

The **Pipeling** Newsletter

SOUTH PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

Programs Offer Options To CRP Contract Expiration By Maintaining Grasslands

For many months District officials have been working with those from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, and other agencies over concerns of the potential retirement of more than 778,000 acres of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) within the District by 2013.

In the South Platte NRD, most retirements started in October 2009 and continue through 2011. In that time frame more than 101,000 acres in contracts could retire. Of those, 70,870 are in Kimball County, the most in the state. Cheyenne County has 22,406 acres and Deuel County 8,233 acres expiring.

In the process of seeking solutions, conservation officials explored a number of options to ensure highly erodible land remains in cover, yet continues to produce income for owners.

SPNRD Chair Keith Rexroth, who also chairs the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission, was among those lobbying to add perimeter fencing to practices eligible for cost-share assistance through the Nebraska Soil and Water

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Court Dismisses Lawsuit Against District Over Basin-Wide IMP

On April 7, 2010 Cheyenne County District Court Judge Derek C. Weimer granted the South Platte NRD's (the District) motion to dismiss a lawsuit filed by the Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District (Central). Central alleged in its suit that the District's approval of the Basin-Wide Integrated Management Plan (BWIMP) harmed Central's interests.



Students in Mrs. Egging's fourth grade class from Leyton Elementary were among nearly 200 students at this year's Groundwater Festival, where they got to learn and play at the Fantastic Fun River Run.

Students Help Celebrate 20th Anniversary Of Western Nebraska Children's Groundwater Festival

Nearly 200 students participated in the Western Nebraska Children's Groundwater Festival on April 14 at the Cheyenne County Community Center and the Lodgepole Valley Youth Camp.

Since its inception, the Festival has used a combination of demonstrations, hands-on activities and games to help teach fourth grade students about water.

"The students have already learned a lot about the hydrological cycle and other facts about water," says Don Ogle, SPNRD information and education coordinator. "What we are hoping to do is give them additional information and real-world applications they can use to grow into good stewards."

The Festival, developed by Karen De-
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Required under LB 962 for management of overappropriated areas, the BWIMP was jointly approved by the five Platte River Basin Natural Resources Districts (NRDs) and the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (the Department), and became effective on September 11, 2009. Central also sued the other four Platte River Basin NRDs and the Department in separate actions.

Those lawsuits are pending.

In its lawsuit, Central alleged that among other things, that its interests were not considered when the District's Board of Directors adopted the BWIMP. Central requested the Court to order the District to grant Central a hearing, to reverse or modify the BWIMP, and to order the District to adopt rules and

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Wellhead Protection Areas Are Focus Of 319 Program

The South Platte NRD has been proceeding with programs made possible by a Section 319 grant from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which is administered by the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ). The grant allowed the SP-NRD to develop a position to administer the grant and coordinate wellhead protection-focused activities.

Ryan Reisdorff has returned to take on duties as Water Resources Programs Specialist. He previously served the NRD for six years, first as Natural Resources Coordinator, then as Water Resources Coordinator.



Ryan Reisdorff

A wide-ranging number of programs are encompassed under Ryan's duties, working with both the District's towns and villages, and their rural neighbors in a variety of programs to protect the District's Wellhead Protection Areas.

Water program areas under Ryan's coordination include:

Municipal

The main focus of the Section 319

grant is to work with communities and NDEQ to establish Wellhead Protection Area Plans within the District. The goal of a Wellhead Protection Area Plan is to prevent ground water pollution in and around municipal wells which would make them unusable. A Wellhead Protection Area is an area defined by NDEQ that is vital to protect active municipal wells. A Wellhead Protection Area Plan helps identify potential contaminant sources within the area and develops a forward looking plan to manage potential contaminants.

Home Owners

The Section 319 grant also has dollars available to support the District's Cash for Grass program for the next two years. The Cash for Grass program encourages home owners on a municipal water system or within a Wellhead Protection Area to convert high water use lawns to buffalo grass, or install buffalo grass rather than cool season grasses when establishing a lawn. This program helps reduce the amount of fertilizers and chemicals applied to lawns, and also reduces water consumption.

