

NOTICE OF HEARING

In the Matter of the Designation of the Groundwater Management District No. 4 District-Wide Local Enhanced Management Area In Cheyenne, Decatur, Rawlins, Gove, Graham, Logan, Sheridan, Sherman, Thomas, and Wallace Counties in Kansas

Pursuant to K.S.A. 82a-1041, the Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 4 (GMD #4) has recommended the approval of a Local Enhanced Management Area (LEMA) Management Plan in a designated area in Cheyenne, Decatur, Rawlins, Gove, Graham, Logan, Sheridan, Sherman, Thomas, and Wallace counties and comprising the entire area within the boundaries of GMD #4 (GMD #4 LEMA). The LEMA Management Plan was submitted to the Chief Engineer for review and found to be acceptable for consideration.

An initial public hearing was held on August 23, 2017 in Colby, Kansas where it was determined the proposed LEMA Management Plan met one or more of the circumstances specified in K.S.A. 82a-1036(a) through (d), that it is in the public interest to require corrective control provisions, and that the geographic boundaries are reasonable. The initial order is available online at <http://agriculture.ks.gov/lema>.

Since the initial hearing officer found the three issues set forth in K.S.A. 82a-1041 are satisfied, the Chief Engineer shall hold a second public hearing to determine if the corrective controls proposed in the LEMA Management Plan shall be accepted, rejected, or if modifications should be proposed. This second public hearing shall take place on November 14, 2017 and will begin at 9:00 a.m. The hearing shall be held at the City Limits Convention Center, 2227 South Range, Colby, Kansas 67701 (Exit 53 on I-70). The hearing may continue as long as necessary for a full disclosure of relevant facts.

The Chief Engineer shall serve as hearing officer to determine if the area should be designated and if GMD #4's proposed LEMA plan for the area should be adopted. Anyone may submit written or oral statements to be included in the record of this hearing. Oral statements will be accepted only at the public hearing. Written statements may be submitted at the public hearing or be sent to the GMD #4 LEMA; c/o Ronda Hutton; 1320 Research Park Drive, Manhattan, Kansas 66502, faxed to (785) 564-6777, or e-mailed to ronda.hutton@ks.gov. Written comments will be accepted if delivered on or before Tuesday, November 28, 2017. The proposed LEMA Management Plan may be viewed online at <http://agriculture.ks.gov/lema>.

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