



NOTICE TO THE
 REPUBLICAN RIVER BASIN
 NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICTS
 OF THE POTENTIAL FOR
 WATER SHORT YEAR ADMINISTRATION IN 2010

Nebraska Department of Natural Resources

Pursuant to the Lower, Middle & Upper Republican Natural Resources Districts (“Districts”) and the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (“Department”) Integrated Management Plans and associated controls as adopted by the Districts, and as adopted by the Department; the Department hereby provides notice to the Districts of the potential for Water Short Year Administration in 2010.

Under the terms of the Final Settlement Stipulation, Water Short Year Administration will be in effect in those years in which the projected or actual irrigation supply is less than 119,000 acre-feet of storage available for use from Harlan County Lake as determined by the Bureau of Reclamation using the methodology described in the Harlan County Lake Operation Consensus Plan. Each year between October 1 and June 30, the Bureau of Reclamation will provide a monthly update of the projected or actual irrigation supply from Harlan County Lake for that irrigation season. The determination that Water Short Year Administration is or is not in effect will not become final until June 30, 2010. Details regarding this notice are provided in Table 1.

Table 1. Details Related to Notice

Irrigation supply projected by United States Bureau of Reclamation	Greater than 130,000 acre-feet
The water supply was projected using storage available as of:	February 28, 2010
Is Water Short Year Administration projected to be in effect?	No
Month of notice	March 2010



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Subject: 2010 Harlan County Lake (HCL) Water Supply Calculation

Dear Gentlemen:

As identified in the Final Settlement Stipulation, the Bureau of Reclamation computed the projected irrigation supply from HCL for the 2010 irrigation season to be greater than 130,000 acre-feet (AF) using the storage available on February 28, 2010. This would indicate "Water-Short Year Administration" would not be in effect with the irrigation supply being greater than 119,000 AF.

If you have any questions, please contact Marv Swanda at 308-345-1027.

Sincerely,

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