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Tri-Basin Board Wants Public Opinion on Republican Basin Plan

Irrigators in the Republican Basin portion of Tri-Basin Natural Resources District are invited to express their opinions about water management planning options at an upcoming public meeting. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 10 at 1 p.m. at the Bertrand Community Building in conjunction with Tri-Basin NRD's regular August Board of Directors meeting.

The purpose of the meeting is to gather public opinion on how Tri-Basin NRD should meet its Republican River Compact requirements. A short presentation on Republican Basin water use and possible options to achieve compact compliance will begin at 1 p.m., followed by a time for public comment.

"Our directors want to know how people want us to protect the groundwater supply in the Republican River Basin," said John Thorburn, Tri-Basin NRD General Manager. "We want to hear whether they favor groundwater pumping restrictions or implementation of an occupation tax on irrigated cropland, which would fund projects to offset depletions to the Republican River.

For more information about the meeting, contact Tri-Basin NRD at 1-877-995-6688. Comments may also be emailed to the office at tribasin@tribasinprd.org.

Tri-Basin NRD protects lives, property and the future of this area through a wide range of stewardship, management and education programs – from flood control to groundwater monitoring, from irrigation management to outdoor recreation and more. Activities and projects of Tri-Basin NRD are reviewed and approved by a locally elected board of directors. Tri-Basin NRD is one of 23 natural resources districts across Nebraska.