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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 Tri-Basin Natural Resources District (TBNRD) and the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (Department) hereby provide notice that the TBNRD and the Department shall hold a public hearing on Thursday, June 18, 2009, at 1:30 p.m., at the Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District office, 415 Lincoln St., Holdrege, Nebraska. The purpose of the hearing is 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 TBNRD.

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, 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 TBNRD or the Department by June 10, 2009. Testimony relevant to the purposes of the hearing may also be submitted in writing to the Tri-Basin Natural Resources District, 1308 2nd St., Holdrege, NE 68949; 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 TBNRD at jthorburn@tribasinnrd.org or to the Department at jim.schneider@nebraska.gov by 5:00 p.m., June 17, 2009.

For further information regarding the proposed plan, or for the full text of the proposed plan, refer to the TBNRD website, at tribasinnrd.org or the Department's website, at <http://www.dnr.ne.gov>; contact the TBNRD or the Department at the addresses above; or contact the TBNRD at (308) 995-6688 or the Department at (402) 471-2363.

Following the public hearing on the plan, the TBNRD and the Department will make a joint decision within 60 days as to whether to implement the proposed plan.