Farm/Ranch

Another large aspect of the Section 319 grant is supplemental dollars for

cost share programs within Wellhead Protection Areas. Farmers and ranchers with land lying within a Wellhead Protection Area may be eligible to receive up to 100% cost share for certain conservation practices. Some practices include installing trees or grass, buffer strips, grassed waterways, and a variety of irrigation management practices that will help improve ground water quality.

Education

Additional components of the Section 319 grant also include a variety of other items. At least one new demonstration will be added to the Western Nebraska Children's Ground Water Festival. The District will be able to buy up to 200 Water Wise kits for area schools interested in learning more about ground water. Finally, the District will work with local groups to establish new Ground Water Guardian teams within the District.

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regulations to specifically provide for a hearing on the BWIMP.

In its motion to dismiss, the District maintained that, among other things, Central did not have the requisite standing under Nebraska law to sue the District over its adoption of the BWIMP.

Judge Weimer, in his order dismissing Central's lawsuit, cited several cases decided by the Nebraska Supreme Court regarding aggrieved parties and whether Central had the standing, or the legal or equitable right, title or interest, in the subject of the controversy.

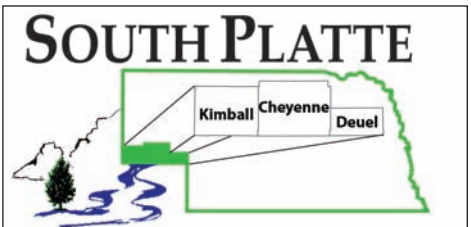
Judge Weimer determined that the BWIMP did not directly impact the surface water appropriations of Central because Central's facilities and system lie outside the political boundaries of the District.

Judge Weimer found that Central

lacks the requisite standing under Nebraska law to bring a lawsuit against the District as a result of the adoption of the BWIMP.

Because the Court ruled that Central lacked standing, it declined to rule on other defenses that the District raised to Central's lawsuit.

"We are very pleased with Judge Weimer's ruling," says Rod Horn, general manager of the District. "The District's Board of Directors followed the proper procedures and made, along with the other four Platte River Basin NRDs and the Department, the best decision under the circumstances in developing and approving the BWIMP. As we move forward, the District will continue to seek the best solutions possible to manage and protect the water resources within the District."



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Chemigation Permit Renewals Due June 1

Nebraska law requires anyone who chemigates (applies fertilizer or other agricultural chemicals through an irrigation system) to follow a number of regulations.

The first requirement is for operators to obtain certification from the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality. Certification depends on the applicant attending an educational course sponsored by UNL Extension. Courses are provided through Extension each year.

Anybody who chemigates also must have a chemigation permit to indicate that the chemigation system includes

required devices to protect groundwater from chemical spills and prevent personal injury. Natural resources districts issue the permits, which are good for one year.

Chemigation permits must be renewed on or before June 1st if you plan on chemigating this year. Operators who had chemigation permits last year were sent reminders regarding renewal. If the June 1st deadline is not met, a new permit must be obtained before any chemigation takes place.

Once you have completed the necessary information and signed the application, please return the application(s)

along with the renewal fee of \$10.00 per application to the NRD before June 1st. Checks should be made payable to the South Platte NRD.

If you are considering chemigating through other irrigation systems not permitted last year, application forms are available at our office at 551 Parkland Drive, Sidney; the Extension Service offices; and the Natural Resources Conservation Service offices in Cheyenne and Kimball Counties. The permit fee for new applications is \$30.00 each.

Each application for renewal will be subject to inspection of chemigation safety equipment.

FESTIVAL *Lessons, Activities Provided For Tomorrow's Stewards*

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Boer from UNL Extension and SPNRD General Manager Rod Horn, began with a handful of stations held in the shelter house at Sidney's Legion Park. Since then, it has grown to more than a dozen activities at the community center and the youth camp.

The Festival's success is shown in a couple of ways. Since it began, about 5,000 students have participated in the event. Second, classes are occasionally asked to participate in pre- and post-testing to measure the effectiveness of the teaching. Students typically score around 30-35 percent higher following the Festival.

