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DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

David W. Barfield, Chief Engineer

NOTICE OF HEARING

In the Matter of the Designation of The Sheridan 6 Local Enhanced Management Area (LEMA) In Sheridan and Thomas Counties in Kansas

12 WATER 8366

Pursuant to K.S.A. 2012 Supp.82a-1041, the Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 4 (GMD #4) has recommended the approval of a local enhanced management plan (LEMA) in a designated area in Sheridan and Thomas counties and within the boundaries of the GMD #4 (Sheridan 6 LEMA). The LEMA plan was submitted to the chief engineer for review and has been the subject of an initial hearing pursuant to K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 82a-1041. The finding by the hearing officer from that initial hearing was that the Sheridan 6 Local Enhanced Management Area proposal satisfies the three initial requirements for approval as set forth in K.S.A. 82a-1041.

Therefore, the chief engineer has scheduled a second public hearing to consider the Sheridan 6 LEMA at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 28, 2012. The hearing will be held at the Sheridan County Courthouse, 925 9th Street in Hoxie, Kansas. The hearing will consider whether to accept, reject, or suggest modifications to the proposed LEMA. The hearing is scheduled for one day and 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 the GMD's proposed local enhanced management plan for the area be adopted.

Anyone may submit written or oral statements to be included in the hearing record. Oral statements will be accepted only at the public hearing. Written statements may be submitted at the public hearing or be sent to the Sheridan 6 LEMA; c/o Leslie Garner; 109 SW 9th Street, 4th Floor; Topeka, Kansas 66612, faxed to (785) 368-6668, or e-mailed to leslie.garner@kda.ks.gov. Written comments will be accepted if delivered or postmarked on or before Tuesday, December 4, 2012.

Interested members of the public are encouraged to attend the public hearing.

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A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "David W. Barfield".

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