECIAL PROJECTS:AGR	\$ 8,805.04	0.46%	\$ 89,115.11	2.99%
4380-029	SPECIAL PROJECTS:VALARM	\$ 4,746.58	0.25%	\$ 35,154.51	1.18%
4380-060	SPECIAL PROJECTS:GVW	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 10,799.00	0.36%
4380-085	SPECIAL PROJECTS:POLDEPT	\$ 1,030.97	0.05%	\$ 14,930.97	0.50%
4380-120	SPECIAL PROJECTS	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 101,215.50	3.40%
4390-000	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$ 4,675.00	0.24%	\$ 22,419.53	0.75%
4390-020	PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:WP	\$ 516.00	0.03%	\$ 516.00	0.02%
4390-028	PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:AGR	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 36,438.24	1.22%
4411-000	PROJECT CONST COSTS GVW	\$ 13,506.08	0.70%	\$ 13,506.08	0.45%
4471-000	PROJ OPER AND MAINT GVW	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 6,810.15	0.23%
4490-010	PURCHASE STOCK FOR RESALE	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 232.72	0.01%
4500-010	SMALL EQUIP & SUPPLIES - TREES	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 146.83	0.00%
4500-020	SMALL EQUIP & SUPPLIES-WATER	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 2,535.09	0.09%
4500-021	SMALL EQUIP & SUPPLIES - WQF	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 211.73	0.01%
4500-029	SMALL EQUIP & SUPPLIES - VALARM	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 651.39	0.02%
4500-080	SMALL EQUIP AND SUPP:HWS	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 7.48	0.00%
4505-000	METER REPAIR PARTS	\$ 3,498.44	0.18%	\$ 8,946.13	0.30%
4505-095	METER REPAIR PARTS:FMP INV	\$ -595.60	-0.03%	\$ 53,253.91	1.79%
4506-000	CHEM PARTS	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 124.21	0.00%
4506-020	CHEM PARTS - WATER	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 52.17	0.00%
4510-000	RENT EXPENSE	\$ 672.00	0.03%	\$ 2,434.00	0.08%
4520-000	TELEPHONE EXPENSE	\$ 1,563.89	0.08%	\$ 9,117.10	0.31%
4520-010	TELEPHONE EXPENSE - TREES	\$ 115.18	0.01%	\$ 942.62	0.03%
4520-020	TELEPHONE EXPENSE - WATER	\$ 391.22	0.02%	\$ 1,656.51	0.06%
4531-000	UTILITIES ELECTRICITY	\$ 358.33	0.02%	\$ 4,070.03	0.14%
4531-080	UTILITIES ELECTRICIT:HWS	\$ 225.00	0.01%	\$ 1,483.85	0.05%
4532-000	UTILITIES HEAT	\$ 498.19	0.03%	\$ 498.19	0.02%
4533-000	UTILITIES	\$ 100.96	0.01%	\$ 1,180.82	0.04%
4550-000	SALARIES - CLERICAL	\$ 8,873.44	0.46%	\$ 51,605.67	1.73%
4570-000	SALARIES ADMINISTRATIVE	\$ 38,362.08	1.99%	\$ 243,844.59	8.19%
4570-070	SALARIES ADMINISTRATIVE - EDUC	\$ 6,800.59	0.35%	\$ 32,985.94	1.11%
4570-085	SALARIES ADMINISTRATIVE - POLICY	\$ 9,251.34	0.48%	\$ 55,553.19	1.87%

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4590-010	SALARIES TECHNICAL - TREES	\$ 7,765.80	0.40%	\$ 45,317.14	1.52%
4590-020	SALARIES TECHNICAL - WATER	\$ 26,299.74	1.36%	\$ 135,051.01	4.54%
4590-040	SALARIES TECHNICAL - GIS	\$ 7,201.34	0.37%	\$ 42,118.03	1.42%
4630-000	BUILDING MAINT	\$ 1,095.96	0.06%	\$ 83,921.62	2.82%
4701-000	CONSERV INCENTIVE LAND TREATME	\$ 30,625.00	1.59%	\$ 60,887.30	2.05%
4703-000	NINE MILE CSTSHR	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 390.00	0.01%
4720-000	WELL DECOMMISSIONING	\$ 188.00	0.01%	\$ 460.00	0.02%
Total EXPENDITURES:		\$ 279,065.87	14.45%	\$ 2,112,495.83	70.99%
NET INCOME FROM OPERATIONS:		\$ 1,651,695.03	85.55%	\$ 863,415.64	29.01%
EARNINGS BEFORE INCOME TAXES:		\$ 1,651,695.03	85.55%	\$ 863,415.64	29.01%
Net Income (Loss):		\$ 1,651,695.03	85.55%	\$ 863,415.64	29.01%

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ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

1010-000	CASH ON HAND	\$	75.00	
1015-000	GREAT WESTERN BANK - 03-00153539	\$	96,616.24	
1017-000	FIRST STATE BANK CD - 54582	\$	86,896.31	
1018-000	PLATTE VALLEY NAT BANK - MMS	\$	1,006.98	
1019-000	FIRST STATE BANK MM - 7134917	\$	2,525.34	
1020-000	FIRST STATE BANK CD - 63803	\$	29,429.61	
1021-000	FIRST STATE BANK CD - 70582	\$	2,578.29	
1023-000	FIRST STATE BANK - CHECKING	\$	130,315.43	
1024-000	NPAIT	\$	11,679.24	
1025-000	PLATTE VALLEY NATIONAL BANK-NM	\$	49,344.42	
1026-000	FIRST STATE BANK CD - 54843	\$	10,641.95	
1029-000	FSB FLEX CD SINK - 43871	\$	41,856.94	
1030-000	CASH ON DEPOSIT COUNTY TREAS	\$	36,537.92	
1031-000	VBT 0001098824	\$	59,165.14	
1032-000	WSB - PBC Funds	\$	1,668,446.15	
1035-000	BCB	\$	26,091.10	
1036-000	BCB Reserve	\$	21,395.99	
1050-000	ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	\$	20,993.32	
1051-000	HWS AR	\$	4,014.09	
	Total CURRENT ASSETS:			\$ 2,299,609.46
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LIABILITIES

CURRENT LIABILITIES

2010-000	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$	283.74	
2071-000	SOCIAL SECURITY PAYABLE	\$	-504.02	
2072-000	FEDERAL WITHHOLDING TAX PAYABL	\$	-308.89	
2073-000	STATE WITHHOLDING TAX	\$	10,595.07	
2074-000	INSURANCE EMPLOYEE SHARE	\$	569.26	
2075-000	RETIREMENT EMPLOYEE SHARE	\$	5,427.89	
2076-000	ANNUITIES PAYABLE	\$	500.00	
2077-000	OTHER EMPLOYEE DEDUCTIONS	\$	759.30	
2078-000	FSA WITHHOLDING	\$	-202.50	
2079-000	CO State Withholding	\$	-346.00	
2100-000	CHEMIGATION PAYABLE	\$	6,184.00	
2110-000	SALES TAX PAYABLE STATE	\$	1,055.03	
2120-000	SALES TAX PAYABLE CITY	\$	39.54	
2125-000	HEALTH INSURANCE PAYABLE	\$	-724.12	
2140-000	HWS DEP	\$	3,156.23	
2150-010	PURCH CLEAR:TP	\$	4,687.50	
2150-095	PURCH CLEAR:FMP INV	\$	68,405.60	
	Total CURRENT LIABILITIES:			\$ 99,577.63
	Total LIABILITIES:			\$ 99,577.63

FUND EQUITY

2711-000	FUND BALANCES GENERAL	\$	351,739.51	
2711-000	Retained Earnings-Current Year	\$	863,415.64	
2712-000	FUND BALANCES PROPERTY	\$	725,610.47	
2713-000	FUND BALANCES SINKING FUND	\$	259,266.21	
	Total FUND EQUITY:			\$ 2,200,031.83
	Total LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY:			\$ 2,299,609.46

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021338	12/8/2016	0000172	BLUFFS BROADCASTING	3,000.00	Auto
021339	12/8/2016	0000236	BOMGAARS	50.42	Auto
021340	12/8/2016	0000244	BLUFFS SANITARY SUPPLY	600.00	Auto
021341	12/8/2016	0000296	CANON FINANCIAL SVCS., INC	320.00	Auto
021342	12/8/2016	0000299	BYTES COMPUTER SOLUTIONS LLC	506.25	Auto
021343	12/8/2016	0000300	CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC	435.00	Auto
021344	12/8/2016	0000420	DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	853.15	Auto
021345	12/8/2016	0000456	CULLIGAN OF SCOTTSBLUFF	126.21	Auto
021346	12/8/2016	0000498	KAREN M DAVIS	88.56	Auto
021347	12/8/2016	0000570	ENVIRO SERVICES INC	18.00	Auto
021348	12/8/2016	0000631	FEDEX	227.03	Auto
021349	12/8/2016	0000647	FLATWATER GROUP INC	1,878.00	Auto
021350	12/8/2016	0000655	FAT BOYS TIRE & AUTO	14.00	Auto
021351	12/8/2016	0000667	FOUR STATES IRRIGATION COUNCIL	185.00	Auto
021352	12/8/2016	0000870	HOLIDAY INN - KEARNEY	179.90	Auto
021353	12/8/2016	0000935	TOTALFUNDS BY HASLER	7.13	Auto
021354	12/8/2016	0001275	DHHS LICENSURE UNIT	750.00	Auto
021355	12/8/2016	0001348	MID-AMERICAN BENEFITS, INC	1,292.09	Auto
021356	12/8/2016	0001407	NARD RISK POOL ASSOC.	26,824.24	Auto
021357	12/8/2016	0001426	NATIONWIDE FINANCIAL	10,541.38	Auto
021358	12/8/2016	0001552	NE PUBLIC HLTH ENVIRONMENTAL	774.00	Auto
021359	12/8/2016	0001553	TRAVIS PRESTON	38.34	Auto
021360	12/8/2016	0001975	STAR-HERALD	66.42	Auto
021361	12/8/2016	0002010	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	1,029.27	Auto
021362	12/8/2016	0002097	SMITH,SNYDER&PETITT	1,291.00	Auto
021363	12/8/2016	0002221	ELIZABETH MILLER	447.12	Auto
021364	12/8/2016	0002243	VERIZON WIRELESS	25.16	Auto
021365	12/8/2016	0002263	NORRIS LEAFDALE	50.00	Auto
021366	12/8/2016	0002321	WASTE CONNECTIONS INC.	77.08	Auto
021367	12/8/2016	0002337	WESTERN NE COMMUNITY COLLEGE	450.53	Auto
021368	12/8/2016	0002410	JAMES E & JO ANN R SCHNEIDER	30,933.75	Auto
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021370	12/21/2016	0000255	CITY OF GERING	45.40	Auto
021371	12/21/2016	0000296	CANON FINANCIAL SVCS., INC	352.00	Auto
021372	12/21/2016	0000299	BYTES COMPUTER SOLUTIONS LLC	3,102.96	Auto
021373	12/21/2016	0000353	CONNECTING POINT	462.22	Auto
021374	12/21/2016	0000397	DANA F. COLE & COMPANY, LLP	3,900.00	Auto
021375	12/21/2016	0000503	AMCI WIRELESS	4,746.58	Auto
021376	12/21/2016	0000631	FEDEX	17.42	Auto
021377	12/21/2016	0000655	FAT BOYS TIRE & AUTO	28.00	Auto
021378	12/21/2016	0000690	WEX BANK	1,648.60	Auto
021379	12/21/2016	0000717	GARDEN COUNTY TREASURER	790.51	Auto
021380	12/21/2016	0000780	McCROMETER INC	3,448.02	Auto
021381	12/21/2016	0000830	HEILBRUN FARM IND AUTO SUPPLY	187.85	Auto
021382	12/21/2016	0000935	TOTALFUNDS BY HASLER	542.48	Auto
021383	12/21/2016	0000956	RYLEY HOKE	200.00	Auto
021384	12/21/2016	0000965	HIGH WEST ENERGY	225.00	Auto
021385	12/21/2016	0001041	HORSE CREEK ENTERPRISES	1,042.90	Auto
021386	12/21/2016	0001089	OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE	188.00	Auto

