

**Middle Republican NRD
GROUND WATER
MANAGEMENT AREA
And
INTEGRATED
MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**ORDER
October 10, 2006

Effective
December 1, 2006**

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Chapter 46, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, Article 7, the Ground Water Management and Protection Act, provides the authority for the designation of a Ground Water Management Area and the adoption of rules and regulations to administer that area. It also provides for the amendment of existing rules.
2. The current Rules and Regulations for the Ground Water Management Area and the Integrated Management Plan were adopted following a public hearing and become effective on January 1, 2005.
3. Notice of the September 12, 2006 Public Hearing on the proposed revisions was published in accordance with NRRS sections 46-718 and 46-743 in the following newspapers in the MRNRD:
 - (a) North Platte Telegraph
 - (b) McCook Gazette
4. Notice of the Public Hearing and a full copy of the proposed rules and regulations were posted on the District website at www.mrnrd.org. Copies of the proposed rules and regulations were also made available from the Middle Republican NRD office in Curtis, Nebraska at the time of publication of the newspaper notices.
5. Notice of the public hearing was provided to Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District, as a holder of an incidental or intentional underground water storage permit in portions of the MRNRD.
6. A public hearing was held in accordance with NRRS sections 46-718 and 46-743 on September 12th, 2006 as advertised. All parties present were given the opportunity to testify.
7. Persons wishing to provide written testimony were given until 5 P.M. on September 12th, 2006 to present that testimony. Copies of written testimony were provided to the Board of Directors for their consideration.
8. The Board considered all testimony and, in open session, at its regular board meeting on September 12th, 2006 approved the published rules.
9. The board considered all testimony presented at the public hearing or in writing and this testimony is part of the record on file at the NRD office in Curtis Nebraska.

BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN THE MIDDLE REPUBLICAN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS BY REISSUE REVISED STATUTES OF NEBRASKA, SECTIONS 46-701 TO 46-753, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. The Integrated Management Plan For The Middle Republican Natural Resources District and The Nebraska Department of Natural Resources refers to ground water related controls adopted and implemented in Chapters 1 through 5 of the Rules and Regulations of The Ground Water Management Area.
2. That all rules and regulations pertaining to the administration of the management area are contained within the "Rules and Regulations, Ground Water Management Area, Middle Republican Natural Resources District".
3. The Rules and Regulations of the GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA, Effective July 1, 1998 are hereby revised.
4. This order, the Rules and Regulations as amended and the Integrated Management Plan, including the ground water related controls contained therein, shall become effective December 1, 2006.

Gayle Haag, Chairman

Date

Christy Peterson, Secretary