

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

**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**

ORDER SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE

Now on this 17th day of July 2017, the following date and parameters are set for a prehearing conference in the above-captioned matter. The prehearing conference will take place at 2:00 p.m., on July 19, 2017, and will be conducted by telephone. The parties are instructed to dial in at the appointed time using the number 866-620-7326 (Conference Code: 5913408276#).

Parties. The agency whose orders constitute the agency action is the Kansas Department of Agriculture, Division of Water Resources; 1320 Research Drive, Manhattan, Kansas, 66502. The agency will be represented by Aaron Oleen, Staff Attorney (785-564-6738). Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 4 will be represented by Ray Luhman, District Manager (785-462-3915), and Adam C. Dees, Attorney with Clinkscales Elder Law Practice, P.A (785-625-8040).

Nature of the Prehearing Conference. This matter involves the recommendation by the Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 4 to the Kansas Department of Agriculture's Division of Water Resources for the designation of a Local Enhanced Management Area pursuant to K.S.A. 82a-1041. In accordance with that statute, an initial hearing has been set for August 23, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. in Colby, Kansas. The prehearing conference to be held July 19, 2017, will address preliminary matters such as a witness and exhibit lists, order of presentation, procedures for submission of public comments and any other logistical matters relevant to the initial hearing.

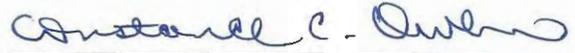
During the prehearing conference, the parties will *not* address the merits of the factual matters to be resolved through the initial hearing process. Those factual matters, specified in K.S.A. 82a-1041(b), are:

(1) Whether one or more of the circumstances specified in K.S.A. [82a-1036\(a\)](#) through (d), and amendments thereto, exist;

(2) whether the public interest of K.S.A. 82a-1020, and amendments thereto, requires that one or more corrective control provisions be adopted; and

(3) whether the geographic boundaries are reasonable.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



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Certificate of Service

On this 17th day of July 2017, I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Order Setting Prehearing Conference regarding "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", was sent by electronic mail to the following:

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