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021390	12/21/2016	0001416	NE SAFETY & FIRE EQUIP INC	135.00	Auto
021391	12/21/2016	0001422	NARD	2,350.00	Auto
021392	12/21/2016	0001426	NATIONWIDE FINANCIAL	11,241.97	Auto
021393	12/21/2016	0001485	DHHS DIVISION OF PUB HLTH	150.00	Auto
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021395	12/21/2016	0001539	NORTH PLATTE NRD	591,185.00	Auto
021396	12/21/2016	0001541	LAKE EXCAVATION & REDI-MIX LLC	540.00	Auto
021397	12/21/2016	0001790	VISA	6,188.09	Auto
021398	12/21/2016	0001927	UNITED CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	75.00	Auto
021399	12/21/2016	0002006	RENAY SMITH	101.00	Auto
021400	12/21/2016	0002218	REICHERT CONSTRUCTION	13,506.08	Auto
021401	12/21/2016	0002233	NET@WORK	43.75	Auto
021402	12/21/2016	0002243	VERIZON WIRELESS	25.08	Auto
021403	12/21/2016	0002255	VISTABEAM	169.65	Auto
021404	12/21/2016	0003001	TRACY ZAYAC	538.10	Auto
021405	12/21/2016	0000364	CONNIE LAPASEOTES LTD	625.00	Auto
021406	12/21/2016	0000931	SANDRA HOEHN	2,500.00	Auto
021407	12/21/2016	0001263	LOBNER LAND & LIVESTOCK CO	625.00	Auto
021408	12/21/2016	0001529	CARL P VAN PELT & SONS INC	625.00	Auto
021409	12/21/2016	0001540	DAVID FISHER	1,875.00	Auto
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021412	12/21/2016	0002412	HIGH PLAINS HAY LLC	1,250.00	Auto
021413	12/21/2016	0002413	DAVID STEVENS	625.00	Auto
021414	12/21/2016	0002414	SID #15	625.00	Auto
021415	12/21/2016	0002415	TIFFANY D ZORN	1,250.00	Auto
021416	12/21/2016	0003016	JAMES YOUNG	1,250.00	Auto
021417	12/21/2016	0000368	CORMAN RANCHES & FARMS INC	625.00	Auto
021418	12/21/2016	0000452	DEER RUN, LLC	625.00	Auto
021419	12/21/2016	0000464	RANDALL L DORMANN	625.00	Auto
021420	12/21/2016	0000466	DORMANN LAND & CATTLE INC	625.00	Auto
021421	12/21/2016	0000531	EHRlich FARM CO., INC	10,000.00	Auto
021422	12/21/2016	0000882	ROBERT HOUSTON	1,250.00	Auto
021423	12/21/2016	0001314	RODNEY MCCONNELL	1,875.00	Auto
021424	12/21/2016	0001397	N/E LAND HOLDING, LLC	625.00	Auto
021425	12/21/2016	0001652	MIKE PHILLIPS	2,500.00	Auto
021426	12/29/2016	0001539	NORTH PLATTE NRD	1,312,818.00	Auto
EP691	12/15/2016	0000938	IRS	12,633.06	Manual
EP692	12/13/2016	0002243	VERIZON WIRELESS	677.12	Manual
EP693	12/7/2016	0002112	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	498.19	Manual
EP694	12/15/2016	0000142	ALLO COMMUNICATIONS	489.78	Manual
EP695	12/14/2016	0001431	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	358.33	Manual
EP696	12/8/2016	0000453	DELUXE BUSINESS SYSTEMS	70.41	Manual
EP697	12/8/2016	0002259	VISION SERVICE PLAN	56.04	Manual
EP698	12/21/2016	0001488	North Platte NRD	237,638.03	Manual
EP698	12/21/2016	0001488	North Platte NRD	237,638.03	Reversal
EP699	12/19/2016	0000257	CITY OF SCOTTSBLUFF	100.96	Manual
EP701	12/30/2016	0000938	IRS	12,633.06	Manual
EP702	12/30/2016	0000231	SAGE SOFTWARE	112.05	Manual
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0000127 AFLAC INSURANCE 598767									
	12/28/2016	12/28/2016	No	849.88	0.00	849.88	INV 1/11/2017		849.88
	Vendor 0000127 Totals:			849.88	0.00	849.88			849.88
0000133 WESTERN NEBRASKA REG AIRPORT 2016-1850W									
	12/27/2016	12/27/2016	No	1,081.60	0.00	1,081.60	INV 1/11/2017		1,081.60
	Vendor 0000133 Totals:			1,081.60	0.00	1,081.60			1,081.60
0000155 ADAPTIVE RESOURCES INC 4508									
	12/26/2016	12/26/2016	No	12,808.75	0.00	12,808.75	INV 1/11/2017		12,808.75
	Vendor 0000155 Totals:			12,808.75	0.00	12,808.75			12,808.75
0000208 JOHN BERGE JAN2017JBE									
	1/6/2017	1/6/2017	No	8,500.00	0.00	8,500.00	INV 1/11/2017		8,500.00
	Vendor 0000208 Totals:			8,500.00	0.00	8,500.00			8,500.00
0000244 BLUFFS SANITARY SUPPLY 344899									
	12/30/2016	12/30/2016	No	600.00	0.00	600.00	INV 1/11/2017		600.00
	Vendor 0000244 Totals:			600.00	0.00	600.00			600.00
0000255 CITY OF GERING 10761									
	1/3/2017	1/3/2017	No	45.40	0.00	45.40	INV 1/11/2017		45.40
	Vendor 0000255 Totals:			45.40	0.00	45.40			45.40
0000256 BUCKLEYS CUSTOM CONTRUCTION 193									
	1/6/2017	1/6/2017	No	160.00	0.00	160.00	INV 1/11/2017		160.00
	Vendor 0000256 Totals:			160.00	0.00	160.00			160.00
0000299 BYTES COMPUTER SOLUTIONS LLC CW17664									
	1/9/2017	1/9/2017	No	1,972.00	0.00	1,972.00	INV 1/11/2017		1,972.00
	Vendor 0000299 Totals:			1,972.00	0.00	1,972.00			1,972.00
0000353 CONNECTING POINT 166858									
	12/31/2016	12/31/2016	No	224.08	0.00	224.08	INV 1/11/2017		224.08
	Vendor 0000353 Totals:			224.08	0.00	224.08			224.08
0000371 CORNHUSKER PRESS P180403									
	12/27/2016	12/27/2016	No	251.12	0.00	251.12	INV 1/11/2017		251.12
	Vendor 0000371 Totals:			251.12	0.00	251.12			251.12
0000375 BARBARA J CROSS DEC312016B									
	1/6/2017	1/6/2017	No	288.41	0.00	288.41	INV 1/11/2017		288.41
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0000386 COPSEY FARM LLC 01-2008JAN									
	1/10/2017	1/10/2017	Yes	4,977.00	0.00	4,977.00	INV 1/11/2017		4,977.00
	Vendor 0000386 Totals:			4,977.00	0.00	4,977.00			4,977.00
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	12/5/2016	12/5/2016	No	100.80	0.00	100.80	INV 1/11/2017		100.80
	Vendor 0000393 Totals:			100.80	0.00	100.80			100.80
0000398 GARY DARNALL DEC2016GD									
	12/31/2016	12/31/2016	No	529.20	0.00	529.20	INV 1/11/2017		529.20
	Vendor 0000398 Totals:			529.20	0.00	529.20			529.20
0000415 DALE'S TIRE & RETREADING INC 5-2739									
	11/29/2016	11/29/2016	No	155.60	0.00	155.60	INV 1/11/2017		155.60
	Vendor 0000415 Totals:			155.60	0.00	155.60			155.60
0000420 DAS STATE ACCOUNTING 1042317									
	12/20/2016	12/20/2016	No	853.25	0.00	853.25	INV 1/11/2017		853.25
	Vendor 0000420 Totals:			853.25	0.00	853.25			853.25
0000456 CULLIGAN OF SCOTTSBLUFF									

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	12/27/2016	12/27/2016		No	40.38	0.00	40.38	INV	1/11/2017	40.38		
	Vendor 0000456 Totals:				40.38	0.00	40.38			40.38		
0000457 CALIFORNIA CONTRACTOR SUPPLIES TT47541												
	12/1/2016	12/1/2016		No	117.48	0.00	117.48	INV	1/11/2017	117.48		
	12/29/2016	12/29/2016		No	102.90	0.00	102.90	INV	1/11/2017	102.90		
	Vendor 0000457 Totals:				220.38	0.00	220.38			220.38		
0000565 EXPRESS TOLL 2026759010												
	12/8/2016	12/8/2016		No	3.55	0.00	3.55	INV	1/11/2017	3.55		
	Vendor 0000565 Totals:				3.55	0.00	3.55			3.55		
0000570 ENVIRO SERVICES INC 161386												
	12/23/2016	12/23/2016		No	18.00	0.00	18.00	INV	1/11/2017	18.00		
	Vendor 0000570 Totals:				18.00	0.00	18.00			18.00		
0000655 FAT BOYS TIRE & AUTO 7-26030												
	12/19/2016	12/19/2016		No	14.00	0.00	14.00	INV	1/11/2017	14.00		
	Vendor 0000655 Totals:				14.00	0.00	14.00			14.00		
0000714 GARDEN CO GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT JAN0102017												
	1/1/2017	1/1/2017		No	150.00	0.00	150.00	INV	1/11/2017	150.00		
	Vendor 0000714 Totals:				150.00	0.00	150.00			150.00		
0000727 VERNON C GARDNER 052-G												
	1/10/2017	1/10/2017		No	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	INV	1/11/2017	2,500.00		
	Vendor 0000727 Totals:				2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00			2,500.00		
0000808 DALE HALL 025-M												
	1/10/2017	1/10/2017		No	1,250.00	0.00	1,250.00	INV	1/12/2017	1,250.00		
	Vendor 0000808 Totals:				1,250.00	0.00	1,250.00			1,250.00		
0000818 HAMPTON INN 33603												
	12/19/2016	12/19/2016		No	182.00	0.00	182.00	INV	1/11/2017	182.00		
	Vendor 0000818 Totals:				182.00	0.00	182.00			182.00		
0000830 HEILBRUN FARM IND AUTO SUPPLY 174395												
	12/31/2016	12/31/2016		No	28.74	0.00	28.74	INV	1/11/2017	28.74		
	Vendor 0000830 Totals:				28.74	0.00	28.74			28.74		
0000935 TOTALFUNDS BY HASLER JAN2017HAS												
	1/2/2017	1/2/2017		No	578.64	0.00	578.64	INV	1/11/2017	578.64		
	Vendor 0000935 Totals:				578.64	0.00	578.64			578.64		
0000957 KYLE ANN HOPKINS JAN042017K												
	1/4/2017	1/4/2017		No	150.00	0.00	150.00	INV	1/11/2017	150.00		
	Vendor 0000957 Totals:				150.00	0.00	150.00			150.00		
0000965 HIGH WEST ENERGY JAN062017H												
	1/6/2017	1/6/2017		No	239.00	0.00	239.00	INV	1/11/2017	239.00		
	1/6/2017	1/6/2017		No	43.00	0.00	43.00	INV	1/11/2017	43.00		
	Vendor 0000965 Totals:				282.00	0.00	282.00			282.00		
0001042 DREW BLACKSTONE 045-M												
	12/13/2016	12/13/2016		No	625.00	0.00	625.00	INV	1/11/2017	625.00		
	Vendor 0001042 Totals:				625.00	0.00	625.00			625.00		
0001084 ORVIN L & CAROL L. LAKE JAN012017O												
	1/1/2017	1/1/2017		No	6,247.50	0.00	6,247.50	INV	1/11/2017	6,247.50		
	Vendor 0001084 Totals:				6,247.50	0.00	6,247.50			6,247.50		
0001113 KEMBEL SAND & GRAVEL CO 15228												
	12/22/2016	12/22/2016		No	59.00	0.00	59.00	INV	1/11/2017	59.00		

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	Invoice	Due						Type	Date	Amount	
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0001135 KEEP SCB-GERING BEAUTIFUL 1008											
	1/9/2017	1/9/2017	No		7,500.00	0.00	7,500.00	INV	1/11/2017	7,500.00	
Vendor 0001135 Totals:					7,500.00	0.00	7,500.00			7,500.00	
0001208 GEORGE LAPASEOTES LLC 047-M											
	1/10/2017	1/10/2017	No		1,250.00	0.00	1,250.00	INV	1/11/2017	1,250.00	
Vendor 0001208 Totals:					1,250.00	0.00	1,250.00			1,250.00	
0001209 LAPASEOTES LAND LLC 3108-M											
	1/10/2017	1/10/2017	No		625.00	0.00	625.00	INV	1/11/2017	625.00	
Vendor 0001209 Totals:					625.00	0.00	625.00			625.00	
0001348 MID-AMERICAN BENEFITS, INC 13											
	1/1/2017	1/1/2017	No		1,530.00	0.00	1,530.00	INV	1/11/2017	1,530.00	
Vendor 0001348 Totals:					1,530.00	0.00	1,530.00			1,530.00	
0001372 MORRILL COUNTY CLERK JAN2017MCC											
	1/5/2017	1/5/2017	No		1.00	0.00	1.00	INV	1/11/2017	1.00	
Vendor 0001372 Totals:					1.00	0.00	1.00			1.00	
0001407 NARD RISK POOL ASSOC. JAN2017NAR											
	1/1/2017	1/1/2017	No		26,824.24	0.00	26,824.24	INV	1/11/2017	26,824.24	
Vendor 0001407 Totals:					26,824.24	0.00	26,824.24			26,824.24	
0001410 NATIONAL GROUNDWATER ASSOC 3022948JAN											
	12/12/2016	12/12/2016	No		360.00	0.00	360.00	INV	1/11/2017	360.00	
Vendor 0001410 Totals:					360.00	0.00	360.00			360.00	
0001426 NATIONWIDE FINANCIAL DEC2016NAT											
	12/31/2016	12/31/2016	No		11,267.47	0.00	11,267.47	INV	1/11/2017	11,267.47	
Vendor 0001426 Totals:					11,267.47	0.00	11,267.47			11,267.47	
0001437 STATE OF NEBRASKA 367											
	11/15/2004	11/15/2004	No		400.00	0.00	400.00	INV	11/24/2004	400.00	
Vendor 0001437 Totals:					400.00	0.00	400.00			400.00	
0001441 NE WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION JAN2017NWR											
	1/1/2017	1/1/2017	No		40.00	0.00	40.00	INV	1/11/2017	40.00	
Vendor 0001441 Totals:					40.00	0.00	40.00			40.00	
0001458 ROGER LEE MCGOWAN JR 050-B											
	1/10/2017	1/10/2017	No		625.00	0.00	625.00	INV	1/11/2017	625.00	
Vendor 0001458 Totals:					625.00	0.00	625.00			625.00	
0001465 MENARDS 29601											
	12/6/2016	12/6/2016	No		18.80	0.00	18.80	INV	1/11/2017	18.80	
30053											
	12/12/2016	12/12/2016	No		76.71	0.00	76.71	INV	1/11/2017	76.71	
31070											
	12/27/2016	12/27/2016	No		45.53	0.00	45.53	INV	1/11/2017	45.53	
Vendor 0001465 Totals:					141.04	0.00	141.04			141.04	
0001499 NSIA 2017NSIA											
	12/1/2016	12/1/2016	Yes		900.00	0.00	900.00	INV	12/7/2016	900.00	
Vendor 0001499 Totals:					900.00	0.00	900.00			900.00	
0001542 DONALD J LOXTERKAMP 3070-G											
	12/21/2016	12/21/2016	No		1,250.00	0.00	1,250.00	INV	1/11/2017	1,250.00	
Vendor 0001542 Totals:					1,250.00	0.00	1,250.00			1,250.00	
0001569 NEWELL FAMILY LIVING TRUST 024-B											
	12/21/2016	12/21/2016	No		625.00	0.00	625.00	INV	1/11/2017	625.00	
Vendor 0001569 Totals:					625.00	0.00	625.00			625.00	
0001570 JACK A ORR											