"The key to the Festival's success is our volunteers," says Ogle. "We have more than 30 professionals from all over the state who give their day to share the information they use every day in water and resources management."

Additional volunteers, such as 4-H Junior Leaders, provide extra hands that help the programs run smoothly.

"There is a lot of information given to the students throughout the day," says Ogle. "The volunteers we have do a very good job of mixing teaching and fun to make it interesting."

One of those lessons, "Our Water In Jeopardy," is a game patterned after the popular game show, where students test their knowledge in team competition.

"Water Tricks," "Fun With Water," and



Among the hands-on opportunities fourth grade students have at the Groundwater Festival is learning how sediments and nitrates mix in water.

"Well In A Cup" allow students hands-on activities where they can experiment and learn water's properties.

Water conservation is learned through lessons "Let's Get Waterwise" and "Recycling and Groundwater."

Protecting water from contamination is learned through several sections, including "Nitrates In Your Water" and "Enviroscape."

Several of the stations have a general focus, but a number of them provide information on several of the topics.

This year students were treated to a new learning experience at the "Fantastic Fun River Run." The River Run is a sort of large game board, and challeng-

es students to interact pertaining to the ecological balance in a theoretical river basin. Participants see how water is affected, beginning with melting snow pack and turning into a river that travels through varying user areas.

"As we evaluate the Festival and its stations, we continue to work to keep things up to date and interesting for the students," says Ogle. "We're just glad to be able to bring forth this valuable information. We know by their interest and participation that we have a continuing line of young people who will help us protect our natural resources in the future."

Trust Grant Allows District To Expand Well Monitoring Network

South Platte NRD will receive \$168,000 from the Nebraska Environmental Trust for "Expanding the Hydrogeological Framework for Selected Areas of the South Platte Natural Resources District."

The Trust Board announced funding for the project at its meeting on April 1, 2010 in Lincoln. This is the first year of award with a potential for second and third year funding totaling \$529,190. The project is one of the 88 projects receiving \$14,970,328 in grant awards from the Nebraska Environmental Trust this year.

Using the funds, the SPNRD will install additional monitoring wells within the District. The information gained through additional ground water measurements, coupled with related geophysical surveys, will help provide long term ground-water monitoring in crucial areas within the District.

The South Platte NRD is unique to Nebraska, managing three separate aquifer formations, the Brule, Ogallala, and Alluvium respectively. Data on water level and water quality changes are gathered from all formations for future management needs because the aquifers have different properties and geology. The aquifer systems within the district are fragile environments and concern about changes in surface-groundwater relationships, groundwater recharge, and ground water quantity and quality have prompted the District to expand its efforts in collection and analysis of groundwater data for its water management programs.

The SPNRD is currently developing the Western Water Use Ground Water Model, using the Cooperative Hydrology Study (COHYST) ground water model for base reference and adding SPNRD-specific information to the model. Another tool the District is using is Helicopter Electromagnetic (HEM) surveys to aid in management decisions. Although these are helpful, they are still missing crucial water level data in certain areas of the District.

With the help of this grant, the SPNRD plans to begin an improved program for water quality sampling and a better picture of water level data. Dedicated monitoring wells can provide unaltered samples and levels from distinct zones within the aquifer(s). Monitoring well installation and water level-water quality information will be a large part of the District's foundation for setting future management needs as well as protecting water resources.

