

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Middle Republican Natural Resources District will hold a public hearing for the purpose of receiving testimony with regard to proposed revisions to the rules and regulations for the Ground Water Management Area for the Middle Republican Natural Resources District. The hearing will be at the Curtis Community Center, 201 Garlick Avenue, in Curtis Nebraska on May 9, 2017, at 7:30 PM. Written testimony may be sent to the Middle Republican Natural Resources District at PO Box 81, Curtis, Nebraska, 69025. Written testimony will be accepted until the close of the hearing on May 9, 2017. The proposed amendments will be considered at the regular board meeting following the hearing.

The authority for these rules and regulations is the authority granted in the Nebraska Ground Water Management and Protection Act. NRRS 46-701 through 46-754. Public Hearing requirements are in NRRS 46-743. This amendment to the Rules and Regulations for the Ground Water Management Area primarily proposes a new allocation period for the 2018 through 2022 crop years, a five year allocation of 60 inches plus an allowable reserve of up to 12" (if you had it or as adjusted for penalties by overuse) from the 2013-2017 period.

The purpose of this management area is to (1) protect ground water quantity and (2) the prevention or resolution of conflicts between users of ground water and appropriators of surface water, which ground water and surface water are hydrologically connected through implementation of the goals and objectives identified in the Integrated Management Plan.

The geographic area is the entire Middle Republican Natural Resources District.

The purpose and geographic area of the Management Area are not changed.

Appendix 1. Establishes a new allocation period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2022.

This notice is only a general description of the contents of the proposed rules and regulations. The full text of these rules and regulations are available on the district website at mnrnd.org or may be obtained by contacting the Middle Republican NRD, PO Box 81, Curtis NE, 69025 or at 308-367-4281.

Publish for three consecutive weeks. The first publication shall be the week of April 17, 2017, the second publication the week of April 24, 2017 and the last publication shall be NO LATER THAN May 1, 2017