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	Invoice	Due						Type	Date	Amount	
0001570 JACK A ORR											
3115-G											
	12/21/2016	12/21/2016		No	1,875.00	0.00	1,875.00	INV	1/11/2017	1,875.00	
	Vendor 0001570 Totals:				1,875.00	0.00	1,875.00			1,875.00	
0001652 MIKE PHILLIPS											
060-G											
	1/10/2017	1/10/2017		No	1,250.00	0.00	1,250.00	INV	1/11/2017	1,250.00	
	Vendor 0001652 Totals:				1,250.00	0.00	1,250.00			1,250.00	
0001790 VISA											
DEC2016VISA											
	1/3/2017	1/3/2017		No	4,248.26	0.00	4,248.26	INV	1/12/2017	4,248.26	
	Vendor 0001790 Totals:				4,248.26	0.00	4,248.26			4,248.26	
0001859 RUSH CREEK LAND & LIVESTOCK CO											
010-G-1											
	1/10/2017	1/10/2017		No	625.00	0.00	625.00	INV	1/11/2017	625.00	
010-G-2											
	1/10/2017	1/10/2017		No	625.00	0.00	625.00	INV	1/11/2017	625.00	
010-G-3											
	1/10/2017	1/10/2017		No	625.00	0.00	625.00	INV	1/11/2017	625.00	
010-G-4											
	1/10/2017	1/10/2017		No	625.00	0.00	625.00	INV	1/11/2017	625.00	
010-G-5											
	1/10/2017	1/10/2017		No	625.00	0.00	625.00	INV	1/11/2017	625.00	
010-G-6											
	1/10/2017	1/10/2017		No	625.00	0.00	625.00	INV	1/11/2017	625.00	
010-G-7											
	1/10/2017	1/10/2017		No	625.00	0.00	625.00	INV	1/11/2017	625.00	
	Vendor 0001859 Totals:				4,375.00	0.00	4,375.00			4,375.00	
0001905 SANDBERG IMPLEMENT, INC											
WO68406											
	12/30/2016	12/30/2016		No	1,352.65	0.00	1,352.65	INV	1/11/2017	1,352.65	
	Vendor 0001905 Totals:				1,352.65	0.00	1,352.65			1,352.65	
0001908 JAMES M SARCHET											
04-2008JAN											
	1/10/2017	1/10/2017		Yes	2,541.00	0.00	2,541.00	INV	1/11/2017	2,541.00	
	Vendor 0001908 Totals:				2,541.00	0.00	2,541.00			2,541.00	
0001925 SCOTTS BLUFF CO TREASURER											
1645SCBTRE											
	1/1/2017	1/1/2017		No	43.10	0.00	43.10	INV	1/11/2017	43.10	
	Vendor 0001925 Totals:				43.10	0.00	43.10			43.10	
0001927 UNITED CHAMBER OF COMMERCE											
43492											
	1/3/2017	1/3/2017		No	350.00	0.00	350.00	INV	1/11/2017	350.00	
	Vendor 0001927 Totals:				350.00	0.00	350.00			350.00	
0001969 SOUTH PLATTE NRD											
0011401-IN											
	12/27/2016	12/27/2016		No	9,221.00	0.00	9,221.00	INV	1/11/2017	9,221.00	
	Vendor 0001969 Totals:				9,221.00	0.00	9,221.00			9,221.00	
0001975 STAR-HERALD											
DEC252016S											
	12/25/2016	12/25/2016		No	14.89	0.00	14.89	INV	1/11/2017	14.89	
	Vendor 0001975 Totals:				14.89	0.00	14.89			14.89	
0002010 STAPLES CREDIT PLAN											
DEC152016S											
	12/15/2016	12/15/2016		No	305.61	0.00	305.61	INV	1/11/2017	305.61	
	Vendor 0002010 Totals:				305.61	0.00	305.61			305.61	
0002056 MICHAEL E TIPTON											
3111-G											
	1/10/2017	1/10/2017		No	3,125.00	0.00	3,125.00	INV	1/11/2017	3,125.00	
	Vendor 0002056 Totals:				3,125.00	0.00	3,125.00			3,125.00	
0002097 SMITH,SNYDER&PETITT											
DEC2016SMI											
	12/31/2016	12/31/2016		No	3,479.00	0.00	3,479.00	INV	1/11/2017	3,479.00	
	Vendor 0002097 Totals:				3,479.00	0.00	3,479.00			3,479.00	
0002145 CRAIG UHRIG											
DEC2016CW1											
	12/29/2016	12/29/2016		No	2,780.00	0.00	2,780.00	INV	1/11/2017	2,780.00	

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	1/1/2017	1/1/2017		No	138.00	0.00	138.00	INV	1/11/2017	138.00		
Vendor 0002155 Totals:					138.00	0.00	138.00			138.00		
0002167 UNL ITS COMMUNICATIONS CTR 337699												
	12/15/2016	12/15/2016		No	39.17	0.00	39.17	INV	1/11/2017	39.17		
Vendor 0002167 Totals:					39.17	0.00	39.17			39.17		
0002179 UI PITKIN FOREST NURSERY PFNFY17-7												
	12/21/2016	12/21/2016		No	2,975.00	0.00	2,975.00	INV	1/11/2017	2,975.00		
Vendor 0002179 Totals:					2,975.00	0.00	2,975.00			2,975.00		
0002201 REGNIER FARMS INC 02-2008JAN												
	1/10/2017	1/10/2017		Yes	1,722.00	0.00	1,722.00	INV	1/11/2017	1,722.00		
Vendor 0002201 Totals:					1,722.00	0.00	1,722.00			1,722.00		
0002243 VERIZON WIRELESS 9773996642												
	10/20/2016	10/20/2016		No	0.00	0.00	616.26	INV ADJ PMT	11/2/2016 11/4/2016 11/22/2016	616.26 616.26 616.26	EP689	11/14/2016
Vendor 0002243 Totals:					0.00	0.00	616.26			616.26		
0002265 PATRICIA EDWARDS LIVING TRUST 062-B												
	10/10/2017	10/10/2017		No	625.00	0.00	625.00	INV	1/12/2017	625.00		
Vendor 0002265 Totals:					625.00	0.00	625.00			625.00		
0002266 PANHANDLE PIG 034-SB												
	1/10/2017	1/10/2017		No	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	INV	1/12/2017	2,500.00		
Vendor 0002266 Totals:					2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00			2,500.00		
0002267 TIMMERMAN LAND & CATTLE CO 063-G												
	1/10/2017	1/10/2017		No	1,250.00	0.00	1,250.00	INV	1/12/2017	1,250.00		
Vendor 0002267 Totals:					1,250.00	0.00	1,250.00			1,250.00		
0002268 JOHN A POWERS 067-M												
	1/10/2017	1/10/2017		No	625.00	0.00	625.00	INV	1/12/2017	625.00		
Vendor 0002268 Totals:					625.00	0.00	625.00			625.00		
0002269 COPPLE RANCH 027-B												
	1/10/2017	1/10/2017		No	625.00	0.00	625.00	INV	1/12/2017	625.00		
Vendor 0002269 Totals:					625.00	0.00	625.00			625.00		
0002270 JAMES CAMPBELL 057-SB												
	1/10/2017	1/10/2017		No	625.00	0.00	625.00	INV	1/12/2017	625.00		
Vendor 0002270 Totals:					625.00	0.00	625.00			625.00		
0002272 CONRAD LOBNER 043-G												
	10/10/2017	10/10/2017		No	3,125.00	0.00	3,125.00	INV	1/12/2017	3,125.00		
Vendor 0002272 Totals:					3,125.00	0.00	3,125.00			3,125.00		
0002273 RICK OLSON 055-S												
	1/10/2017	1/10/2017		No	625.00	0.00	625.00	INV	1/12/2017	625.00		
Vendor 0002273 Totals:					625.00	0.00	625.00			625.00		
0002321 WASTE CONNECTIONS INC. 378482												
	1/1/2017	1/1/2017		No	80.16	0.00	80.16	INV	1/11/2017	80.16		
Vendor 0002321 Totals:					80.16	0.00	80.16			80.16		
0002377 WINNER CIRCLE FEEDYARD MIN LLC 03-2008JAN												
	1/10/2017	1/10/2017		Yes	2,488.50	0.00	2,488.50	INV	1/11/2017	2,488.50		
Vendor 0002377 Totals:					2,488.50	0.00	2,488.50			2,488.50		
Report Totals:					154,167.33	0.00	153,551.07			153,551.07		

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					JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY		
Auto & Truck Exp	10,000.00	6,162.81	3,837.19	61.63	190.96	749.07	2,104.97	438.45	2,329.23	350.13							
Fuel	30,000.00	12,478.33	17,521.67	41.59	2,414.35	1,977.30	1,461.66	1,750.36	3,168.52	1,706.14							
Directors' Exp	10,000.00	2,232.06	7,767.94	22.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	240.89	503.76	1,487.41							
Directors' Per Diem	15,000.00	4,620.00	10,380.00	30.80	700.00	1,400.00	350.00	560.00	630.00	980.00							
Dues & Memberships	35,000.00	25,802.90	9,197.10	73.72	0.00	20,654.90	149.00	3,920.00	0.00	1,079.00							
Employees' Benefits	345,000.00	167,297.99	177,702.01	48.49	23,299.28	28,529.47	28,396.26	29,197.71	23,333.28	34,541.99							
Employee Recognition	7,000.00	33.90	6,966.10	0.48	0.00	0.00	21.45	12.45	0.00	0.00							
Expenses - Personnel	80,000.00	42,689.39	37,310.61	53.36	15,807.64	2,545.19	4,725.24	13,526.25	-1,830.55	7,915.62							
Expenses - Tuition	10,000.00	4,749.95	5,250.05	47.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,749.95	0.00							
Personnel - Training	10,000.00	4,031.10	5,968.90	40.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,961.10	1,070.00							
Fee	6,000.00	6,818.77	-818.77	113.65	1,496.47	1,534.52	1,299.70	286.93	727.28	1,473.87							
Licenses - Software	37,500.00	15,501.59	21,998.41	41.34	0.00	0.00	5,148.10	8,758.48	489.65	1,105.36							
Licenses - Personnel	1,500.00	273.00	1,227.00	18.20	0.00	0.00	273.00	0.00	0.00	0.00							
Audit Fees	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00							
Information & Educ	17,200.00	8,037.63	9,162.37	46.73	-1,820.56	8589.72	1,588.04	879.87	-5,191.12	3,991.68							
Interest Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00							
Insurance	72,000.00	80,462.00	-8,462.00	111.75	0.00	80,620.00	-809.00	651.00	0.00	0.00							
Inventory Adj	0.00	10,679.90	-10,679.90	#DIV/0!	6,272.32	2,264.06	1,989.00	0.00	154.52	0.00							
Legal Notices	7,500.00	492.27	7,007.73	6.56	14.89	78.45	67.21	107.30	145.00	79.42							
Misc. Expense	1,000.00	68.21	931.79	6.82	0.00	0.00	19.27	0.00	0.00	48.94							
Office Sup & Exp	61,000.00	14,280.32	46,719.68	23.41	830.80	15,089.33	-7,133.83	2,065.05	1,928.60	1,500.37							
Equip O & M	60,000.00	35,205.11	24,794.89	58.68	7,097.80	4,944.49	4,922.88	1,951.88	10,896.58	5,391.48							
Payroll Taxes	100,000.00	44,966.55	55,033.45	44.97	6,987.12	7,221.54	8,098.24	7,479.42	7,484.50	7,695.73							
Postage	7,500.00	2,073.01	5,426.99	27.64	451.48	148.24	171.88	500.00	0.00	801.41							
Freight	4,000.00	326.26	3,673.74	8.16	132.68	0.00	0.00	193.58	0.00	0.00							
Special Projects	2,998,686.98	636,377.44	2,362,309.54	21.22	28,508.37	76,034.05	225,307.11	125,449.31	135,219.26	45,859.34							
Greenhouse Project	50,000.00	0.00	50,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00							
Professional Services	382,750.00	59,373.77	323,376.23	15.51	12,821.39	20,368.92	8,349.50	8,737.96	3,905.00	5,191.00							
Project Land Rights	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00							
Project Construction	100,000.00	13,506.08	86,493.92	13.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,506.08							
Project O & M	50,000.00	6,810.15	43,189.85	13.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,810.15	0.00							
Purchase-Stock Resale	75,000.00	232.72	74,767.28	0.31	-1,071.21	1,303.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00							
Small Equip & Supplies	12,000.00	3,552.52	8,447.48	29.60	189.35	1,072.15	1,589.20	630.40	71.42	0.00							
Meter Repair Parts	30,000.00	62,200.04	-32,200.04	207.33	49,566.52	3,388.82	318.67	1,161.91	4,861.28	2,902.84							
Chemigation Parts	3,000.00	176.38	2,823.62	5.88	0.00	176.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00							
Rent Exp	7,000.00	2,434.00	4,566.00	34.77	0.00	940.00	150.00	672.00	0.00	672.00							
Telephone	65,000.00	11,716.23	53,283.77	18.02	1,456.08	2,481.61	2,142.03	2,228.02	1,338.20	2,070.29							
Utilities	20,000.00	7,232.89	12,767.11	36.16	1,161.02	1,294.27	1,385.03	1,297.01	913.08	1,182.48							
Salaries-Clerical	102,557.32	51,605.67	50,951.65	50.32	8,217.74	8,217.74	9,203.87	8,546.44	8,546.44	8,873.44							
Salaries-Admin	682,293.47	332,383.72	349,909.75	48.72	53,927.30	52,328.31	62,596.85	57,053.84	52,063.41	54,414.01							
Salaries-Tech	431,518.30	222,486.18	209,032.12	51.56	33,980.06	33,853.16	39,198.79	37,100.17	37,087.12	41,266.88							
Bldg Maint	91,000.00	83,921.62	7,078.38	92.22	2,882.62	4,012.45	9,359.06	59,740.05	6,831.48	1,095.96							
Wildlife Hab Cost Share	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00							
Land Treat Cost Share	100,000.00	60,887.30	39,112.70	60.89	233.09	10,293.71	669.15	15,316.35	3,750.00	30,625.00							
Nine Mile Creek Project	50,000.00	390.00	49,610.00	0.78	0.00	390.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00							
Intergov Cost Share	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00							
Unemployment Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00							
Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00							
Bad Debt Exp	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00							
Well Abandonment	10,000.00	460.00	9,540.00	4.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	272.00	0.00	188.00							
Debt Service	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00							
Transfer to other Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00							
TOTAL OPER COSTS	6,198,506.07	2,045,029.76	4,153,476.31	32.99	255,747.56	392,501.78	413,112.33	390,725.08	313,877.14	279,065.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
CAPITAL OUTLAY																	
LAND	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0							
BUILDINGS	25,000.00	0.00	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00							
MACHINERY & EQUIP	60,000.00	0.00	60,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00							
AUTOS & TRUCKS	60,000.00	67,466.07	-7,466.07	112.44	0.00	0.00	67,466.07	0.00	0.00	0.00							
OFFICE EQUIP	25,000.00	0.00	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00							
TOTAL CAP OUTLAY	180,000.00	67,466.07	102,533.93	37.48	0.00	0.00	67,466.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
GRAND TOTAL EXP	6,378,506.07	2,112,495.83	4,256,010.24	33.12	255,747.56	392,501.78	480,578.40	390,725.08	313,877.14	279,065.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	

