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RE: LEGAL NOTICE - Please publish this for three (3) consecutive times with the first
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
RELATING TO CENTRAL PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT AND THE
NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT PLAN

Pursuant to Section 46-718 of Nebraska Revised Statutes, the Central Platte Natural Resources District (CPNRD) and the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (Department) hereby provide notice that the 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.

As required by Section 46-718(1), the purposes of the hearings are to hear testimony and receive other evidence concerning the proposed CPNRD/Department Integrated Management Plan (IMP) that includes proposed controls. The geographic area proposed for the IMP encompasses all of the land area located within the boundaries of the CPNRD. A general description of the contents of the chapters of the proposed IMP is: 1) Effective Date, 2) Authority, 3) 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, incentive programs, a monitoring program, information and education, coordination with other NRDs, review of and modifications to the integrated management plan, and information considered in development of the IMP. The proposed ground water controls for the fully appropriated portion of the CPNRD are set forth in Chapter 5 of the IMP and consist of continuing the following: 1) moratorium on the issuance of new water well construction permits, 2) certification of ground water uses, 3) provisions for variances, and 4) provisions for ground water transfers. The proposed surface water controls for the fully appropriated portion of the CPNRD are also set forth in Chapter 5 of the IMP and consist of the continuing the following: 1) the moratorium on new surface water appropriations; 2) transfers of appropriations are subject to statutory criteria and Department rules; and 3) surface water administration and monitoring of use of surface water. In the overappropriated portion of the CPNRD no controls are currently required; however, if regulatory actions are required Chapter 6 of the IMP sets forth the following ground water controls that would be required: 1) crop rotation and 2) a reduction of irrigated acres. The proposed surface water controls for the overappropriated area are the same as those described for the fully appropriated portion 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 CPNRD or the Department by July 1, 2009. Testimony or other evidence relevant to the purposes of the hearing may also be submitted in writing to 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 IMP and proposed controls or for the full text of the proposed IMP and proposed controls, refer to the CPNRD website at <http://www.cpnrd.org> or the Department's website, at <http://www.dnr.ne.gov> or contact the CPNRD or the Department at the addresses listed above or contact the CPNRD at (308) 385-6282 or the Department at (402) 471-2363.

Following the public hearing on the proposed IMP and proposed controls, the CPNRD 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 groundwater and surface water controls proposed in the IMP.