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FROM: Carie B. Lynch
Administrative Secretary
RE: LEGAL NOTICE - Please publish:
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Please forward Proof of Publication for the following Order:

ORDER

BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN THE TRI-BASIN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS BY THE NEBRASKA REVISED STATUTE SECTIONS 46-656.01 TO 46-656.67, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Rules and Regulations of the Ground Water Management Area in the Tri-Basin Natural Resources District are modified.

1. The geographic boundary of such management area still coincides with the boundaries of the Tri-Basin Natural Resources District.
2. All rules and regulations pertaining to the administration of the management area are contained in the revised, "Rules and Regulations – Ground Water Management Area – Tri-Basin Natural Resources District" dated June 10, 2003 and are hereby adopted to administer the management area.
3. Significant changes to the previous version of the Rules and Regulations, dated April 14, 1998 are described below.

Changes and Additions

- A. Landowners will need to install permanent flowmeters on irrigation wells in the Republican River Basin portion of the district by December 2005. Landowners who have wells registered as "inactive" or who own wells that irrigate fewer than 15 total acres may apply to Tri-Basin NRD for an exemption from the flowmeter requirement.

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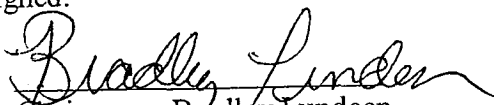
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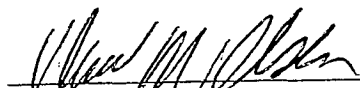
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- B. Landowners who want to pump groundwater off of overlying land must apply to the NRD for a permit to do so. The NRD board may choose to deny such permits or place conditions on them that limit the amount of water that can be pumped. The NRD board may also choose to restrict timing and location of delivery of transferred groundwater. If the NRD board approves such permits, applicants will be required to install flowmeters to measure said transfers.
 - C. Specifies that fertilizer application will be restricted district-wide between September 1 and November 1 (until March 1 on sandy soils) on spring planted crops only. Fertilizer may be applied at any time of year on pastures and fall planted crops (e.g., winter wheat).
 - D. Copies of soil sample lab analysis reports must be submitted along with crop reports.
 - E. Deep soil sampling will not be required when a crop will not require significant amounts of nitrogen fertilizer (e.g., soybeans).
 - F. Only people who are directly responsible for determining when and how much fertilizer to apply on a crop field must be certified.
 - G. Crop Reports only need to be submitted for irrigated crops.
 - H. Reduces the amount of information that must be submitted on crop reports for crops other than corn and potatoes.
4. The effective date of this order is August 15, 2003.
 5. A full text of these rules can be obtained, at no cost, by contacting:
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Signed:


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