NORTH PLATTE NRD
GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS
COMPARED TO BUDGET FY-2017

GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS	ANNUAL	Y-T-D	REMAINING	% OF	As of 1/9/2017											
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BALANCE	BUDGET	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
FED GRANTS & FUND	69,100.00	75,581.45	-6,481.45	109.38	320.70	0.00	0.00	23,750.00	51,510.75	0.00						
STATE GRANTS	2,075,340.00	1,934,998.01	140,341.99	93.24	0.00	16,716.13	0.00	14,278.88	0.00	1,904,003.00						
GOV SUBDIV AID	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00						
PRO-RATE MTR VEH	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00						
CUSTOMER CHARGES	100,000.00	24,305.74	75,694.26	24.31	8,867.47	-5,702.39	3,273.32	3,798.85	3,472.77	10,595.72						
INVEST INTEREST	5,000.00	1,149.50	3,850.50	22.99	127.18	84.50	118.37	60.87	343.23	415.35						
MISC INCOME	5,000.00	12,788.25	-7,788.25	255.77	1,866.77	0.00	10,709.50	194.00	17.98	0.00						
GREENHOUSE DONATIONS	50,000.00	0.00	50,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00						
INSURANCE PROCEEDS	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00						
CHEMIGATION FEES	10,000.00	120.00	9,880.00	1.20	80.00	0.00	40.00	0.00	0.00	0.00						
COST OF GOODS SOLD	0.00	-13,339.27	13,339.27	#DIV/0!	-5,872.97	-827.40	-861.53	-1,642.95	-3,538.82	-595.60						
OTHER PERMIT FEES	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00						
IN-LIEU-OF TAXES	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00						
SALE OF FIXED ASSETS	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00						
TRANSFER MITIGATION	50,000.00	0.00	50,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00						
REIMBURSEMENT PROJECTS	81,000.00	860.00	80,140.00	1.06	0.00	860.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00						
WESTERN WATER MODEL	0.00	5,540.00	-5,540.00	#DIV/0!	0.00	5,540.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00						
FINANCE CHARGE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00						
METER REPAIR	10,000.00	12,956.92	-2,956.92	129.57	4,804.42	870.41	1,004.22	1,858.49	4,069.94	349.44						
CHEMIGATION REPAIR	200.00	440.47	-240.47	220.24	0.00	440.47	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00						
FEES	0.00	12,159.00	0.00	0.00	185.00	335.00	35.00	3,910.00	6,675.00	1,019.00						
TRANSFERS IN	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00						
PHEASANTS FOREVER	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00						
PROPERTY TAXES	3,189,805.85	908,351.40	2,281,454.45	28.48	36,537.92	29,575.02	684,159.43	109,530.93	33,574.11	14,973.99						
TOTAL RECEIPTS	5,656,945.85	2,975,911.47	2,693,193.38	52.61	46,916.49	47,891.74	698,478.31	155,739.07	96,124.96	1,930,760.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Manager's Report

Administrative:

Letter from Steve Smith – You recently received a legal opinion from Steve Smith via email. I would remind you to review that letter and follow up with him or me with any questions that you might have.

Phone Policy – We may have discussed previously that the administrative staff was considering offering as an option that employees use their personal phones for NRD business rather than carry two phones. The NRD would then provide a partial reimbursement to offset data costs. After conferring with our attorney, we have decided we may forgo this as an option because it might necessarily expose personal information in the event of a records request or during discovery for a court proceeding.

Employee Appreciation Dinner – Our annual employee appreciation dinner will be held on February 3. This year, there will be two additional categories of awards for employees: 1) the Assistant Manager's Award which recognizes the hard work of one of our Department Heads and 2) the Manager's Award which recognizes the hard work of one of our other employees. These awards will be presented in conjunction with the Employee of the Year award, which is pulled from the voting of all employees. Barb, Jackie and I are exempt from selection.

Projects and Programs:

No-Till Partnership/Conservation Partnership of Western Nebraska – We are working with a group from NRCS and our neighboring NRDs to revamp the former "No-Till Partnership" into the "Conservation Partnership of Western Nebraska." This is designed to recognize and market conservation and tillage practices beyond no-till in order to gain a wider audience and following for those practices. The first annual conference will take place on February 22 in Bridgeport.

Governance Committee – PRRIP – I have been working directly with Jerry Kenny, Executive Director of the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program to determine how our NRD might be able to influence more directly and effectively the workings of the PRRIP. We will continue to work on this with existing Committee members and with the Executive Director's Office.

NRCS Joint Operations – We have been working with NRCS on a number of areas, including cost-share, jointly funding EQIP Dryland Conversion contracts, and sharing information more effectively. We are also working to schedule a Local Working Group (LWG) meeting in March to review priority applications for EQIP and to evaluate cost share programs.

Water Use Reports – Water Use Reports are currently being delivered to landowners across the District. As of this writing, we have only about 100 left to print and mail. This has been a yeoman's effort by the field staff, Jackie, Kyle Ann, Lydia and the front office staff. This is about one month ahead of last year's schedule.

Water Sustainability Fund Grant – We have recently submitted a reimbursement request for funds related to the Schneider Retirement in Sioux County, and are awaiting payment for that retirement under the WSF grant. We are also anticipating that the McVicker's Retirement in Morrill County will be approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission and County Commission in the next few weeks, allowing us to then submit their initial payment for reimbursement to the WSF Grant as well.

PBC – A few weeks ago, we received nearly \$1.9 million from the Platte Basin Coalition. These funds are Nebraska Environmental Trust dollars that we fought for to help to reimburse payments for the Hardt and Tighe permanent retirements. We reimbursed ourselves \$237,638.03 for payments made to date and the remaining funds were placed in the “PBC Retirement Account” at Western States Bank, where we will draw from when payments are made on these two contracts in the future. We continue to work with PBC on contracts related to reimbursements for the Cow Camp Project.

Outreach:

Meeting with Steve Erdman – Managers from UNWNRD, TPNRD and SPNRD joined me in meeting with newly elected Senator Erdman of Bridgeport to discuss a wide range of topics related to his legislative agenda.

Nebraska Water Center Advisory Board – I attended my first meeting of the Nebraska Water Center Advisory Board last month via telephone. I will be meeting with them monthly.

Platte Basin Meeting – Kent and Chuck will join several staff at a meeting of Platte Basin representatives and NDNR to discuss the OA to FA analysis and associated methodology on January 18th. This is a joint meeting of several directors and Kent as Chairman and Chuck as the Basin Wide Planning Representative will attend to represent the NPNRD.

PRRIP – Also, on January 18th, several staff will join NDNR Director Jeff Fassett, Jerry Kenny of PRRIP and others from around the basin to discuss the ongoing plan to extend the first increment of the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program.

PAWS – Finally on January 18th, staff and our attorney Steve Smith will receive an update/briefing on the NDNR interest in the Panhandle Area Water System (PAWS) project that you received a briefing on a few months ago. We will report back to the Board on the outcome of that discussion.

Basin Wide Planning – The next basin-wide planning meeting will be held on March 15 in North Platte.

NARD Legislative Conference – A number of staff, Dave Deines, Dave Ostdiek and Jerry Dillman will be participating in the NARD Legislative Conference January 22-25 in Lincoln. We are also endeavoring to meet with every one of the 49 State Senators, university officials, USDA officials and representatives from DEQ while we are in town.

Water Leaders Academy – I will be participating in the first meeting of the 2017 Water Leaders Academy immediately following that conference, also in Lincoln. The Water Leaders Academy is a project sponsored by the Nebraska State Irrigators Association, and we have Scott Schaneman and Kyle Ann Hopkins as recent alumni of the program.

Governor Ricketts – Several staff will attend the Governor’s remarks at the airport this coming Friday as he visits Scottsbluff to discuss budget and legislative priorities. The event is sponsored by the Scottsbluff-Gering United Chamber of Commerce.

*Texas Trip – my family and I will be travelling to the Gulf Coast February 15-19, and I will be out of the office at that time.

LR 4 - Interim study to explore if the development of a more comprehensive water quality study is needed. Blood.

The resolution would require the Natural Resources Committee to conduct an interim study on water quality programs and if a nutrient management plan to improve water quality would benefit this state. This would include an analysis of best grasses for filtration and the best plantings for forests and crops in buffer areas.

The resolution specifically mentions that nitrate-nitrogen in the waterways is an ongoing issue for this state, as nitrates from fertilizers, septic systems, animal waste, and nitrogen-bearing minerals in the soil is contributing to the problem.

LB 22 - To provide, change, and eliminate provisions relating to appropriations and to reduce appropriations. Speaker Scheer, at the request of the Governor.

Governor Ricketts introduced three bill to address the budget shortfall of more than \$267 million for FY 2016-17. The bills, LB's 22, 23 & 24, will be addressed prior to the mainline budget bills for the next biennium 2017-19.

The Nebraska Economic Forecasting Board established its initial forecast of net General Fund tax receipts for the 2017-2019 biennium showing a growth of 3.5 percent in tax receipts on a nominal basis. The shortfall in tax receipts, revision in forecast, and estimates of spending caused the Legislative Fiscal Office in November 2016 to report a gap of \$1 billion in the state General Fund budget through FY 2018-19.

The mainline bills will be introduced after Governor Ricketts provides his State of the State address next week.

The FY 2016-17 budget adjustment bills propose to make \$276 million in adjustments to cover the deficit.

The bill proposes \$77.5 million of reductions in carryover of prior year unspent FY 2015-16 appropriations (re-appropriations), \$42.4 million in across the board reductions of four percent in certain appropriations, \$51 million in specific appropriation reductions, and provides \$20.1 million for agency deficit requests. Total net General Fund appropriation reductions equal \$151.2 million.

For programs related to agriculture and natural resources, the following changes are proposed:

ATTORNEY GENERAL

General Operations - Proposes to reduce the FY 2015-16 re-appropriation amount for Interstate Water Litigation of \$343,237 to \$94,187 (-\$249,050).

Across the Board Reductions – Proposes to reduce the FY 2016-17 appropriation by \$36,860 for Interstate Water Litigation.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Riparian Vegetation Aid – Proposes to reduce the FY 2016-17 appropriation from \$975,000 to \$675,000, which the Department of Ag has already awarded \$665,799. The program also had \$25,000 appropriated for administrative cost, which is proposed to be reduced to \$15,000

The grant program is to assist in cleanup of vegetation in Nebraska's rivers and streams.

General Operations – Proposes to eliminate the FY 2015-16 re-appropriation amount of \$188,781.

Across the Board Reductions – Proposes to reduce the FY 2016-17 appropriation by \$249,713 for General Operations.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

General Operations - Proposes to reduce the FY 2015-16 re-appropriation amount of \$791,255 to \$517,938 (-\$273,317).

Across the Board Reductions – Proposes to reduce the FY 2016-17 appropriation by \$169,545 for General Operations (\$156,897) and Superfund (\$12,648).

Storm Water Management Grants - The Department of Environmental Quality awarded \$800,000 to counties and municipalities in FY 2016-17 that have storm water management plans approved by the Department. Grants are distributed proportionately according to a formula defined in statute. The recommendation reduces the appropriation for the Storm Water Management Grant program by \$900,000 General Funds for FY 2016-17.

Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Fund Transfer - The recommendation includes a fund transfer of \$500,000 from the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Fund to the General Fund.

Nebraska Litter Reduction and Recycling Fund Transfer - The recommendation includes a fund transfer of \$500,000 from the Nebraska Litter Reduction and Recycling Fund to the General Fund.

