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# City Of Imperial

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Board of Directors  
Upper Republican Natural Resources District  
135 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Imperial, NE 69033

Dear Sir or Madam

The City of Imperial would like to make a formal request to the Upper Republican NRD and to the Department of Natural Resources to be involved in the development of the Upper Republican NRD Integrated Management Plan.

It has come to our attention that the process has begun and the City of Imperial has not been notified of the opportunity to participate in formulation of the plan. As a stakeholder of the district, the City requests to be involved. We do not feel that the Public Information meetings conform to the statutory requirements for consultation and collaboration with municipalities, as well as many other stakeholders.

The City of Imperial is not satisfied with the preliminary draft of the plan. State Statute 46-715(4)(b) clearly states that the City should have been notified prior to any plan development and that only after agreement is reached by all parties, should the Integrated Management Plan be adopted.

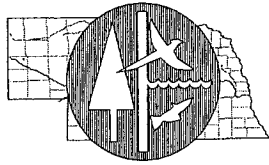
The City of Imperial formally requests that all action regarding the Integrated Management Plan for the Upper Republican NRD be ceased and the City be afforded its legal right to participate in developing the plan which will affect this municipality.

Sincerely

Annette Longan  
Mayor

cc: League of Nebraska Municipalities

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Rock Creek State Fish Hatchery  
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DEPARTMENT OF  
NATURAL RESOURCES

April 28, 2005

Integrated Management Review Board  
Upper Republican Natural Resource District  
P. O. Box 1140  
Imperial, NE 69033

RE: April 28, 2005 Public Hearing on the Modified Draft Integrated Management Plan

We would like to once again point out decline in spring flow/stream flow, declines in depth to water in our domestic well and many other wells across the district which we believe are the result of excessive groundwater pumping. We believe there is sufficient evidence of the hydro-geologic connectivity of groundwater and surface water to suggest continued depletion of groundwater will impact our water interests further. This condition is reflected in our NPDES flow monitoring which we have previously testified to. As a result of our previous testimony the board has modified the initial Draft IMP to grant us the ability to pump our (2) supplemental wells in times of emergency. We appreciate the decision by the board to adopt the statute (46-691.03) that would recognize our need to utilize those wells to operate our Rock Creek State Fish Hatchery facility. It should be noted that these wells have never been continuously pumped and show declines in depth to water which are of particular concern. While this decision is helpful it is our opinion that we will continue to realize declines in flows unless the board further lowers allocations to achieve the kind of sustain ability recommended by LB 962. While we recognize that the board is concerned for the agricultural stakeholders who irrigate through the use of groundwater, we would like to request that the board protect equitably, the domestic users, the surface water users and other non-agricultural users who depend on this valuable resource both today and for our future.

Sincerely,

Hal Walker  
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cc; Darrol Eichner  
cc; Larry Hutchinson  
cc; Roger Patterson

# STATE OF NEBRASKA



DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
Roger K. Patterson  
Director

July 21, 2003

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Mike Johanns  
Governor

Robert Ambrosek, Chairperson  
Upper Republican NRD  
HC #67, Box #33A  
Haigler, NE 69030

Dear Mr. Ambrosek:

As you know, the Department recently issued a report entitled "Republican River Basin – Report of Preliminary Findings." In that May 20, 2003 report I reached the preliminary conclusion that use of hydrologically connected groundwater and surface water is contributing to disputes over the Republican River Compact and will contribute to future disputes over that compact. A hearing to consider that report was held in your natural resources district in Imperial on June 24, 2003.

I have considered all the testimony and other evidence presented at that hearing and the hearings in the other three NRDs involved and have concluded that no further studies or investigations need to be conducted by me or on my behalf at this time. No changes have been made in the May 20, 2003 report and the preliminary findings and conclusions in that report are now considered final. In my opinion, it is therefore appropriate for our department and your district to proceed with the joint planning process authorized by Section 46-656.28.

Subsection (4) of Section 46-656.28 requires that your district determine by order whether to proceed with developing a joint action plan for integrated management. That determination is to be made within 90 days after the June 24 hearing unless further studies or investigations are conducted by me or on my behalf. Since I have determined that no such further studies or investigations are to be conducted, the decision required of your district is to be made on or before September 22, 2003.

On the assumption that your board will agree that a joint action plan should be prepared, I look forward to working with your board and staff and those of the other Republican Basin natural resources districts as we proceed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roger K. Patterson".

Roger K. Patterson  
Director

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cc: David Cookson  
Robert Hipple, Manager

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