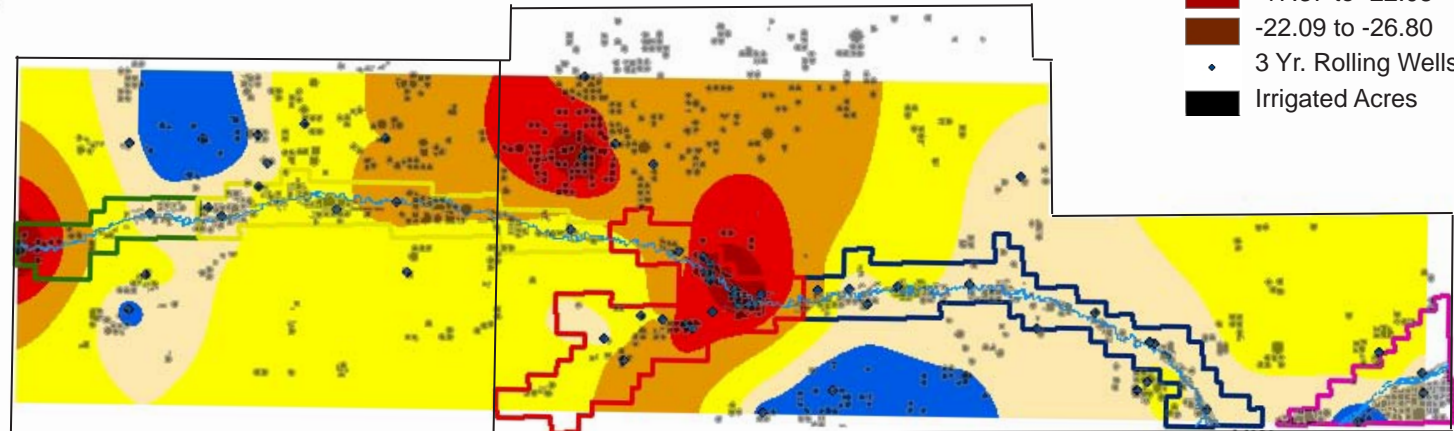
The Nebraska Legislature created the Nebraska Environmental Trust in 1992. Using revenue from the Nebraska Lottery, the Trust has provided over \$157 million in grants to 1,231 projects across the state. Anyone – citizens, organizations, communities, farmers and businesses – can apply for funding to protect habitat, improve water quality and establish recycling programs in Nebraska. The Nebraska Environmental Trust works to preserve, protect and restore our natural resources for future generations.



SPNRD 3 Year Rolling Averages Spring 2010

Average difference between 1988-1997 ground water level averages and 2008-2010 ground water level averages in feet = 3 yr. rolling average.

Mapping Note: The map shows areas within our district where there are no monitoring wells present. The further the distance between two points, the interpolated surface will average out this bias rather than preserve it. White areas shown in the District's counties do not contain monitoring wells used in the averages. To more accurately track overall levels and trends, the District is working to add wells within designated areas.



Subarea	# of Wells	3 Yr. Rolling Avg.	Allocation
Pine Bluffs to Oliver	2	-13.71 feet	14"/yr., 48" over 3 yrs.
Oliver to Buffalo Bend	6	-5.17 feet	16"/yr., 54" over 3 yrs.
Buffalo Bend to Sidney	19	-15.88 feet	14"/yr., 48" over 3 yrs.
Sidney to Colo. Line	9	-2.72 feet	16"/yr., 54" over 3 yrs.
South Platte Valley	4	-2.42 feet	20"/yr., 80" over 4 yrs.
Fully Appropriated Area	20	-3.82 feet	20"/yr., 80" over 4 yrs.

Spring Ground Water Levels Average Slightly Higher

South Platte NRD staff members recently completed spring ground water measurements at observation wells located throughout the District. Each year water level readings are taken in early spring and again in the fall.

The measurements are used to monitor trends in the aquifers. Fall readings give an idea of how much levels are drawn down during the high-use summer season and spring readings show where levels are stabilizing during the winter.

By using the combination of the readings, SPNRD officials are able to determine how effective the District's water management practices have been, and if adjustments need to be made.

District officials track year-to-year measurements, and also keep a close watch on long-range readings. In many instances,

long range readings indicate the District's wells remain below their best levels.

This year's report shows one year ground water levels in Cheyenne County inclined 2.02 feet on average with 17.71 percent of wells measured showing declines. Deuel County showed an average incline of 1.76 feet with 8.7 percent of measured wells showing declines. Kimball County showed 36.36 percent of measured wells declining with an average decline of 0.51 feet.

