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### STORAGE CLOSING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the water right listed below is closed. However, the Bureau of Reclamation may temporarily retain inflows during 2014 for the sole purpose of delivering that water to the Kansas Bostwick Irrigation District under the terms of Warren Act Contract No. 14WR630034. Any water retained for this purpose must be released by December 15, 2014. The Bureau of Reclamation is directed to consult with the Corps of Engineers to ensure that they will be able to comply with the terms of this Notice prior to impounding any water under the terms of this Notice. You will not be required to release water stored prior to January 1, 2014.

| <b>Water Right</b> | <b>Priority Date</b> | <b>Source of Water</b> | <b>Carrier</b>          |        |
|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|--------|
| A-4190             | 1/26/1948            | Republican River       | Harlan County Reservoir | Closed |

Reason For Notice: ORDER issued by the Director of the Department of Natural Resources Dated January 1, 2014

Water diversion has been restricted for the protection of Republican River Compact allocations. Any water impounded after the Effective Date of this notice is subject to release upon further notification by an official of the Department of Natural Resources.

Any person violating this order shall be subject to the penalty provided in *Neb. Rev. Stat.* § 46-254, which reads as follows:

Any person owning or in control of any ditch, reservoir, or other device for appropriating or using water who willfully opens, closes, changes, or interferes with any headgate or controlling gate, or by any method or means takes any water from any natural stream, reservoir, or other source, through any ditch or canal to any land or lands, or allows the same to be done, or uses or allows to be used any water upon any land or lands, or for any other purpose whatsoever, without authority from the Department of Natural Resources, or who stores water in or releases water from a reservoir other than in compliance with orders of the Director of Natural Resources or his or her representative, shall be guilty of a Class II misdemeanor. Each day that the water is allowed to run without authority from the department shall constitute a separate offense.

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