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The Southwest Nebraska RC&D Council has recently adopted the Republican River Riparian Project. The focus of the project is to help coordinate efforts to positively impact the riparian area of the river in Colorado, Nebraska, and Kansas.

The Council is utilizing the document "Stream Corridor Restoration, Principles, Processes and Practices" as a guide to facilitate the process. The initial step of the process was a collection of inventory material that has been previously developed for the area. The data collected to date shows several studies along the river and a need to form a coalition in the region to assist with the process.

The Southwest Nebraska RC&D Council is continuing with the process and is currently developing an Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee's purpose is:

- Carrying out restoration planning activities
- Coordinating plan implementation
- Identifying the public's interest in the restoration effort
- Making diverse viewpoints and objectives known to decision makers
- Ensuring that local values are taken into account during the restoration process.

The Advisory Committee includes private citizens, public interest groups, economic interest, public officials and any other group or individual who is interested in or might be affected by this effort. A group of this diversity will ensure that the values and preferences of the local citizens drive the process.

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The Southwest Nebraska RC&D Council is requesting that you appoint an interested individual to become an active member of Advisory Committee for the Republican River Riparian Project. This individual can be a member of your board or can be an interested individual that would act as a liaison between your board and the Advisory Committee.

We are scheduling a meeting at 10:00 AM Central Time, September 16, 2003 at the Southwest Nebraska RC&D office, 611 Paxton, Cambridge, Nebraska. The agenda for the meeting is:

- Introductions
- Advisory Committee members will be requested to give a short presentation on activities in their area that impact the Republican River riparian area. Examples are EPA-319 Projects, Habitat Development Programs, Irrigation Water Management Projects, etc.
- Develop goals, objectives and strategies to become an effective group.
- Set next meeting place, date and time.

When you have made your appointment to the committee please send their name, address, phone number and e-mail address to:

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If you have any questions regarding this request contact the Southwest Nebraska RC&D Office at 308-697-3477.

Thank you for your assistance on this matter.

Sincerely,



Thomas E. Spunaugle  
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