Five year results show the largest decline in Kimball County with an average decline of 1.84 feet and 75.8 percent of wells showing a decline. Cheyenne County has an average decline of 0.63 feet with 58.3 percent of wells showing a decline. Deuel County has an average incline of 1.53 feet with 21.7 percent of wells showing a decline.

Twenty year results show the largest decline in Cheyenne County, where average water levels show a 8.37 foot drop compared to 1991 levels. Deuel County has an average decline of 0.36 feet while Kimball County averages show a 4.45 foot decline. Overall, twenty year results for the entire district show that 75 percent of wells have declined.

Thirty year results show an incline compared to twenty year results, respectively. Kimball County wells dropped an average of 3.04 feet while Deuel County well averages showed an incline of 1.08 feet. The largest decline is in Cheyenne County where wells had an average of a 4.22 foot decline.

The full report can be seen by contacting the SPNRD or on the Website, www.spnrd.org.

Landowners in select areas of the District can learn more about the water levels on their property while helping the District monitor overall area levels by becoming part of the SPNRD Water Well Monitoring Network. If you're willing to allow your wells to be used as part of the network, contact Chris Kaiser.

Habitat, Stream Flows Benefit From Trust Grant Toward PBHEP

The South Platte NRD is one of several Platte Basin Natural Resources Districts (NRDs) that will benefit from a \$725,000 grant from the Nebraska Environmental Trust for the "Platte Basin Habitat Enhancement Project".

The Trust Board announced funding for the project, which is administered through the Central Platte NRD, at its meeting on April 1, 2010 in Lincoln. This is the second year of award with a potential for third year funding totaling \$3,000,000.

The Platte Basin Habitat Enhancement Project (PBHEP) will enable the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission (Commission), the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources and the Platte Basin NRDs to implement components of the Nebraska Natural Legacy Project in the Platte River Basin from the Colorado and Wyoming state lines to Columbus, Nebraska.

The Legacy Program has designated the expansion of grassland habitats and their associated habitats along the length of the North Platte River, the South Platte River and the Platte River as a priority in its state conservation strategy.

To enhance the availability of native grasslands and in-stream flows for fish and wildlife and increase the resilience and sustainability of both agricultural and native habitats in the Platte Basin ecosystem, the PBHEP will purchase irrigation water rights on a willing seller basis and convert the land irrigated by the water right to either native habitat or a dryland farming operation. Currently-used federal programs have achieved some level of temporary retirement of irrigation rights to create habitat and enhance instream flows; however, there is a need for more irrigation retirement.



Using the federal programs as a base, funds from the Nebraska Environmental Trust will be combined with local and state dollars to provide added incentives to convert these temporary contracts into permanent contracts that will provide aquifer recharge, and stream flows in perpetuity and native grassland habitat for at least the life of the federal program contracts (10-15 years).

The Commission and the NRDs working with other partners will develop individual habitat management plans suitable to each local ecosystem and the landowners' operation. They will provide education opportunities throughout the basin to encourage other landowners to initiate their own habitat enhancement plans.

By enhancing native habitats in the Platte Basin, the project will increase the sustainability of both native and agricultural ecosystems, provide additional hunting, fishing and recreational opportunities, and diversify the income base of people in the Platte Basin and the State of Nebraska.

Educational Opportunities

Grades 6-8

This June, students who have completed sixth, seventh, or eighth grade can attend Adventure Camp about the Environment (ACE), which promises both fun and adventure while learning about the environment around them.

Sponsored by Nebraska's Natural Resources Districts, the camp hosts many of the state's leaders in the areas of soil and land, water resources, forestry, range and grassland, and wildlife and aquatics to share their knowledge.

During the camp, students will have a chance to roll up their sleeves and dig into nature, forming new understanding of environment through interactive participation. In addition, the students will have a chance to enjoy that environment through activities such as the water slide, canoeing, climbing, and other adventures. Students will also learn about possible natural resources careers from the professionals who work there every day.

The camp is at the State 4-H Youth Camp at Halsey June 20th-23rd. Camp cost is \$175.00 and registrations are due May 1, 2010.