Petroleum Release Remedial Action Cash Fund Transfer - The recommendation includes a fund transfer of \$700,000 to the General Fund.

GAME AND PARKS COMMISSION

General Operations - Proposes to reduce the FY 2015-16 re-appropriation amount for various programs of \$2,108,651 to \$1,874,200 (-\$234,451).

Across the Board Reductions – Proposes to reduce the FY 2016-17 appropriation by \$482,956 for Wildlife Conservation (\$53,453), Niobrara Council (\$1,680), Planning and Trails (\$18,107), Parks Administration and Operation (\$285,503), Engineering (\$89,975) and General Operations (\$34,238).

Nebraska Snowmobile Trail Cash Fund Transfer - The recommendation lapses the current balance from the Nebraska Snowmobile Trail Cash Fund to the General Fund. Approximately \$79,121 would be transferred to the General Fund on or before June 30, 2017.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Water Sustainability Fund - Reduces the FY 2016-17 appropriation from \$11,000,000 to \$10,560,000 in FY 2016-17 (-\$440,000).

General Operations - Proposes to reduce the FY 2015-16 re-appropriation amount of \$7,226,058 to \$5,926,058 (-\$1,300,000).

Across the Board Reductions – Proposes to reduce the FY 2016-17 appropriation by \$669,806 for the Water and Soil Fund (\$92,721), Resources Development Fund (\$125,613), and General Operations (\$451,472).

LB 23 - Provide for transfers of funds and terminate funds. Speaker Scheer, at the request of the Governor.

The bill proposes \$21.5 million in specific transfers to the General Fund of excess fund balances to mirror the changes in LB 22.

LB 24 - Change provisions relating to the Cash Reserve Fund. Speaker Scheer, at the request of the Governor.

The bill proposes the State Treasurer to transfer \$92 million from the Cash Reserve Fund to the General Fund on or before March 31, 2017.

LB 27 - Change requirements for state agency contracts and powers and duties of the Auditor of Public Accounts as prescribed. Murante.

The bill changes deadlines and penalties for reports required for governing bodies that enter into agreements under the Interlocal Cooperation Act and the Joint Public Agency Act. It also makes changes to the extension of contracts by state agencies.

First, the bill changes the date from December 1 to August 1 for requests from the State Auditor from each governing body regarding (1) trade names, corporate names, or other business names under which the governing body operates and (2) agreements to which the governing body is a party under the Interlocal Cooperation Act and the Joint Public Agency Act. The deadline changes from December 31 to September 20 when each governing body is to provide the information to the auditor.

Secondly, the penalties for delinquency would be \$20 dollars per day not to exceed \$2,000 for each delinquency. The auditor would also have the authority to audit the political subdivision at the expense of the subdivision.

Finally, the bill would prohibit state agencies from extending contracts for services for a period of more than fifty percent of the initial contract term. Following the adoption of any amendment to extend the contract for a period of fifty percent or less of the initial contract term, no further extensions of the original contract would be permitted. This would not prohibit exercising any renewal option provided in the original contract.

LB 71 - Change appropriations relating to the Nebraska Tree Recovery Program. Pansing-Brooks.

The bill changes the intent language on appropriations for the Nebraska Tree Recovery Program from \$250,000 annually to \$3 million annually. The Nebraska Forest Service of the University of Nebraska and the Natural Resources Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Wildlife administer the grant program to fund tree removal, disposal, and replacement costs.

LB 85 - Provide a requirement for persons seeking appointive or elective office as prescribed and to provide a duty for the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission. Blood.

The bill proposes to make a person in-eligible to file for an office until the individual has paid any outstanding late filing fees, civil penalties, and interest imposed pursuant to the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act.

The bill also proposes that no person shall be appointed to any elective or appointive until he or she has first paid any outstanding late filing fees, civil penalties, and interest imposed pursuant to the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act.

The Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission would have to maintain a list of persons owing late filing fees, civil penalties, and interest to filing officers to determine compliance and would have to update it monthly.

LB 89 - Change published notice of hearing requirements under the Nebraska Budget Act as prescribed. Hughes.

The bill proposes to make a change on public notices for budget hearings for political subdivisions. The notices would have to be at least four calendar days prior to the hearing rather than five days prior. The bill also adds that the four-day notice would not include the day of the hearing.

LB 90 - Require public entity to provide accommodations where Auditor of Public Accounts employee conducts audit or examination. Hughes.

The bill proposes that when the Auditor of Public Accounts conducts an audit or examination of any public entity, the public entity would be required to provide suitable accommodations for such employee of the auditor at the location where the requested information and records are kept or stored. The accommodations shall include desks or tables and chairs, electrical outlets, and Internet access if such access is available.

LB 97 - Adopt the Riverfront Development District Act. Crawford.

The bill allows for the creation of Riverfront Development Districts to provide a means by which cities may fund, manage, promote, and develop riverfronts within their corporate limits. The bill is limited to cities that are on major rivers in the state.

Under the bill, a city may create a riverfront development district by the adoption of an ordinance which specifies the following:

- (a) The name of the river or rivers along which the district will be created;
- (b) The boundaries of the district, a map of which shall be incorporated by reference in the ordinance;
- (c) The qualifications and terms of office of members of the authority;
- (d) A statement that the businesses and users of space in the district shall be subject to the general business occupation tax or that the real property in the district will be subject to the special assessment authorized under the act;
- (e) The proposed method of assessment to be imposed within the district or the initial rate of the occupation tax to be imposed; and
- (f) Any penalties to be imposed for failure to pay the occupation tax or special assessment.
- (g) Issue bonds to pay for projects.

The bill requires that the ordinance shall recite the method of raising revenue, and that it shall be fair and equitable. In the use of a general business occupation tax, the tax shall be based primarily on the square footage of the owner's and user's place of business. In the use of a special assessment, the assessment

shall be based upon the special benefit to the property within the district. The district would also have bonding authority.

The boundaries of any district created under the bill would have to be wholly contained within the corporate limits of the city and shall not extend more than one-half mile from the edge of the river or rivers along which the district is created.

The projects undertaken by the new district would include, but are not limited to:

- To create and implement plans for improvements and redevelopment within the boundaries of the district, either on its own or in conjunction with the city or other public and private entities;
- To develop, manage, and coordinate public activities and events taking place within the boundaries of the district;
- To acquire, construct, maintain, and operate public off-street parking facilities for the benefit of the district;
- To improve any public place or facility within the boundaries of the district, including landscaping, physical improvements for decoration or security purposes, and plantings;
- To construct or install pedestrian shopping malls or plazas, sidewalks or moving sidewalks, parks, meeting and display facilities, bus stop shelters, lighting, benches or other seating furniture, sculptures, trash receptacles, shelters, fountains, skywalks, pedestrian and vehicular overpasses and underpasses, and any other useful or necessary public improvements within the boundaries of the district;

LB 98 - Extend certain levy authority for natural resources districts. Friesen.

The bill proposes to extend the maximum three cent levy authority for fully or over-appropriated districts, as determined by the Department of Natural Resources, from FY 2017-18 to FY 2025-26. The levy can only be used to implement ground water management activities and integrated management activities under the Nebraska Ground Water Management and Protection Act.

Currently, ten of the twenty-three districts are eligible to use the separate levy. Of the ten, seven are using it in FY 2016-17. The average levy is 1.48 cents per hundred dollars of valuation in FY 2016-17. The levy is primarily used in the Republican and Platte River Basins.

The original authority was granted in 2006 when the integrated water management laws were passed and had a sunset date of FY 2011-12. It was extended in 2011 to FY 2017-18.

LB 101 - Change duration requirements for certain state agency contracts. Stinner.

The bill would prohibit state agencies from extending contracts for services for a period of more than fifty percent of the initial contract term. Following the adoption of any amendment to extend the contract for a period of fifty percent or less of the initial contract term, no further extensions of the original contract would be permitted. This would not prohibit exercising any renewal option provided in the original contract.

LB 110 - Change duties and requirements relating to certain retirement plan reporting and to change duties of the Auditor of Public Accounts and the Public Employees Retirement Board. Kolterman.

The bill proposes to end the annual reporting requirement for political subdivisions that operate defined contribution retirement plans. The last report would be on December 31, 2017. The bill proposes to maintain annual reporting for political subdivisions that operate defined benefit plans. The NARD operates a defined contribution plan.

LB 127 - Change provisions relating to notice of meetings of public bodies. Groene.

The bill proposes that each public body would have to publish a public notice in a newspaper of general circulation in each county of the public body's jurisdiction. The body could also use additional methods of public notice. The public body would also be required to record the methods and dates of the public notice in the minutes.



North Platte NRD Drought Tournament Recap

DROUGHT TOURNAMENT

What's a Drought Tournament?

- ▶ Competitive event in which teams develop strategies to address drought conditions and impacts under a given drought scenario
- ▶ Involves participants from wide variety of fields
- ▶ Assists regulators and planning authorities with developing effective drought plans using community input
- ▶ NPNRD Drought Tournament Goals:
 - ▶ Increase communication between stakeholders
 - ▶ Identify vulnerabilities and impacts of drought on stakeholders
 - ▶ Generate concrete strategies to incorporate into North Platte NRD's and others' drought plans
 - ▶ Provide information on drought to stakeholders
- ▶ How this Tournament works
 - ▶ 3 timed rounds
 - ▶ Round introduction
 - ▶ Team discussion and brainstorming
 - ▶ Presentation of plan
 - ▶ Scoring and discussion
 - ▶ Team with highest ending score wins the Tournament

TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANTS

Name	Affiliation	Representing
Kevin Adams	Farmers Irrigation District	Surface water irrigation
Paul Burgener	Platte Valley Bank	Financial/economic
Becky Estrada	Monument Realty	Local business/Latino community
Annie Folck	City of Scottsbluff	Municipal government
Leo Hoehn	Hoehn Farms	Federal farm services
Mike Hoehn	Hoehn Farms	Livestock/agriculture
PJ Hoehn	Simplot	Agribusiness
Dean Kamerzel	J G Elliott	Financial/economic
Ryan Larsen	Region 1 Behavioral Health Authorities	Social services
Brenda Leisy	Scotts Bluff Co. Tourism	Economic/recreation

TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANTS

Name	Affiliation	Representing
Kevin Mooney	KNEB	Media
Rose Nelson	Morrill Co. Assessor	County government
Bob Post	Banner Co. Commission	County government
Linda Redfern	Office of Human Development	Social services
Ivan Rush	UNL Extension emeritus	Livestock management/education
Sue Teal	Region 1 Behavioral Health Authorities	Social services
Jeff Tracy	CAPWN	Social services
Dan Weitzel	Mitchell Valley Farm	Agriculture
Danielle Weitzel	Mitchell Valley Farm	Agriculture
Chris Wolf	WNCC	Veterans services

TOURNAMENT DAY!



<https://youtu.be/o4PQK429Ymo>

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

ROUND 1
pa Panhandle Wide Thinking - not just county

Community Vulnerabilities and Impacts
(Who or what could be affected by the drought in this round?)
Farmers (Ag) + Ranchers affects Business
Recreation - fishing + lake activities + hunt - water quality
How much water will we have?
trickle down to
*Not bad yet - start education

Mitigation/Response	Specific strategies to address drought impacts and how to implement	Sector effects and trade-offs (how strategy affects each category)	Implementation Timeline	Cost & Funding Source
Miti	Media Announcements Both Pub outreach + edu (seminars, Q+A's, FSA + Insurance) Webinars	Environmental Out reach Social Media Outreach	AS AP	KNEB radio + TV Free \$700 - local govt. Free - FSA etc. funded
Miti	Conservation Planning for communities + ag Agencies plan disseminate to NRD + surface water clients (City, municipalities)	Environmental Social Economic	AS AP	Free - part of jobs
Miti	Monitoring the situation	Environmental Social Economic		

Team 3

Mitigation/Response	Specific strategies to address drought impacts and how to implement	Sector effects and trade-offs (how strategy affects each category)	Rain/Watershed Effects (how strategy fits with up/downstream conditions)	Partnerships Needed to Implement	Implementation Timeline	Cost & Funding Source	
	Research other countries w/ more advanced water technology - condensation wells - Israel Work w/ university seed companies - more drought tolerant varieties	Environmental Social Economic	Minimize, washed water, increase available water	Other countries Universities	Immediate	\$50 million Federal State Local	
	Reconnect SAMHSA Federal funding for local crises - recreational programs for youth	Environmental Social Economic	Help people w/ 1st means, substance abuse, stress, depression, suicidal thoughts etc No state funds	SAMHSA, EPA PTND, Region 1 LCRT EPA	Immediate	\$10 million Federal	
	No landscape irrigation in public parks - only grey water - Cost share - low water use - Federal - Water treatment - municipalities - Condensation wells - Better technology reduce waste (Israel model)	Environmental Social Economic	Dust, noise Lack of recreation use, more for ag No apartment, residents leaving	City, NRD, Extension	Immediate		
	*Rain dances, praying for rain, sue upstream users, legalize medical marijuana, cloud seeding						
	Work with FEMA, push for Federal Disaster Declaration Risk Management Agency	Environmental Social Economic	Minimize water Closing drought Exclude or reduce Help businesses survive	Help entire basin - Disaster relief requires concessions on water use	Producers, business, municipalities, regulatory agencies, business owners, politicians FSA, producers, politicians	Immediate	\$ Billions Federal State Local Producers
	Strong leadership - leaders, producers, consumers, municipalities Ask to open up CRP for grazing/haying	Environmental Social Economic	Reduce habitat Divide water Recreation	Help keep water in streams	Gene + Parks, NET, Sierra Club US Fish & Wildlife	Immediate	\$50 as to help offset Fringe produce costs + losses

ROUND 2
Team 1

Community Vulnerabilities and Impacts
(Who or what could be affected by the drought in this round?)
Fish and Wildlife, boaters/fishermen, outdoors people, Dust, Fire
Elderly, Subsidizing people, Households
Public Health, Mental Health

