

Special Meeting
December 15, 2006
McCook, Nebraska

The Middle Republican Natural Resources District will hold a Special Meeting at 10:00 A.M. on December 15, 2006 at the Republican Valley Event Center in McCook, Nebraska.

AGENDA

1. Meeting called to order.
 - a. Verify quorum
2. Circulate agenda and roster
3. OFFICIAL NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS PUBLISHED IN THE NORTH PLATTE TELEGRAPH AND THE MCCOOK DAILY GAZETTE AND WAS POSTED IN THE NRD OFFICE AND ON THE DISTRICT WEBSITE AT WWW.MRNRD.ORG. AS A COURTESY IT WAS ALSO PROVIDED TO LOCAL RADIO STATIONS.
4. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE –The purpose of this special meeting is to provide for an information sharing session between Republican River Basin Natural Resource Districts and the State of Nebraska.
5. Opening Remarks
6. Remarks by Governor Heineman
7. Remarks by Department of Natural Resources Personnel
8. Remarks by State Senators and Senators Elect
9. Closing Remarks
10. Open Forum – The public may comment on agenda items or items not listed on the agenda. For concerns expressed that are not relative to an item on the agenda, you are informed that no action can be taken on your comments. Guests should also note the location of a current copy of the statutes dealing with public meetings.
11. Adjourn

SUSTAINABLE WATER MANAGEMENT
IN THE REPUBLICAN RIVER BASIN

A. BACKGROUND

B. PLAN - STRATEGIC PERSPECTIVE

1. **Develop a process to forecast Nebraska's allocation for the basin based on expected inflows to Harlan County Lake and other climatic indicators.**
2. **Adjust consumptive use to fit within the forecast allocation.**
 - a. Distribution of allocation (consumptive use) among NRDs based on differences in crop irrigation requirements
 - b. Use methodologies that are flexible enough to allow for increased allocation when rainfall is received above amounts anticipated in the development of the forecast (drought is abating or ending).
3. **Ensure NRDs have all tools needed to manage their consumptive use within their allocation**

C. OBJECTIVES

1. **Long-term**
2. **Immediate**

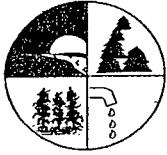
D. MANAGEMENT OPTIONS – TACTICAL PERSPECTIVE

1. **Groundwater Controls – NRDs**
2. **Surface Water Administration – DNR**
3. **Provide sources of funding (state, local) to enable the NRDs to reduce consumptive use through:**
 - a. **Phreatophyte Control**
 - b. **Federal Programs to Temporarily or Permanently Retire Irrigated Acres.**

c. Other Measures Identified in Compact Settlement Agreement
Potentially Available in the Long Term

- i. Supplementing water for Nebraska Bostwick Irrigation District by providing alternate supplies from below Guide Rock or from outside the Basin
- ii. Reducing use of storage by Nebraska Bostwick Irrigation District above Guide Rock
- iii. Dry year leasing of water rights that divert at or above Guide Rock

4. Streamflow Augmentation



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MEETING NOTICE

The Middle Republican Natural Resources District Board of Directors will hold their regular monthly meeting at the NRD office, 220 Center Ave, Curtis, Nebraska on Decemeber 12, 2006 at 1:30P.M. The agenda, kept current, is available during regular business hours at the NRD office in Curtis. Individuals requiring physical or sensory accommodations should call the NRD at 308-367-4281 or 800-873-5613 five days prior to the meeting.

Please publish between December 2 and December 5.