

STATE OF NEBRASKA

DEPARTMENT OF WATER, ENERGY, AND ENVIRONMENT

**ORDER OF CANCELLATION IN FULL OF WATER APPROPRIATION A-17169**

WATER DIVISION 2-A

BACKGROUND

1. Records on file in the Department of Water, Energy, and Environment (Department) show that surface water appropriation A-17169 is held by **Ambrose P. Podraza**.
2. Appropriation A-17169 with a priority date of **April 15, 1992**, authorizes the use of water for irrigation of the **20.9 acres** of land described below. The water may be diverted from **Shell Creek** at points of diversion located in the **NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>** of **Section 14, Township 18 North, Range 02 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. in Platte County**. The rate that water may be diverted shall not exceed one cubic foot per second (cfs) for every **70 acres** irrigated at a maximum combined rate of **0.30 cfs** from all points of diversion.

<u>Township 18 North, Range 02 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. in Platte County</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Section 14: SW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> NE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	0.4
SE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> NE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	1.2
NW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> SE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	6.7
NE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> SE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	<u>12.6</u>
TOTAL	20.9

3. The Department has received information concerning the use of surface water appropriation A-17169 that indicates the appropriation has not been used for its required purpose for more than five consecutive years.
4. On February 25, 2026, the Department issued a Notice of Preliminary Determination of Nonuse of appropriation A-17169. The Notice was delivered by certified mail to Ambrose P. Podraza, 3318 50<sup>th</sup> Street, Columbus, Nebraska 68601 and Stacey Rae Brockhaus, c/o Ambrose P. Podraza, 3318 50<sup>th</sup> Street, Columbus, Nebraska 68601.
5. No contest of the Preliminary Determination of Nonuse was received in the Department.
6. The Department has determined that appropriation A-17169 has not been used for its required purpose for more than five consecutive years.
7. Nebraska Revised Statutes § 46-229.02 provides that an appropriation not used for a beneficial purpose for more than five consecutive years may be cancelled.

**ORDER**

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** appropriation A-17169 is **CANCELLED**.

DEPARTMENT OF WATER, ENERGY, AND ENVIRONMENT



April 27, 2026

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Matthew T. Manning, PE, JD  
Chief Water Officer

A copy of this Order was posted on the Department's website. Copies of this Order were provided to the Department's docket clerk and field office in Norfolk, Nebraska. A copy of this Order was mailed to the following:

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