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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
RELATING TO THE TRI-BASIN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT AND THE
NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT PLAN

Pursuant to Section 46-718 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 PM in the Board Room of Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District, 415 Lincoln St., Holdrege, NE 68949. As required by Section 46-718(1), the purpose of the hearing is to hear testimony and receive other evidence concerning the proposed TBNRD/Department Integrated Management Plan (IMP). The geographic area proposed for the IMP encompasses all of the land area located within the Platte River Drainage Basin and within the boundaries of the TBNRD. A general description of the contents of the chapters of the proposed IMP is: 1) Effective Date, 2) Introduction, 3) Platte Basin (authority and background), 4) Map and Management Area Boundaries, 5) Fully Appropriated Portion of the Platte Basin (goals and objectives, plan components), 6) Overappropriated Area and Nebraska New Depletion

Plan (goals and objectives, plan components and action items), 7) Monitoring and Studies Section (introduction, monitoring, studies) 8) Review of and Modifications to the IMP (fully appropriated portion of the IMP, overappropriated area and Nebraska New Depletion Plan portion of the IMP), 9) Information Considered. The proposed IMP also includes provisions for water banking, variances, incentive programs, a monitoring program, information and education, coordination with other states, review of and modifications to the integrated management plan, and information considered in development of the IMP.

Any interested person may appear at the hearing and present written or oral testimony concerning the proposed IMP and proposed controls. Individuals with disabilities may request auxiliary aids and service necessary for participation by contacting the TBNRD or the Department by June 10, 2009. Testimony or other evidence relevant to the purposes of the hearing may also be submitted in writing to 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 18, 2009.

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

Following the public hearing on the proposed IMP and proposed controls, the TBNRD and the Department will make a joint decision within 60 days of whether to implement the

proposed IMP with or without modifications and whether to adopt and implement the ground water and surface water controls proposed in the IMP.