

AMENDMENT TO THE NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
WATER USE CONTRACT NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
OF THE  
NEBRASKA PLATTE-REPUBLICAN CONSERVATION RESERVE  
ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

Background

The Landowner(s) signing below (Landowner(s)) and the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NDNR) entered into a Water Use Contract (the Contract) in order to make the Landowner(s) eligible to participate in the Nebraska Platte-Republican Resources Area Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP). The CREP is a joint program of the NDNR and the United States Department of Agriculture Commodity Credit Corporation (USDA), the purpose of which is to improve water quality and enhance wildlife habitat by reducing the quantity of water used for irrigation of crops. Participants in CREP agree to refrain from irrigating the land enrolled in the Program for the duration of the Contract.

The NDNR, the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission (NGPC) and the North Platte, South Platte, Twin Platte, Central Platte and Tri-Basin Natural Resources Districts (the Districts) have created the Platte Basin Habitat Enhancement Program (PBHEP) for the purpose of reducing water use in the Platte River Basin in order to improve wildlife habitat and reduce depletions to the Platte River. As a part of the PBHEP, the Districts may purchase permanent easements from Landowner(s) willing to refrain forever from irrigating the land currently enrolled in CREP (the land).

The Landowner(s) have agreed to sell, for fair market value, a permanent easement on the land to the natural resources district in which the land is located and to forever refrain from irrigating the land and limit water use in accordance with the terms of the easement.

Terms of Amendment

1. The Landowner(s) may enter into a permanent easement with the Natural Resource District in which the land currently enrolled in CREP (the land) lies to forever refrain from irrigating the land and limit water use on the land in accordance with the terms of the easement, as a part of the Platte Basin Habitat Enhancement Program, any other term or condition of the Water Use Contract notwithstanding, prior to the termination of the Contract if the permanent easement will take effect on or after the termination of the Contract.
2. The Landowner(s) voluntarily relinquishes any surface water appropriation or certified acres associated with the Contract and understands that they shall be terminated as of the date of termination of the Contract which is \_\_\_\_\_.

3. The Landowner(s) agrees to continue to adhere to all other terms of the Contract and to fully participate and adhere to the requirements of CREP until the contract period of the Contract has ended.

Signatures