Environmental/Social/Economic
(In which category does each best fit)
Economic
Econ - env
Social/Econ

Mitigation/Response	Specific strategies to address drought impacts and how to implement	Sector effects and trade-offs (how strategy affects each category)	Implementation Timeline	Cost & Funding Source
Response	Escalate Public Health Outreach Programs - Includes Mental Health - Elderly individuals	Environmental Social Economic	AS AP - When the drought eases 1 year	State and Feds \$? - Availability
Response	Create a Drought Response Team - Get Agencies working together - Producers to share Resources - Cooperative Thinking	Environmental Social Economic	AS AP	Grants for interdisciplinary focus
Response	Request Disaster Relief + Emergency Funds	Environmental Social Economic	AS AP	City, County State and Federal through Grants

SURVEYS

- *Goal: Provide information on drought to stakeholders*

75% - learned information that will inform future drought decisions

"Everything was new to me. Lots of great information"

"Social impacts of drought (were) never a concern of mine until I went through this process"

"I hadn't considered the potable water issue and environmental impact of reduced water flow"

SURVEYS

➤ *Goal: Identify vulnerabilities and Impacts*

➤ Impacts to:

- Crop Production 71%
- Livestock Production 52%
- Risk of Wildfire 48%
- Aquatic Habitats 33%
- Tourism and Recreation 29%

➤ Vulnerabilities

- Ground Water Supply and Demand 100%
- Farmer's Crop Preference 85%
- Drought Severity Updates 40%
- Residents' Education Level 26%
- How Healthy People Are 40%

SURVEYS

- *Goal: Generate concrete strategies to incorporate into North Platte NRD's and others' drought plans*
- Low-flow toilet and shower kits 72%
- Public information sessions on groundwater 63%
- Retiring irrigated acres 55%
- Convert lawns 53%



SURVEYS

- *Goal: Increase communication between stakeholders*

“Helped gain perspectives from other participants with different backgrounds”

“It allowed people to come together to talk about an issue we would not have discussed otherwise”

“It helped me to see how different systems could collaborate effectively”



NEXT STEPS: DROUGHT PLANNING

- ▶ Effective Techniques

- ▶ Small, Diverse, Stakeholder Groups are Very Effective (85%)
- ▶ Presentations by Mixed Stakeholder Groups (68%)

- ▶ Suggestions

- ▶ More outreach and education

- ▶ Interest

- ▶ 50% attend monthly planning meetings
- ▶ 63% contribute feedback, data, information
- ▶ 50% take responsibility for a specific response/mitigation

* Planning timeline: February – October 2017



NORTH PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT DROUGHT TOURNAMENT

NORTH PLATTE Natural Resources District

Final Report Submitted by the National Drought Mitigation Center on
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Background and Timeline

The Invitational Drought Tournament (IDT) methodology is a simulation gaming concept developed by the Science and Technology Branch of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada between 2011 and 2013. The purpose of the IDT is to promote multidisciplinary drought preparedness and adaptation strategies in a game-like environment. Promoting relationship building and an understanding of interests between basin participants is also a valuable part of the process. These tournaments are intended to bring together a diverse group of multi-sector stakeholders.

Participants are asked to consider different levels of drought related to their real life sector(s) and work in teams while competing against other teams. They are walked through drought scenarios and asked to find the best ways to reduce the effects of drought. By tapping into player's competitive side it's hoped that they will be creative and gain a new appreciation for the challenges others outside of their sector face.

In January of 2016 the North Platte Natural Resources District (NRD) and National Drought Mitigation Center (NDMC) met to discuss the possibility of doing a drought tournament for the North Platte NRD stakeholders. The planning team met remotely several times to sort out details regarding the scenario development, round descriptions, and overall facilitation process related to the agenda. A pre-tournament webinar was delivered and recorded and made available to participants in October.

<http://ndmc.adobeconnect.com/p8q4j9mpehi/>

This webinar introduced the concept of the tournament and how it would be presented for participation during the next month. The tournament date was November 18, 2016 and took place on the Western Nebraska Community College campus in Scottsbluff, NE.

Public Participation Process

The public participation process included a holistic process of identifying participants by using the Community Capitals Framework (CCF) approach. The CCF is an established framework familiar with public sector planners, policy makers, economic development professionals, and others (Emery & Fernandez-Baca, 2013). For purposes of this tournament, participants from various backgrounds included people involved in large and small scale ag production (some irrigators, some non-irrigators), financial industry, health and human services (including behavioral and veteran), tourism, local government, media, and extension.

The Community Capitals Framework (CCF) approach was used in creating the round descriptions with comprehensive impact information for participants to consider in their decision-making. CCF was also initially used to identify the important participants from various sectors. The final identification of participants was informed by a holistic, inclusive approach to community planning, though ultimately, stakeholder participation was largely influenced by the interest and availability of individual participants and the limited time available to ensure participant diversification. The North Platte NRD staff created relevant and unique human scenario descriptions to correlate with the varying levels of drought based on NDMC collected impact data as described in the next section. Teams were arranged by the North Platte NRD by diversifying groups based on sector background, as well as gender, age and ethnicity where possible. It was important for not just one perspective to dominate the final outcomes of the tournament.

The NDMC is currently leading an effort using the CCF to assess existing drought impact reports, enhance future reporting, and enhance overall drought planning, and serve as an accessible conceptual framework for understanding impacts of drought on affected communities (**See Figure 1**) (Wall and Hayes, 2016). The National Drought Mitigation Center has previously analyzed the prevalence of reported impacts corresponding to financial, natural, social, cultural, political, human, and built capitals or assets in the Great Plains region over the course of the 2012 drought using various drought indicators and indices (e.g. the Palmer Drought Severity Index and the U.S. Drought Monitor). Impacts data reported to the NDMC’s Drought Impact Reporter (NDMC, 2014) were coded as occurring to one primary type of capital and as many as three other types of capitals using the definitions provided by Flora and Flora (2008). Because the CCF is designed to help communities assess their overall sustainability, it is a natural process to also assess resilience to drought impacts. Classifying impacts according to the CCF capitals is an opportunity to examine how changes in one type of capital may influence another capital.



Figure 1: Example of drought impact mapping using the Community Capitals Framework model.

The goals and objectives of the tournament were primarily focused on getting feedback on drought from a wide variety of potential stakeholders and to also to get them actively working together in drought pre-planning process. After the goals and objectives were agreed upon by the team, participants were identified and invited by the North Platte NRD, with a co-produced pre-survey being included in the invite materials. A co-produced post survey was also created and filled out at the end of the tournament as well. The results of this post survey can be found in the appendix of this report. In conclusion, the surveys and the tournament were designed to engage, learn from and motivate North Platte NRD stakeholders to participate in a future realistic NRD drought planning process that will be started in 2017.

Overview of the agenda

(with the actual agenda as an appendix)

Twenty area stakeholders met on November 18th, 2016, to participate in the North Platte NRD Drought Tournament. Introductions and a welcome from Tracy Zayac, Policy Advisor for the NRD, kicked off the event. Nicole Wall, NDMC Research and Public Participation Specialist, introduced the playbook and its various components. She also served as a Co-Facilitator of the tournament with Zayac. Dr. Deborah Bathke, Climatologist at the NDMC, discussed drought in general, why it’s important to plan for drought,

and gave an overview of drought in Nebraska. Duration of drought, climate variables, and a regional look at where the Platte River gets its water were key components of the talk. The final part of the talk looked at the locations of stream gages for the North Platte River and how the surface and groundwater in the river valley are connected.

Co- Facilitators Wall and Zayac (Figure 2), opened up the discussion related to the rules and structure of the drought tournament with the 4 teams present. The North Platte NRD provided posters of relevant background information were placed around the room (Figure 3) showing key information such as water-table drawdowns (e.g. aquifer) to help set the stage for game play.

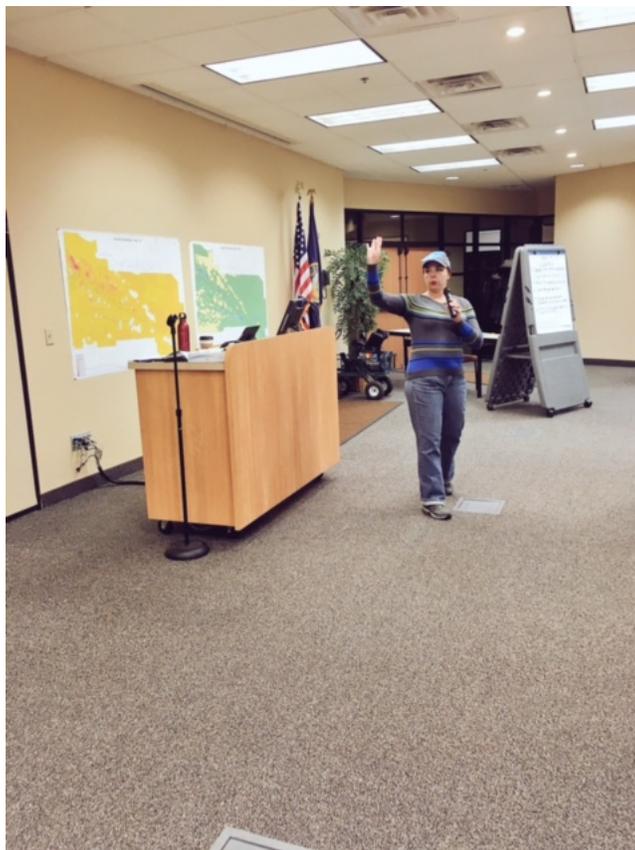


Figure 2: North Platte NRD Policy Advisor Tracy Zayac facilitating the 2016 drought tournament.

Round descriptions

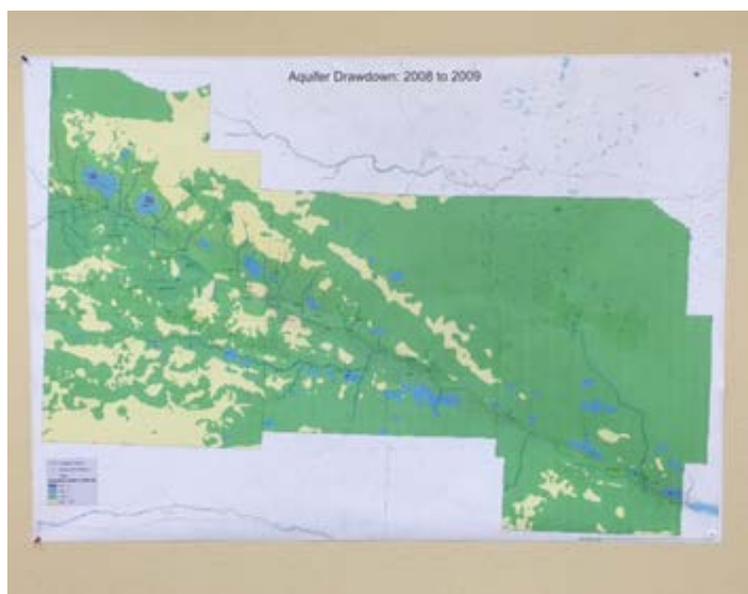


Figure 3: Poster showing background information for the tournament to help set the stage for game play.

The tournament consisted of three rounds (Figure 4), each of which began with a scenario consisting of climate and water supply information, drought impact information, and climate outlooks (Table1).

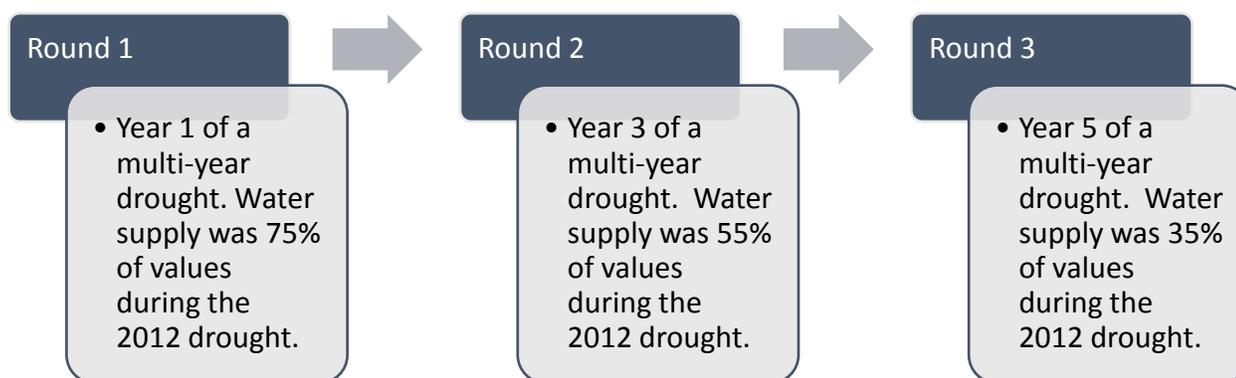


Figure 4: North Platte Natural Resources District drought tournament round description.

To create the scenarios, Adaptive Resources, Inc. modeled streamflow to reflect increasingly worse conditions as compared to 2012, the region's most recent Exceptional Drought as defined by the U.S. Drought Monitor (Figure 5). NDMC scientists then superimposed those prescribed water supply reductions upon the climatic conditions during the 2002-2007 multi-year drought to create plausible variability in the climate and hydrologic variables. When possible, scenario data was presented in an operational format to increase participant familiarity with drought data, products, and tools available for decision-making (Figure 6). Drought impact data was presented in the form of character narratives focusing on decreased revenues, water restrictions, public health, air quality, etc., to help familiarize participants with the multi-sector impacts of drought and broaden the scope of their planning efforts.

