

**Middle Republican NRD**

**ORDER**

**INTEGRATED  
MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**Effective  
November 1, 2010**

**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 Management Area and the adoption of rules and regulations to administer that area. It also provides for the amendment of existing rules.
2. The Ground Water Management and Protection Act provides the authority for the designation of an Integrated Management Plan. It also provides for the amendment of an existing plan.
3. In accordance with NRRS 46-718, the Department of Natural Resources and the Middle Republican NRD have agreed on goals and objectives, the geographic area, the surface water controls, the ground water controls and the plan to gather and evaluate data.
4. The Integrated management Plan for the Middle Republican Natural resources District and the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources became effective January 1, 2005
5. Notice of the June 8, 2010 Public Hearing on the proposed revisions to that plan 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
6. Notice of the Public Hearing and a full copy of the proposed revisions were posted on the District website at [www.mrnrd.org](http://www.mrnrd.org). Copies of the proposed revisions were also made available from the Middle Republican NRD office in Curtis, Nebraska at the time of publication of the newspaper notices.
7. A public hearing was held in accordance with NRRS sections 46-718 and 46-743 on January 8, 2010 as advertised. All parties present were given the opportunity to testify. Written testimony provided at the hearing is part of the official record.
8. Notice of a Public Hearing and a full copy of the proposed revisions were posted on the District website at [www.mrnrd.org](http://www.mrnrd.org).
9. The notice for these revisions noted that the Integrated Management Plan is a joint plan developed by the Middle Republican Natural Resources District and the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources.
10. Persons wishing to provide written testimony were given until 5 P.M. on June 8, 2010 to present that testimony. No written testimony was provided outside of the hearing.

11. Nebraska Department of Natural Resources staff were in attendance at the hearing and provided testimony. Their testimony is part of the permanent record.
12. Modifications to the plan presented at hearing were considered by the board and the substance of those modifications were minor in nature. Letters of agreement on these modifications were exchanged by the MRNRD and the NDNR.
13. The Board considered all testimony and, in open session, at their regular board meeting on August 2, 2010 adopted the revised Integrated Management Plan.

**ORDER**

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 46-754, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. The Nebraska Department of Natural Resources and the Middle Republican Natural Resources District have agreed to adopt the revisions to the Integrated Management Plan and to implement the proposed controls in accordance with NRRS 46-715 through 46-718.
2. The Integrated Management Plan established January 1, 2005 is hereby revised. The effective date of this revision is November 1, 2010
3. The Rapid Response Region sub-area is hereby designated as shown on Map 2. of the Integrated Management Plan.
4. Controls included in this plan could allow for the restriction or curtailment of pumping in the Rapid Response Region sub-area and restrictions in all other sub-areas of the district.
5. In accordance with 46-718, the District shall implement this plan by revising their rules and regulations for the Middle Republican NRD, Ground Water Management Area.
6. That all rules and regulations pertaining to the administration of the management area will be contained within the revised "Rules and Regulations for the Middle Republican NRD, Ground Water Management Area".