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TO: Lexington Clipper Herald, Kearney Hub, Grand Island Independent,
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FROM: Marcia Lee, Information/Education Specialist

RE: LEGAL NOTICE - Please publish this for three (3) consecutive times with the first
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
RELATING TO THE BASIN-WIDE PLAN FOR JOINT INTEGRATED WATER
RESOURCES MANAGEMENT OF OVERAPPROPRIATED PORTIONS OF THE PLATTE
RIVER BASIN, NEBRASKA

Pursuant to Section 46-715(4)(a) of Nebraska Revised Statutes, the Central Platte Natural Resources District (CPNRD) and the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (Department) hereby provide notice that CPNRD and the Department shall hold public hearings on Tuesday, July 7, 2009, at 1:30 PM at the Holiday Inn Express, 2605 Plum Creek Pkwy, Lexington, NE and on Wednesday, July 8, 2009, at 1:30 PM at the Central Platte Natural Resources District office, 215 N Kaufman Ave, Grand Island, NE.

The purposes of the hearings are to take testimony concerning the proposed basin-wide plan for the overappropriated portions of the Platte River Basin (plan). The geographic area subject to the proposed plan is the hydrologically connected area described in the Department's Order of September 15, 2004, which includes the area designated as overappropriated within the boundaries of the CPNRD.

The proposed plan contains goals, objectives, a description of the studies and monitoring protocols for the future, and the procedures for review and future modification of the plan. The purpose of the plan is to provide a framework for the overappropriated Platte River Basin NRDs' integrated management plans. (The overappropriated Platte River Basin NRDs are the Central Platte NRD, the Tri-Basin NRD, above Elm Creek, NE; the Twin Platte NRD, the South Platte NRD, and the North Platte NRD.) The plan does not include any controls, as those controls will be identified and adopted in the integrated management plan for each overappropriated Platte River Basin NRD.

Any interested person may appear at the hearing and present written or oral testimony concerning the proposed plan. Individuals with disabilities may request auxiliary aids and service necessary for participation by contacting the CPNRD or the Department by July 1, 2009. Testimony relevant to the purposes of the hearing may also be submitted in writing to the Central Platte Natural Resources District, 215 N Kaufman Avenue, Grand Island NE 68803; or to the Department of Natural Resources, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 94676, Lincoln, NE 68509-4676; or by electronic mail to the CPNRD at cpnrd@cpnrd.org or to the Department at jim.schneider@nebraska.gov by 5:00 p.m., July 8, 2009.

For further information regarding the proposed plan, or for the full text of the proposed plan, refer to the CPNRD website, at <http://www.cpnrd.org> or the Department's website, at <http://www.dnr.ne.gov>; contact the CPNRD or the Department at the addresses above; or contact the CPNRD at (308) 385-6282 or the Department at (402) 471-2363. Following the public hearing on the plan, the CPNRD and the Department will make a joint decision within 60 days as to whether to implement the proposed plan.