Tournament Product	Data Source
U.S. Drought Monitor	http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu
Daily temperature	http://scacis.rcc-acis.org/
Monthly precipitation	http://droughtatlas.unl.edu
Climate Outlooks	http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/predictions/90day/
Drought impacts	http://droughtreporter.unl.edu
Reservoir levels	https://www.wcc.nrcs.usda.gov/
Snow Water Equivalent	https://www.wcc.nrcs.usda.gov/
Streamflow	http://data.dnr.nebraska.gov/RealTime/Gage/Index?StationSource=&StationType=3&RiverBasin=10

Table 1: Data and sources used to create the North Platte Natural Resources District drought tournament scenarios.

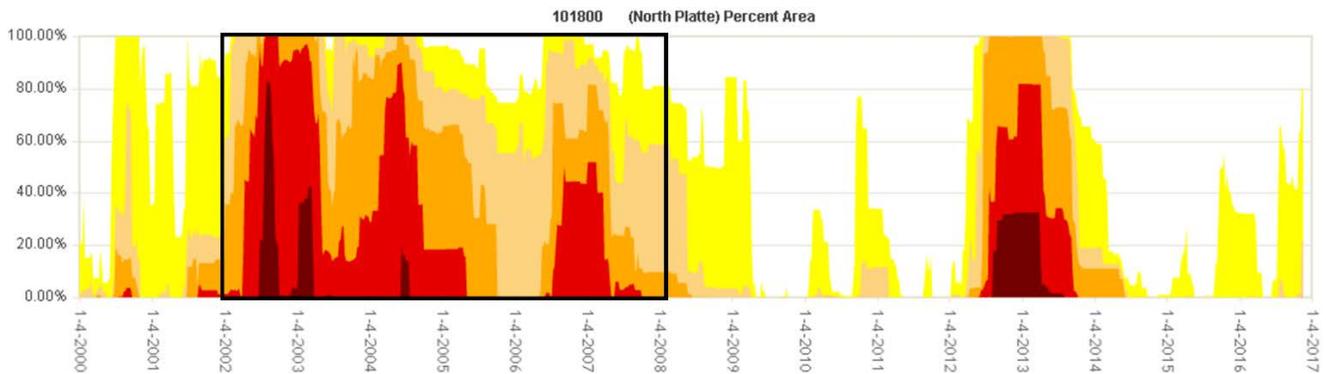
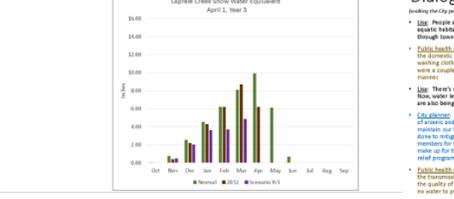
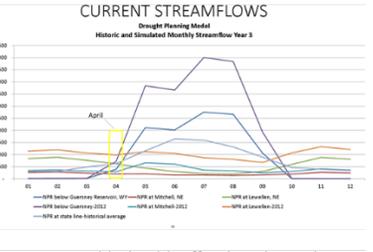
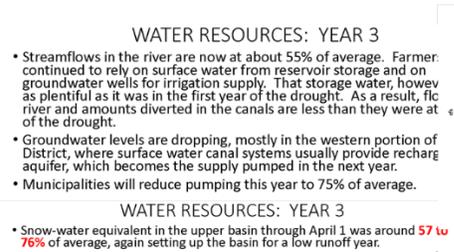
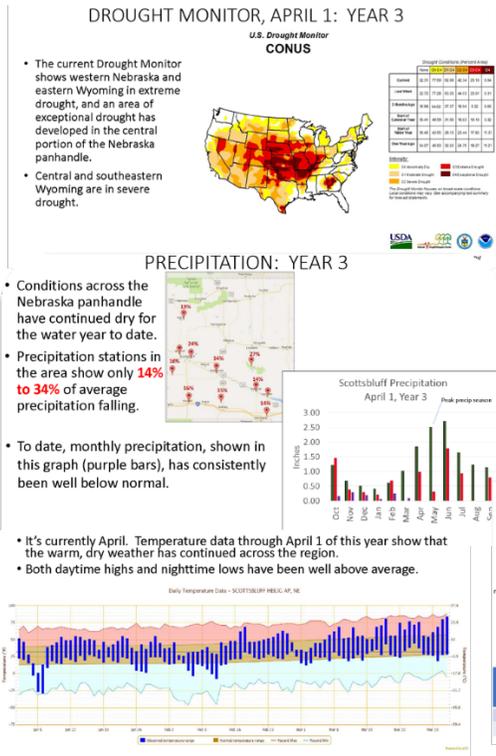


Figure 5: North Platte drought history (source: <http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu>).



Dialogue 2: Lisa, public health official, and city planner

(looking at the City posted along the river)

- Lisa:** People aren't the only ones who are suffering in this heat. Increased water temperatures cause dissolved oxygen levels to decrease, damaging aquatic habitats and killing the fish that rely on them. The stream gauging up the river from here shows that streamflows are down to 200% of flooding stage here here. That's not enough to maintain healthy aquatic environments!
- Public health official:** Well, I don't know much about fish, but it's difficult for people to maintain their own "habitat" and themselves, as well. Some of the domestic wells at homes further out in the county are starting to run low or dry up, so people are trying to use less water for bathing, and they're washing clothes less often, too. They're also not washing their fruits and vegetables very well or using water to keep their cooking spaces clean. There were a couple of people at the hospital the other day, and they were sick because of consuming foods that hadn't been washed or prepared in a clean manner.
- Lisa:** There's not much we can do about the lack of water or about water restrictions, though. Water in the Wyoming reservoir continues to decrease. How much water there was at a lake used for that capacity, if the reservoir didn't have as much water to send downstream and the groundwater wells are also being pumped to the maximum, then where are we going to get more water?
- City planner:** I don't know, but we have to find a way to keep the water that we do have clean. The city's water supply is starting to show higher levels of nitrate and uranium, and we can't let those get too high. We've done a good job of developing city infrastructure and the administrative needed to maintain our buildings and systems, but this drought is really testing us. I can't think of any thinking back now. I think that there are more we could do to mitigate the impact of this drought and avoid being so short of water. We could have done more to prepare our systems and community members for this. Some measures in all water-critical businesses, agriculture, home etc.—these decreased, and people are finding it difficult to not only make up for the impacts of drought, but to finance the continued existence of it. We're at the point where we really need some help through relief projects.
- Public health official:** Isn't that the truth. The decreased flow of water through the wastewater facility has caused the sewage to get stuck in some of the treatment stages. That stuff sits in there, and the concentration of bacteria and toxins builds up to the point that, even after the water is cleaned, the quality of the effluent is not as good as it was before. Then the State comes down on us for potential permit violations. But what can we do? There's no water to push through though.

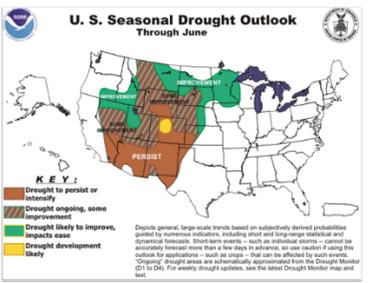


Figure 6: Sample data and products used in the North Platte Natural Resources District drought tournament scenarios.

Teams were given between 30-50 minutes of discussion time to 1) identify vulnerabilities, 2) address those vulnerabilities through mitigation and response strategies, 3) identify partnerships and resources need to implement the strategies, and 4) present the strategies for scoring. Teams were presented with a menu of mitigation and response strategies as well as given the opportunity to develop new strategies. Round 3, in which the most severe drought was occurring, encouraged teams to increase innovation and to broaden the scope of their strategies to basin-wide or regional contexts.



Figure 7: Team discussing drought mitigation and response strategies.

Scoring and Results of the Tournament

Prior to the tournament, a comprehensive scoring rubric was developed for each round. The rubrics for rounds one and two consisted of three broad components: (1) the vulnerabilities identified by each team, (2) the team's portfolio of drought mitigation and response strategies as well as a cost-benefit analysis for each, and (3) innovation. The vulnerability assessment consisted of an evaluation of the team's ability to identify impacts across economic, social, and environmental sections. The portfolio assessment was the most detailed part of the scoring rubric, in that it evaluated drought mitigation strategies, drought response strategies, and cost-benefit analysis for each. Furthermore, this section evaluated comprehensiveness (the application of 4 concepts: vulnerability, impact, mitigation, and response) and implementation of drought planning steps (tradeoffs and funding). The innovation section evaluated whether the team's plans entailed new strategies for planning for drought or incorporated specific strategies that addressed both long-term and short-term impacts of drought. Within each of these sections, a set amount of points could be added or subtracted for plans that met or did not meet specific criteria.

The scoring rubric for the third round was different, because the third-round drought scenario encompassed the fifth year of a multi-year exceptional drought. In the third round, the focus was to develop a drought plan that used innovative strategies and techniques that had not been discussed before. Furthermore, in this round, the participants were to create a drought plan that was not just local in context, but worked with regional partners, such as other cities, counties, and Natural Resource Districts (NRD) outside the town of Scottsbluff and the North Platte NRD. The scoring rubric evaluated these topics, where section one evaluated innovation and section two evaluated regional context (both in terms of watershed regions and geographic regions).

In general, the rubric was designed so that teams that addressed the social, economic, and environmental aspects of drought on a multi-sector level; included mitigation and response strategies; balanced trade-offs and costs; and included partners in implementation scored higher than those that did not address these areas. Players and referees used the rubric to evaluate and score each team's drought plan at the conclusion of each round. The referees were Tarik Abdel-Monem (University of Nebraska Public Policy Center), Deborah Bathke (National Drought Mitigation Center), David Ostdiek (University of Nebraska Panhandle Research and Extension Center) and Elliot Wickham (National Drought Mitigation Center).

The most variation in the scoring occurred in the first round of the tournament (Table 2). This occurred primarily because some teams initially created a more holistic drought plan by incorporating many different sectors such as agriculture, municipal water supply, public health, livestock health, ecological health, etc. The teams that scored lower in the first round lacked in comprehensiveness compared to other groups; however, the select sectors on which they did focus included a high level of detail and expertise in their selection of mitigation and response strategies. Following the presentation of the round 1 scores, the referees provided feedback to the team (Figure 8) as to why there was a large gap between the scores in the groups. This discussion encouraged teams to think more holistically about the complexity of drought, and their revised thinking was reflected in the scores in rounds 2 and 3.

Team	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
Team 1	16	35	37
Team 2	16	42	46
Team 3	31	46	33
Team 4	30	43	32

Table 2: Team scores for each of the three rounds



Figure 8: Referee scoring discussion.

Referee Debriefing & Future Scoring Considerations

Following the tournament, the referees discussed lessons learned on the scoring process. The referees concluded:

- While it was beneficial for the teams to think about weighing costs, benefits, and trade-offs of their identified mitigation and response strategies, the time and information provided to the referees were not sufficient to evaluate this component as it was presented in the rubric.
- Additional time should be given for the round 1 referee discussion to familiarize the referees with the rubric and to help them streamline the scoring process for later rounds.
- It may be useful to have fewer rounds to allow time for feedback and interactive discussion with the teams.
- Alternative formats should be considered. Future drought tournaments could consider implementing a scaffolding approach where the rounds would build off of each other. An example is that round 1 would be a short round in which teams identify vulnerabilities. Round 2 would consist of identifying strategies to address the vulnerabilities and Round 3 would include the implementation phase where teams identify the partners, funding, etc. need to carry out their strategies. In this set up, each round would get progressively more difficult and be worth more points. It would also provide greater opportunities for peer learning among the teams. Alternatively, a final round could also consist of incorporating strategies into existing local and regional plans.
- Team presentations could be done in a style that are a sales pitch to a (the) community. This would help generate ideas how to get buy-in for the future planning efforts.

- Wrap-up discussions could involve helping participants generate a list of steps going forward to use in the creation of a future drought plan.

Lessons Learned

Overall, the North Platte NRD drought tournament was successful in several different areas. In terms of balanced participation and perspectives, the tournament achieved this. The creation and dissemination of the playbook was handled by the North Platte NRD staff, and it was excellent in terms of content and organization. A pre-tournament webinar was also delivered and while attendance was low, the recorded session was placed on the North Platte NRD website for later viewing. It is uncertain whether stakeholders went to this link, though. In any case, it can still serve as a resource to interested parties. Unique to this tournament was that the rounds were not revealed until right before each one, which reinforced immediate individual and team information processing and consideration. The budget for this tournament was fairly low, but engagement and teamwork was high. The North Platte NRD and National Drought Mitigation Center overall worked well together, especially in bringing together certain sets of information and also partnering on various facilitation techniques related to engagement.

From an inner team perspective, the following debriefing points were provided:

- The “pen and paper approach” compared to some of the high tech computer simulated tournaments made it much more personalized, and the teams had really great and information discussions since there was no focus on “beating the system”
- Some more time for the rounds would have been good; some participants mentioned this as well.
- The post-survey might have been too long, as some participants mentioned this as well. An electronic option would have been good for some, but the team might not have had a good response rate with just this option.
- From a judge's perspective, the scoring was a bit too ambitious. There was not enough time for the judges to do a thorough job in scoring all the groups (as much as they would have liked). Having that noted, all the criteria selected were very appropriate and very comprehensive. It was just that there wasn't enough time to score all that criteria. So, in the future, tournament sponsors should either increase time for scoring, or decrease the amount of criteria to be scored.
- Providing some explanation of the scoring criteria to the participants before the first round is desired. After the first round, the judges were given an opportunity to discuss their rationale for scoring. In order to be more transparent to the participant, a more thorough explanation of the judge's approaches to scoring before the first round, would probably be appreciated.
- Scenario were excellent, with a good mix of technical information and descriptions of human impact, particularly the "conversations" that were presented in the scenario packets.
- It was good that each of the three rounds had a clear strategic goal for the participants to focus their planning towards. That type of instruction was helpful for the participants (and the judges). It is also good for realistic drought planning goals as well.
- Prizes of some sort are always good for a game!

