

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

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 46-718(1), the North Platte Natural Resources District (District) and the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (Department) hereby provide notice that the District and the Department shall hold a public hearing on July 18, 2019, at 10 a.m. (MDT) at the North Platte Natural Resources District Office, 100547 Airport Road, Scottsbluff, Nebraska. There will be an information session held at 9:30 a.m. (MDT) prior to the hearing at the same location.

As required by Neb. Rev. Stat. § 46-718(1), the purpose of the hearing is to take testimony concerning the proposed Second Increment Joint Integrated Management Plan Cooperatively Developed by the North Platte Natural Resources District and the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (IMP) and proposed controls. The geographic area subject to the proposed IMP is the entirety of the land area within the District boundary. A general description of the contents of the proposed IMP includes the following: Effective Date; Authority; Maps and Management Area Boundaries; Vision Statement; Funding; Science and Methods; First Increment Accomplishments; Goals and Objectives; Action Items, which include Controls and Triggers, Monitoring and Evaluation. The District will continue existing groundwater controls which are: 1) metering of groundwater uses; 2) allocations on groundwater uses; 3) moratorium on new groundwater well permits and on new or expanded groundwater uses; 4) certification of groundwater use; 5) requirement of large user permits; 6) provisions for transfers; 7) municipal use accounting and offsets; and 8) non-municipal commercial and industrial use accounting and offsets.

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

Further information regarding the proposed IMP and proposed controls, or the full text of the proposed IMP and proposed controls, may be obtained via the District's website at <https://www.npnrd.org> or by telephone (308) 632-2749, or the Department's website at: <https://dnr.nebraska.gov> or by telephone at (402) 471-2363.

Any interested person may appear at the hearing and present written or oral testimony concerning the proposed IMP and proposed controls. Testimony relevant to the purposes of the hearing may also be submitted in writing by 5:00 p.m. (CDT) July 12, 2019, to North Platte Natural Resources District, P.O. Box 280, Scottsbluff, NE 69363-0280 or by electronic mail to jberge@npnrd.org, or Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 94676, Lincoln, NE 68509, or by electronic mail to dnr.legalfile@nebraska.gov.

Individuals with disabilities may request auxiliary aids and service necessary for

participation by contacting the District or Department by telephone at the numbers listed above or in writing to the addresses listed above by 5:00 p.m. (CDT) June 25, 2019.

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

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