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Mike Beam, Secretary

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October 16, 2020

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Re: Notice of Hearing  
In the Matter of the Designation of the Wichita County Local Enhanced Management Area  
in Wichita County, Kansas  
Water Right File No(s): [merge: File Nos]

Dear [Merge: name]

Pursuant to K.S.A. 82a-1041, the Western Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 1 (GMD 1) has recommended the approval of a Local Enhanced Management Area (LEMA) Management Plan in Wichita County, within the boundaries of GMD 1 (WHC LEMA). The WHC LEMA Management Plan was submitted to the Chief Engineer for review and found to be acceptable for consideration.

The initial public hearing to consider the WHC LEMA Management Plan was held on August 14, 2020. The Chief Engineer determined by order dated September 16, 2020 that the three initial requirements for approval set forth in K.S.A. 82a-1041 are satisfied; the area within the proposed boundaries of the WHC LEMA meets 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 in that area, and that the proposed geographic boundaries of the area are reasonable. The initial order is available online at: <http://agriculture.ks.gov/whcl>.

The Chief Engineer will now hold a second public hearing to determine whether the proposed corrective control provisions in the WHC LEMA Management Plan are sufficient to address the circumstances specified in K.S.A. 82a-1036(a) through (d) and whether the proposed WHC LEMA Management Plan shall be accepted or rejected or if modifications should be proposed. This second public hearing will take place on November 20, 2020, beginning at 9:00 a.m. (Central Time). The virtual-hybrid hearing will provide the opportunity for in-person oral statements at the St. Anthony Catholic Church Parish Hall, 600 S. Fourth Street, in Leoti, Kansas and virtual online participation through Zoom or similar virtual meeting software. The hearing will continue as long as necessary for a full disclosure of relevant facts. The hearing will also be broadcast live via the Kansas Department of Agriculture's YouTube Channel.

The Chief Engineer will serve as the hearing officer and will determine if the area should be designated and if GMD 1's proposed WHC LEMA Management Plan 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. Advanced sign-up is not required to make oral statements at the in-person site in Leoti, Kansas. Anyone desiring to participate via Zoom by providing oral statements or by making a visual presentation must submit their request at least 24 hours prior to the hearing by notifying Ronda Hutton at (785) 564-6715 or by e-mail at [ronda.hutton@ks.gov](mailto:ronda.hutton@ks.gov). A copy of any visual presentation must also be submitted 24 hours in advance of this hearing. Written statements may be submitted at the public hearing or sent to WHC 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](mailto:ronda.hutton@ks.gov). Written statements will be accepted if delivered on or before Friday, December 4, 2020.

Interested members of the public are encouraged to attend this hearing in person or virtually. A copy of the proposed WHC LEMA Management Plan and related documents are available online and a link to the live broadcast of the hearing will be posted at: <http://agriculture.ks.gov/whcl>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christopher W. Beightel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Christopher W. Beightel, P.E.  
Acting Chief Engineer, Division of Water Resources  
Kansas Department of Agriculture

cc: Western Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 1  
Mike Meyer, Garden City Field Office