From a participant perspective, the following “nuggets” of lessons learned are highlighted from the post-survey:

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In terms of what the drought tournament accomplished for the participants the following comments are helpful to consider:

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Obviously, there are other excellent pieces of information regarding levels of local respondents' drought knowledge concerning impacts, vulnerabilities, and future planning for the main sponsors (NP NRD) to consider within the surveys. The lessons learned included in this report are just a snapshot from the tournament itself. The National Drought Mitigation Center is available and looks forward in assisting the North Platte Natural Resources District in the future in any drought planning needs. This overall experience was very effective in meeting our mission statement and goals as a National and State drought risk management center, which is dedicated in lessening societal impacts and vulnerabilities to drought.

A post informative video on the North Platte NRD tournament was created by Tarik Abdel-Monem from the Nebraska Public Policy Center.

<http://drought.unl.edu/NewsOutreach/NDMCNews.aspx?id=276>

Appendices: Participant List, Agenda, and Post Survey Results

Participant List

Affiliation	Representing
KNEB	Media
Morrill Co. Assessor	County government
Banner Co. Commission	County government
Office of Human Development	Social services
UNL Extension emeritus	Livestock management/education
Region 1 Behavioral Health Authorities	Social services
CAPWN	Social services
Mitchell Valley Farm	Agriculture
Mitchell Valley Farm	Agriculture
WNCC	Veterans services
Farmers Irrigation District	Surface water irrigation
Platte Valley Bank	Financial/economic
Monument Realty	Local business/Latino community
City of Scottsbluff	Municipal government
FSA	Federal farm services

Hoehn Farms	Livestock/agriculture
Simplot	Agribusiness
J G Elliott	Financial/economic
Region 1 Behavioral Health Authorities	Social services
Scotts Bluff Co. Tourism	Economic/recreation

North Platte NRD Drought Tournament Agenda

0900-0930: Welcome and introductions
0930-0950: Introduction to the tournament, information available and general instructions
0950-1000: Q&A

1000-1200: Round 1

1000-1010: Round instructions
1010-1100: Individual team discussion and plan development
1100-1130: Presentations (6 minutes per team)
1130-1200: Facilitated discussion, referee and team scoring

1200-1300: Lunch

1300-1415: Round 2

1300-1310: Round instructions
1310-1340: Individual team discussion and plan development
1340-1400: Presentations (4 minutes per team)
1400-1415: Facilitated discussion, referee and team scoring

1415-1430: Break

1430-1600: Round 3

1430-1440: Round instructions
1440-1520: Individual team discussion and plan development
1520-1540: Presentations (4 minutes per team)
1540-1600: Facilitated discussion, referee and team scoring

1600-1700: Tournament wrap-up
Conclude scoring tallies
Announce winning team
Final discussion
Complete post-tournament survey

Post Survey Results:

Please indicate the degree to which you agree or disagree with the following statements about your experience with the tournament: (N=20)

	Completely disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neutral	Somewhat agree	Completely agree
I am more familiar now with the process of planning for hazards such as floods and droughts than I was before participating in the tournament.	0%	5%	20%	30%	45%
I am more likely now to use climate information to help me make decisions and plan than I was before participating in the tournament.	0%	0%	30%	55%	15%
The hazard scenarios provided a realistic context for decision making.	0%	0%	20%	40%	40%
The referees provided meaningful feedback to the team.	5%	15%	10%	50%	20%
The length of the tournament was appropriate.	0%	20%	25%	35%	20%
The pace of the tournament was appropriate.	0%	5%	20%	45%	30%
The tournament was the right mix of information and engagement	0%	10%	10%	25%	55%
I learned information during this tournament that will inform my future decisions related to water quality, flood control, and/or drought management.	0%	10%	15%	45%	30%
The relevant stakeholders and interests were represented at the tournament.	0%	15%	5%	20%	60%
The narratives were an effective way to present useful, contextual information.	0%	0%	15%	45%	40%

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Mix of info and engagement:

- No comments

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Did you have a chance to read the playbook before the tournament began? (N=19)

	%
No	47%
Yes, I skimmed it	16%
Yes, I read it pretty thoroughly	37%

Comment:

- "I was provided no information."

Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements about the information you received before the tournament, including the invitation and playbook:

	Completely disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neutral	Somewhat agree	Completely agree	Total N
a) The tournament met my expectations based on the information I received beforehand.	5%	5%	15%	35%	40%	20
b) The tournament team was responsive to my needs and questions.	5%	5%	10%	30%	50%	20
c) The information I received before the tournament adequately prepared me for participating in the tournament.	0%	15%	25%	45%	15%	20
d) I would have liked to receive more or different information before the tournament. (please describe)	5%	11%	53%	26%	5%	19
e) The tournament organizers/facilitators provided clear goals for what the tournament would accomplish	0%	30%	10%	25%	35%	20
f) I felt prepared for the tournament based on the information I received.	0%	20%	45%	30%	5%	20
g) The tournament playbook gave me the information that I needed to understand and respond to the drought scenarios in each round.	0%	0%	5%	60%	35%	20

What additional information do you wish you had been provided either prior to the tournament or during game play?

- "I really Didn't know what was expected. I didn't do the pre-survey because it was too long and I didn't have time "
- "I would like a better idea of what the "tournament" was about and what was expected "

- "The process seems fine to me. I was a little behind to what was going to happen today: not sure I understood"
- "any"
- "didn't receive anything prior "
- "what exactly is recorded and how"

In your opinion, how effective is each method of delivery for conveying drought related information in an understandable and appealing manner:

	Not at all effective	Slightly effective	Moderately effective	Very effective	I don't know	Total N
a) Reading handouts or printed material	0%	10%	40%	50%	0%	20
b) Participating in small group discussions with diverse stakeholders	0%	0%	15%	85%	0%	20
c) Listening to presentations by mixed stakeholder groups	0%	0%	32%	68%	0%	19
d) Participating in a tabletop exercise or competitive game with many participants	0%	0%	30%	65%	5%	20
e) Attending a seminar or traditional class	5%	30%	45%	15%	5%	20
f) Viewing a webinar or YouTube videos	5%	25%	50%	15%	5%	20

What are the impacts or vulnerabilities that you learned about through participation in the drought tournament (including review of pre-tournament materials and/or participation in the tournament event) that you had not previously considered to be drought-related? Are there drought circumstances or impacts that surprised you? Please explain:

- "Ag impacts- economic and water quality, community water use and quality, stresses on individuals "
- "Everything was new to me. Lots of great information"
- "Health and Social. First thing that comes to my mind with drought is "economic impact." The sanitary and mental health effects that it can also bring gave me a new prospective "
- "I hadn't considered the potable water issue and environmental impact of reduced water flow "
- "I have been through many droughts. No new revelations "
- "I'm not sure I learned anything new in terms of impact but learned a lot in potential strategies"
- "Learned more about the mental health related issues and the water flow"
- "Mental Health"
- "Mental health issues: definite need to educate on need for water efficient landscapes and crops"
- "More on the mental health. Bigger concern than I would have imagined."
- "The tournament scenarios brought to light specific health issues that otherwise may not be considered "
- "drought effects are wide spread"
- "never thought about mental aspects. Government program available to offer help"
- "no"
- "social impacts of the drought, was never a concern of mine until I went through this process. It was very good, fun, and enjoyable"
- "today's young generation really isn't being taught drought issues (in this area). They don't understand a lot of water conservation practices in everyday life"

Based on your learning through conversations and interactions with stakeholders representing diverse sectors in the drought tournament, which one or two broad, local sectors if any, are you most concerned are unprepared to deal with drought?

What specific mitigation and response strategies do you feel would best address the unpreparedness of these sectors?

Sectors of concern	Strategies to address unpreparedness
agriculture and agribusiness	incentivized, flexible, site-specific conservation options for farm ground and range management. Speakers, conferences featuring successful "out of the box" farmers/ graziers
I would say that local community municipalities are not well prepared for drought. Rarely do local communities have the foresight or funding to plan for potential issues.	-
Lending	Anticipate low income
Cities	Education
Cities	Some of the Expectations shown would be of little help. Lack of understanding how large the problem is
The younger Population	Education
Emergency Management, Public health	?
recreation / tourism is not at all prepared. Finance / banking only responds for the most part	Good luck. They will be hard to explain too.
Public Health, Forestry, and Fire Management	-
Finance- huge economic impact on our area	Education and long term planning and options
Social. Economic- especially commercial businesses	Education - start practicing like we are headed for drought. i.e. - less water usage, less electric usage.
Agriculture and Natural Resources	Alternative cropping, growing crops that make sense in this part of the country
The general public as a whole, those not involved with agriculture	continual education, starting in schools
Agriculture is not responding soon enough to new technology	education and incentives
1) Mental Health might be overwhelming by extent of problems. 2) Bank might not be prepared for patience they would need	Education on severity of the possible impact they would be facing

I believe that all agency are prepared in some way the degree f their involvement might _____	Financial support and tax usage
Public Health	More outreach and planning

What, if anything, would you suggest that your own sector do to increase its capacity to deal with drought?

- Raise more drought Tolerant crops. Graze farm ground in rotations to rest range land
- Public Health is often involved in emergency planning but because drought is usually a slow moving emergency, it is not a topic of discussion in this area.
- react sooner
- Management long term and short term plan
- Education
- Make contact with them
- We need to understand this issue and be better prepared to be proactive
- Educate- research options whether for cost shares or alternative crops and markets
- get water storage devices started now. Get education and practices started immediately
- reduce water needs through technology. Example no till and reduce till, sub surface drip, and water conservation sprinkler technique
- We need to increase the use of technology and data. Increase use of moisture monitoring equipment, imagery, plant populations, and more efficient yield goals
- Better understanding of the various impacts. I never thought the mental health part until participating in this event
- use other uses for land: eco and agri-tourism
- look toward government funding, grants emergency funds
- Would you say the playbook lacked important detail or information, provided about the right amount of detail or information, or provided too much unnecessary detail or information?

Please indicate your level of interest in participating in the following activities with the North Platte NRD:

	Not at all interested	Somewhat interested	Very interested	Total
A) Contribute contextual data, information or feedback to an official drought planning process	13%	63%	25%	16
B) Participate in discussions that will define the most feasible and comprehensive local mitigation and response strategies to address drought hazards	0%	61%	39%	18
C) Participate in monthly sessions, which would be used to plan how climate data, drought-related information and local capacity will be employed to address drought-related vulnerabilities	28%	50%	22%	18
D) Assume a leadership role on a drought planning subcommittee (ex. sector-based committee, topical committee)	61%	28%	11%	18
E) Assume a leadership role on the main planning committee responsible for the development of a comprehensive drought plan	65%	29%	6%	17
F) Take responsibility for the implementation of a specific mitigation or response activity prescribed as part of a drought plan	39%	50%	11%	18

Based on your current understanding of drought, the local context and drought planning processes, what, if any, additional information would you need in order to feel prepared to participate in NPNRD drought planning at the level you indicated above?

- On farm research to find ways to increase drought tolerance and water infiltration in conjunction with more ways to produce consistent net profits and local food security
- I would need to familiarize myself with personal climate/ drought information and look at other community or county mitigation efforts
- not sure (3)
- none (2)
- I would like an actual seminar or class to add to what I learned today
- did not participate

What are the most important issues for the NPNRD to address in its drought plan to enable the District as a whole to prepare for and respond to drought?

- Community education on impacts of Water residential and agriculture use
- At this time I would think keeping general drought / climate information in front of the public would be important
- reach out to producers and community leaders
- The District was effective in the 2000s. Just need to continue to study, improve the plan, and look at new technology i.e. drought tolerant crops, set aside programs
- water conservation. Community water use
- irrigation water
- current water levels, current plans, current practices, storage capacities
- Continue education and provide incentives to conserve water
- Continue to implement technology and education through the area. If a drought scenario presents itself, growers will be more understanding to the situation.
- Alternative water efficient crops about mental health profession about need for services
- financial and political views when preparing future plans

In your opinion, what are the most effective ways to communicate with the general public about drought vulnerabilities and impacts, and mitigation and response strategies?

- Community Outreach to Agriculture groups, the Homeowners Associations, Schools, etc.
- presentations at most work places - doing short, fun, and entertaining presentations to small groups of company employees
- radio and news print plus social media
- Extension. Local media. Social media
- Push out information as much as possible during the drought. Once it starts raining again, no one is listening
- through open dialog
- group discussion social media
- public and personal contact
- Tabletop conversations, media releases
- public meetings

Please rank the following drought mitigation and response strategies according to how effective they would be in the NPNRD for strengthening drought preparedness.

	Not at all effective	Somewhat effective	Very effective	Total
a) NRD/Resident cost-share program to install low-flow toilet and shower kits District wide	17%	72%	11%	18
b) City ordinances for 'green' building standards promoting efficient use of energy, water and land	22%	56%	22%	18
c) NRD program to fallow percentage of irrigated acres	6%	44%	50%	18
d) Tiered or volumetric water pricing by city water authorities	12%	41%	47%	17
e) Public information sessions on groundwater use, management and regulatory framework	5%	63%	32%	19
f) NRD-Resident cost-share program to convert lawns to drought-tolerant plants or xeriscape	21%	53%	26%	19
g) Using recycled water for watering golf courses, community parks and other public spaces	11%	47%	42%	19
h) NRD program to retire irrigated acres	6%	55%	39%	18

How feasible is implementation of each strategy within the current financial, social and political context of District communities?

	Not at all feasible	Somewhat feasible	Very feasible	Total
a) NRD/Resident cost-share program to install low-flow toilet and shower kits District wide	24%	53%	24%	17
b) City ordinances for 'green' building standards promoting efficient use of energy, water and land	6%	63%	31%	16
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In your opinion, what did the Drought Tournament accomplish?

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