The District has learned late registrations may be accepted. Contact us to learn more.

Age 14-18

Students age 14-18 can attend the Nebraska Range Youth Camp. The camp is sponsored by the Nebraska Section of the Society for Range Management, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, IANR and UNL Extension.

The camp's purpose is to provide education to young people in Nebraska who are interested in rangelands and practical range management.

The program emphasizes plant-soil-animal relationships, range livestock management, ranching, economics, and wildlife habitat management.

Field activities include a forest tour, a ranch visit, and numerous hands-on exercises designed to introduce and develop the skills important for range management and range judging.

The camp will be held at the State 4-H Camp in Halsey, Nebraska on June 7 through June 11, 2010. Cost is \$275.00 and registration is due May 21, 2010.

Scholarships are available from SPNRD.



K-12 Educators

The South Platte NRD is hosting a Teacher's Education Workshop at the NRD on July 7 and 8, 2010.

The program being used is from Project Food, Land & People (FLP). Established in 1988, FLP helps pre-K-12th grade educators and students better understand the interrelationships among agriculture, the environment and people through lessons in math, science, health, consumer education, social studies and geography.

The course, set to meet current educational standards, provides educators with quality balanced and easily-integrated classroom materials focusing on the complexity and interdependence of agricultural, environmental, economic, and cultural issues. Classroom instruction and field trips are included. Individuals taking this course will have preparation and instructions for 55 hands-on classroom lessons and curriculum.

The District, working in conjunction with ESU 14 in Sidney, has applied for one Continuing Education Credit hour.

Teachers from schools in Kimball, Cheyenne and Deuel counties are eligible for a scholarship covering the cost of the CEU.

To find out more, contact the District or ESU 14.

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Conservation Program (NSWCP).

Last year, federal Environmental Quality Enhancement Program (EQIP) approved cross fencing as a practice for shared funding but perimeter fencing has not been part of the program.

With some uncertainty over the availability of federal funds, the SPNRD and Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and NRCS co-sponsored and received a grant from the Nebraska Environmental Trust to help landowners with CRP contracts maintain their grasslands.



Jerry Spiker

The application became necessary because of the limited options landowners have regarding land in CRP. First, considered a threat to the overall

quality of area natural resources, is to allow CRP grasslands to be converted to cropland.

A more desirable option from the standpoint of natural resources management is to maintain CRP's benefits to air, water, soil and wildlife resources with options that would allow landowners to keep the grassland intact.

To accomplish the goals, project partners will: 1) provide cost-share incentives to install and implement well-managed grazing systems on CRP grasslands; 2) provide information and education on the importance of CRP grasslands and their conservation value; 3) use demonstration sites to showcase the benefits of livestock grazing on CRP grasslands; and 4) increase the partners' capacity to deliver high value conservation assistance.

The high-value assistance comes in a new position, Farm Bill Technician,

through the SPNRD and NRCS.

Sidney native Jerry Spiker has been chosen to fill the technician's spot. He will be stationed out of the NRCS office in Sidney. His primary service will be in the SPNRD, but he could also be called on to assist in the North Platte NRD and Upper Niobrara White NRD as well.

His main duty will include work on promoting activities to keep expiring CRP in grass. This will include helping to form grazing plans and associated cost share applications. He will also be developing new CRP plans, completing mid-contract management plans, and performing work associated with those activities.

Additional practices available through NRCS include buffer strips, filter strips, grassed waterways, cross wind trap strips and field windbreaks.

Community Interest Spurs Community Forestry Program

The District's Community Forestry Program continues to gain momentum as it benefits tree projects in towns and cities.

Currently, the District budgets \$28,000 for Community Forestry, providing for the removal and replacement of trees within urban areas.

Under the program, neighborhood groups, villages and cities can receive up to 50 percent cost share funding to help pay for the cost of purchasing, planting, maintaining and removing trees.

The applicant's share can come from private funding, community grants, the community's budget, or in many cases, donated labor. Applicants can often accomplish tree planting projects with in-kind donations and labor, and no out-of-pocket expenses.

