



LOWER REPUBLICAN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

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LRNRD Landowners and Operators:

As we begin the new year, the Lower Republican Natural Resources District (LRNRD) would like to update all our producers on a few points regarding Occupation Tax and ground water allocations.

- Enclosed is important information regarding 2022 Occupation Tax and the “Temporary Exemption from Occupation Tax” form. This form must be submitted by June 1st of each year for any parcel(s) to be considered non-irrigated and exempt from the tax. Even those acres enrolled in a government program for multiple years (CREP, EQIP, etc.) must have an exemption form submitted *every year*. Pursuant to *Nebraska Revised Statute § 2-3226.05*, no late exemptions can be allowed after the June 1st deadline. Both the owner and operator must sign the exemption form.
- 2022 will be year 5 of the 5-year allocation period (2018-2022).
- Allocation sheets will be mailed in the next few weeks – please review those sheets carefully to verify that all the information is correct. Also, take note of the allocation volume you have remaining for application in the final year of the current period. If you have any unused allocation at the end of 2022, a maximum of 9 acre-inches may be credited to the next Allocation Period (2023-2027).
- 2022 will be a NON-Compact Call Year. Even though there is no “hard cap” or maximum allocation cap in 2022, the volume of water pumped this year is still deducted from your current allocation balance for the 5-year period.
- Contact us if there have been any ownership or name changes for any parcel(s) or if a pooling arrangement / pooling agreement requires modification for 2022.

If you have any questions, please call the Lower Republican NRD office at (308) 928-2182.

Sincerely,

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