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To Whom It May Concern:

Throughout the valley, it is understood that there is a hydrologic connection between groundwater wells and some surface water projects. That said, the North Platte Natural Resources District cannot speculate site-by-site as to the local impact of surface water deliveries on individual groundwater wells. Landowners or farm operators would be able to provide the best information from a historical perspective on how insufficient surface water deliveries through adjacent infrastructure affect the performance of their ground water wells. Alluvial ground water supplies in the North Platte Natural Resources District are directly impacted by surface water. When surface water supplies are limited, there can be immediate short to long term impacts on ground water wells.

If an irrigator determines that preventative planting is appropriate for his or her operation this growing season, after considering the Bureau of Reclamation's current and projected surface water availability, ongoing weather conditions, and the potential effects of the same on groundwater supplies, the North Platte Natural Resources District considers such determination reasonable under current conditions. Irrigators must consult with their crop insurance provider, financial institution, or other advisors as part of their decision-making process.

Respectfully,

Scott Schaneman
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