The past several years, requests have far surpassed available funds, as groups across the District seek to improve the overall tree health in their respective communities.

This year, 10 projects with a total value of \$115,442, were on the table for consideration. The plans called for removal of 124 trees and 220 trees to be planted. The total cost-share request was more than \$55,000.

Project size ranged from a single tree



Trees purchased for free distribution in two communities this year are a small, but significant part of the District's tree programs.

request by the City of Sidney, to the replacement of 62 trees in Bushnell. Each project was awarded at least a portion of the requested funding.

Two years ago, the SPNRD board of directors enhanced the program by allowing \$1,400 to be set aside specifically for the SPNRD's part in the ReTree Nebraska effort.

ReTree Nebraska is a 10-year cooperative initiative to raise public awareness of the value of trees, reverse the decline of Nebraska's community tree and for-

est resources and improve the health and sustainability of community trees and forests across our state for future generations.

The primary goal of ReTree Nebraska is to work in partnership with people across Nebraska to foster the proper planting and maintenance of 1 million new trees by 2017.

The District's ReTree funds are used to purchase trees for urban settings, which are handed out in targeted communities each year.

Irrigators

Don't forget - The South Platte NRD has cost-share funds for maintenance and repairs to your flow meter.

Check your meter often, and report meters that are broken or not functioning properly within 24 hours.

Company	Flowmeter Maintenance Contractors			Certified Meters to be Maintained			
	Address	City, State, Zip	Phone	McCrometer	Seametrics		Sparling
					Level 1	Level 2	
Alan's Welding	PO Box 774	Chappell, NE 69129	308-874-5091	x	x		x
Brown Pump & Septic	PO Box 490	Kimball, NE 69145	308-235-3470	x			
Bowman Irrigation	6289 I-80 Srv Rd	Pine Bluff, WY 82082	307-245-3345	x	x		x
Groskopt Mfg.	30322 Hwy 71	Scottsbluff, NE 69361	?	x			
Holzfafter's Equip., Inc.	701 Hwy 61 South	Ogallala, NE 69153	308-284-2062	x			
J & K Irrigation	161 Airport Rd.	Ogallala, NE 69153	308-284-9802	x			
Kelley-Deines Irrigation	2510 N 10th	Gering, NE 69341	308-635-5344	x			
M & S Drilling, Inc.	PO Box 217	Potter, NE 69156	308-879-4224	x	x	x	x
Midwest Farm Services	PO Box 485	Gering, NE 69341	308-632-6137	x			
Sargent Irrigation Co.	East Hwy 23	Grant, NE 69140	308-352-4379	x			
Sargent Irrigation Co.	PO Box 729	Scottsbluff, NE 69361	308-632-5121	x			
Singleton Repair	HC 89	Dix, NE 69133	308-682-5200	x			
Wally's Sale & Service, Inc.	PO Box 866	Grant, NE 69140	308-352-2121	x	x		x
Western Valley Irrigation	2431 Hwy 2	Alliance, NE 69301	308-762-5450	x	x		x
Woodis Welding & Construction	2600 Hwy L-17J	Sidney, NE 69162	308-254-3039	x	x		x

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Getting Water In The Right Place



Water management isn't what it used to be.

Putting water in the right place no longer takes 20 mules, two equipment wagons and a water wagon.

As producers strive to be more efficient, they sometimes want to change the makeup of their irrigated acres. They might want to change a flood irrigated corner, instead irrigating those acres with a nearby pivot.

Such transfers can be allowed, providing you take the proper course of action.

And, changing the way you irrigate doesn't have to be hard at all.

State law requires that you notify the South Platte NRD before making any changes in the makeup of your irrigated acres.

The NRD will not only be able to help you fulfill the proper requirements, but when you notify us of changes in ownership or an op-

erator change we can make sure everyone involved in the operation is well informed.

NRD reports are filled with useful information, from confirming your certified irrigated acres, to the amount of water you have left in your current allocation.

We'll also be able to keep you updated with direct mailings if new information becomes available.

Are you up to date? Call us to find out!