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Please forward Proof of Publication for the following Notice of Hearing:

A public hearing will be held by the Tri-Basin Natural Resources District (NRD) Board of Directors on December 12, 2017 at 1:30 PM in the Board Room at the Tri-Basin NRD Office at 1723 Burlington Street in Holdrege, Nebraska. This hearing is being held to receive testimony from the public about whether to designate portions of the district for groundwater quality management, particularly: in Kearney County, Township 7N, R 16 W (Blaine) sections 1-36 inclusive, as Phase II for groundwater quality management. This designation is being considered because groundwater nitrate levels in wells sampled by Tri-Basin NRD in this township have exceeded 9 parts per million for three years. This township, therefore meets criteria in the Natural Resources District rules and regulations (rule 3.1.2) for designation as a phase II groundwater quality management area.

In Phelps County, Township 5N, R19W (Industry) Sections 1-22 and 27-34 are being considered for designation as Phase III for groundwater quality management. This designation is being considered because NRD groundwater quality data indicate that average groundwater nitrate levels in the Phase II portion township have not declined by at least one part per million since this township were designated as Phase II Groundwater Quality Management Areas in 1997, as required by rule 3.1.3. This township, therefore meets criteria in the Natural Resources District rules and regulations (rule

3.1.3) for designation as a phase III groundwater quality management area.

At said time and place, testimony will be received from all interested persons. Individuals with disabilities may request auxiliary aids and service necessary for participation by contacting the Tri-Basin NRD at (308) 995-6688. An agenda for the hearing is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the offices of Tri-Basin Natural Resources District at 1723 Burlington Street, Holdrege, Nebraska.

Copies of the district rules and regulations are available during normal business hours at the Tri-Basin NRD Office, 1723 Burlington St., Holdrege, Nebraska. District residents can also read the complete text of the proposed rules on the Tri-Basin NRD web site, <a href="https://www.tribasinnrd.org">www.tribasinnrd.org</a>, or receive a copy by mail by calling the NRD toll-free number, (877) 995-6688.