

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 Twin Platte Natural Resources District (TPNRD) and the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (Department) hereby provide notice that the TPNRD and the Department shall hold a public hearing on Thursday July 2, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. CDT, at the Holiday Inn Express, 300 Holiday Frontage Road, North Platte, Nebraska 69101. The purpose of the hearing is to take testimony concerning the proposed basin-wide plan for the overappropriated portions of the Platte River Basin (Basin-wide Plan). The geographic area subject to the proposed Basin-wide Plan is the hydrologically connected area as described in the Department's Order of September 15, 2004, which includes the area designated as overappropriated within the boundaries of the TPNRD.

The proposed Basin-wide Plan describes its purpose and scope, and contains goals and objectives; a description of components; a description of the studies and monitoring protocols for the future; and the procedures for review and future modification. The purpose of the Basin-wide Plan is to provide a framework for the overappropriated portions of the individual Platte River basin natural resource districts' (NRD) integrated management plans. (The overappropriated Platte River Basin NRDs are the Central Platte NRD, the Tri-Basin NRD, the Twin Platte NRD, the South Platte NRD, and the North Platte NRD.) The Basin-wide Plan does not include any controls, as those controls will be identified and adopted in the integrated management plan developed for each overappropriated Platte River Basin NRD.

Any interested person may appear at the hearing and present written or oral testimony concerning the proposed Basin-wide Plan. Individuals with disabilities may request auxiliary aids and service necessary for participation by contacting the TPNRD or the Department by June 25,

25, 2009. Testimony relevant to the purposes of the hearing may also be submitted in writing by regular mail, addressed to the Twin Platte Natural Resources District, TierOne Bank Center, 111 South Dewey St., 2nd Floor, P.O. Box 1347, North Platte, NE 69103-1347; or in writing by electronic-mail addressed to the TPNRD at komiller@tpnrd.org or afisher@tpnrd.org; in writing by regular mail addressed to the Department of Natural Resources, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 94676, Lincoln, NE 68509-4676; or in writing by electronic-mail addressed to the Department at jim.schneider@nebraska.gov. All written testimony must be received by the TPNRD and/or the Department no later than 5:00 p.m., on July 2, 2009.

For further information regarding the proposed plan, or for the full text of the proposed plan, refer to the TPNRD website, at <http://www.tpnrd.org> or the Department's website, at <http://www.dnr.ne.gov>; contact the TPNRD or the Department at the addresses above; or contact the TPNRD at (308) 535-8080 or the Department at (402) 471-2363.

The TPNRD and the Department will make a joint decision within 60 days following the above-described public hearing as to whether to implement the Basin-wide Plan.