

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED REPUBLICAN RIVER BASIN-WIDE PLAN
BY UPPER REPUBLICAN, MIDDLE REPUBLICAN, LOWER REPUBLICAN,
AND TRI-BASIN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICTS
AND NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

Pursuant to *Neb. Rev. Stat. § 46-755*, the Upper Republican Natural Resources District (NRD), Middle Republican NRD, Lower Republican NRD, and Tri-Basin NRD (Districts) and the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (Department) hereby provide notice that the Districts and the Department shall hold public hearings at the following times and locations:

- **November 13, 2018, at 1:00 pm Mountain Time,**
at the Upper Republican NRD office,
511 E 5th St, Imperial, NE 69033;
- **November 13, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. Central Time,**
at the Curtis City Hall,
201 Garlick Ave, Curtis, NE 69025;
- **November 14, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. Central Time,**
at the Tri-Basin NRD office,
723 Burlington St, Holdrege, NE 68949; and
- **November 14, 2018, at 4:00 p.m. Central Time,**
Lower Republican NRD office,
30 North John Street, Alma, NE 68920.

As required by *Neb. Rev. Stat. § 46-755*, the purpose of the hearing is to take testimony on the proposed Republican River Basin-Wide Plan (Basin-Wide Plan). The geographic area of the Basin-Wide Plan is the extent of the Nebraska portion of the Republican River surface water basin. A general description of the contents of the sections of the proposed Basin-Wide Plan is: 1) introduction; 2) goals and objectives; 3) monitoring; 4) plan implementation schedule; 5) funding; 6) plan area; and 7) glossary. The plan includes the following appendices: A) local hydrology; B) data and information used; C) plan development; D) relevant history of water management; E) procedures for addressing conflicts; F) water management presentation materials; G) water market summary; H) allocation summary; and I) riparian evapotranspiration and removal of invasive vegetation. The proposed Basin-Wide Plan includes no controls.

Any interested person may appear at the hearing and present written or oral testimony concerning the proposed Basin-Wide Plan. Individuals with disabilities may request auxiliary aids and service necessary for participation by contacting the Districts or the Department by November 7, 2018. Testimony or other evidence relevant to the purposes of the hearing may also be submitted in writing by 5:00 pm, November 9, 2018, to any of the following:

- Upper Republican NRD
P.O. Box 1140, Imperial, NE 69033
- Middle Republican NRD
220 Center Ave, Curtis, NE 69025
- Lower Republican NRD
P.O. Box 618, Alma, NE 68920
- Tri-Basin NRD
1723 Burlington St, Holdrege, NE 68949
- Nebraska Department of Natural Resources,
P.O. Box 64676, Lincoln NE 68509-4676,
or by electronic mail at dnr.legalfile@nebraska.gov

The full text of the proposed Basin-Wide Plan may be obtained via the Upper Republican NRD's website (www.urnrd.org) or telephone (308-882-5173), the Middle Republican NRD's website (www.mrnrd.org) or telephone (308-367-4281), the Lower Republican NRD's website (www.lrnrd.org) or telephone (308-928-2182), the Tri-Basin NRD's website (www.tribasinnrd.org) or telephone (308-995-6688) , and the Department's website (dnr.nebraska.gov) or telephone (402-471-2363). Following the public hearing, the Districts and the Department will make a joint decision within 60 days of whether to implement the proposed Basin-Wide Plan with or without modifications.