

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING RELATING TO THE PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER NATURAL RESOURCES
DISTRICT AND THE NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT
PLAN**

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 46-718, the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District (District) and the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (Department) hereby provide notice that the District and the Department shall hold a public hearing on June 12, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., at the District office, 8901 S. 154th Street, Omaha, NE 68138. As required by Neb. Rev. Stat. § 46-718(1), the purpose of the hearing is to take testimony on the proposed District/Department Integrated Management Plan (IMP) and the proposed controls. The geographic area for the proposed IMP and proposed controls is located in eastern Nebraska and encompasses a portion of Sarpy, Douglas, and Washington Counties. A general description of the major components of the proposed IMP is as follows: 1) introduction and authority, 2) maps of the IMP area, 3) goals and objectives, 4) action items, 5) incentive programs, 6) monitoring plan, 7) modifications to the IMP, 8) information considered in development of the plan. The proposed IMP also includes provisions for information and education, options for incentives, interagency collaboration, and municipal/non-municipal water use and accounting.

The proposed groundwater action item (control) for the District is set forth in Section 4.0 of the IMP and consists of the following action: 1) establish a limit on the expansion of groundwater-irrigated acres. The proposed surface water action item (control) for the Department is also set forth in Section 4.0 of the IMP and consists of the following action: 1) establish a limit on the expansion of surface water-irrigated acres.

Furthermore, other action items that the District and the Department will take to achieve the goals and objectives of the IMP either separately or jointly include: (1) reviewing and evaluating the P-MRNRD's Groundwater Management Plan, (2) further study of surface water and groundwater resources, (3) assessment of programs and projects to improve the availability of surface water and groundwater resources, and (4) information and education programs.

Any interested persons 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 District or the Department by June 5, 2014 by 5:00 p.m. Testimony or other evidence relevant to the purposes of the hearing may also be submitted in writing to the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District, 8901 S. 154th Street, Omaha, NE 68138, to the Department of Natural Resources, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 94676, Lincoln, NE 68509-4676, or by electronic mail to the District at bhenkel@papionrd.org or to the Department at amy.zoller@nebraska.gov by 5:00 p.m., June 11, 2014.

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 District website at www.papionrd.org or the Department's website at <http://dnr.nebraska.gov> or contact the District or the Department at the addresses listed above or contact the District at (402) 444-6222 or the Department at (402) 471-2366.

Following the public hearing on the proposed IMP and proposed controls, the District and the Department will make a joint decision within 60 days on 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.