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RE: LEGAL NOTICE - Please publish three consecutive weeks:
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Public Hearing Notice

The Board of Directors (“Board”) of Tri-Basin Natural Resources District (“District, or NRD”) will hold a public hearing commencing at 10:30 AM on August 19, 2026 at the Regional Engagement Center, 2204 University Drive, Kearney, Nebraska. The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony from the public about proposed revisions to Tri-Basin NRD’s RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR MANAGEMENT AND PROTECTION OF LAND AND WATER RESOURCES.

The proposed rules and regulations revisions are intended to accomplish the following policy objectives:

- 1) Add, remove and revise definitions in Section One- GENERAL DEFINITIONS.
- 2) Simplify and expedite rules enforcement, as described in Section Two- GENERAL PROVISIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES.
- 3) Clarify and simplify rules for groundwater quality protection in Section 3- GROUNDWATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREA REGULATIONS.
- 4) Define setback requirements for protection of domestic wells in Section 4- WELL INTERFERENCE.
- 5) Clarify flowmeter configuration and rules enforcement in Section 6- GROUNDWATER USE DATA ACQUISITION.
- 6) Remove certain provisions related to inter-district transfers in Section 7- GROUND WATER TRANSFERS.

- 7) Revise provisions related to well construction permits and allocation of groundwater use in Phase 3 Groundwater Quantity Management Areas in Section 8- QUANTITY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA
- 8) RULES AND REGULATIONS.
- 9) Revise rules related to transfers of certified irrigated acres and the process associated with decertification of certified irrigated acres in Section 10- IRRIGATED LAND CERTIFICATION.
- 10) Renumbering of rules, correction of misspellings, statutory references and grammatical errors throughout the document to improve clarity and readability of the rules.

The proposed rules and regulations are available on the NRD website, www.tribasinprd.org, or interested parties can request a copy by visiting the NRD office (see address below), or by calling the NRD office toll-free (877) 995-6688.

All persons are encouraged to attend the hearing and offer testimony. Testimony may be provided verbally or in writing during the hearing. Written testimony may be delivered or mailed to Tri-Basin Natural Resources District, 1723 Burlington St., Holdrege, Nebraska, 68949.

Individuals with disabilities may request auxiliary aids and services necessary for participation by contacting the district office at the phone number and address listed above, at least two days in advance of the hearing.