

**Notice of Public Meeting of the Platte Basin Coalition &
Meeting Related to the Basin-Wide Plan for Joint Integrated Water Resources
Management of Overappropriated Portions of the Upper Platte River Basin,
Nebraska**

The Central Platte Natural Resources District (NRD), North Platte NRD, South Platte NRD, Tri-Basin NRD, Twin Platte NRD (collectively, the Upper Platte Basin NRDs), and the Nebraska Department of Water, Energy, and Environment (Department) hereby provide notice that a public meeting will be held at the Twin Platte NRD Office, 3021 E Philip Ave, North Platte, NE 69101, and virtually via Zoom, on Thursday, August 6, 2026, at 1 p.m. Central Time. A link to the Zoom teleconference will be available upon request from the Department and the Upper Platte Basin NRDs. This public meeting will consist of a basin-wide annual meeting as required by the Upper Platte Basin-Wide Plan followed by a meeting of the Platte Basin Coalition.

The Platte Basin Coalition's purpose is to create a cooperative body to assist the Upper Platte Basin NRDs and the Department with resource management and efficient implementation of the Basin-Wide Plan and the individual integrated management plans for the overappropriated area of the Platte River Basin.

As expressed in Goal 5, Objective 5.1 of the Basin-Wide Plan, the purpose of the annual meeting is to review progress toward achieving the goals and objectives of the Plan and the portions of individual NRD integrated management plans (IMPs) that implement the Basin-Wide Plan. The agenda will include discussions of: 1) any proposed revisions to the Basin-Wide Plan; 2) any proposed revisions to the individual IMPs; 3) new data and information; 4) reports of ongoing monitoring of actions taken by the NRDs and the Department; 5) disputes related to implementation of the IMPs; 6) any other topic on which both the Department and Upper Platte Basin NRDs have agreed; and 7) a public comment period.

Any interested person may attend the meeting and comment during the public comment period. Additionally, any groundwater user, surface water appropriator, NRD, or the Department may send a written request to one of the Upper Platte Basin NRDs or the Department to propose revisions to the Basin-Wide Plan by the close of business on July 6, 2026. Persons sending a written request for changes to the Basin-Wide Plan will be given the opportunity for input during the public meeting. Groundwater users, surface water appropriators, the Upper Platte Basin NRDs, and the Department may also present data and other supporting information at the annual meeting identifying what they regard as disputes between groundwater users and surface water appropriators. Written requests may be submitted by regular mail or electronic mail to any of the following:

Central Platte Natural Resources District (CPNRD), 215 Kaufman Ave, Grand Island, NE 68803-4915, email vogt@cpnrd.org;

North Platte Natural Resources District (NPNRD), 100547 Airport Rd, PO Box 280, Scottsbluff, NE 69363-0280, email sschaneman@npnrd.org;

South Platte Natural Resources District (SPNRD), 551 Parkland Dr, PO Box 294, Sidney, NE 69162-0294, email gwittrock@spnrd.org;

Tri-Basin Natural Resources District (TBNRD), 1723 Burlington St, Holdrege, NE 68949, e-mail jthorburn@tribasinncrd.org;

Twin Platte Natural Resources District (TPNRD), 3021 E Philip Ave, PO Box 1347, North Platte, NE 69103-1347, email aboyce@tpnrd.org;

Nebraska Department of Water, Energy, and Environment, 245 Fallbrook Blvd., Suite 100, Lincoln, NE 68521, email sam.capps@nebraska.gov.

All written requests must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. CDT, July 6, 2026. A copy of the Basin-Wide Plan and each Upper Platte Basin NRD IMP can be found online at: <https://dwee.nebraska.gov/water-planning/upper-platte-river-basin>. An agenda of the matters to be considered at the meeting and supporting documents will be available for public inspection on July 23, 2026, during normal business hours at the offices of the NRDs and the Department and at the following website: <https://dwee.nebraska.gov/water-planning/upper-platte-basin-wide-meetings-and-annual-reports>. Please refer to the addresses above or the websites and phone numbers listed below for further information.

CPNRD: <https://www.cpnrd.org> or phone (308) 385-6282

NPNRD: <https://www.npnrd.org> or phone (308) 632-2749

SPNRD: <https://www.spnrd.org> or phone (308) 254-2377

TBNRD: <https://www.tribasinncrd.org> or phone (308) 995-6688

TPNRD: <https://tpnrd.org> or phone (308) 535-8080

Department: <https://www.dwee.nebraska.gov> or phone (402) 471-2186

Individuals with disabilities may request auxiliary aids and services necessary for participation by contacting Sam Capps at the Nebraska Department of Water, Energy, and Environment, 245 Fallbrook Blvd., Suite 100, Lincoln, NE 68521, telephone (402) 471-0376 or email sam.capps@nebraska.gov.