

KANSAS BOSTWICK IRRIGATION DISTRICT NO. 2

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Dear Patron:

We are pleased to report the Republican River and White Rock Creek have received large run off events to the extent the supply in both reservoirs is full. With this good fortune, we are now raising the water restriction to 12"/acre with the intent of carrying over some supply for next year.

What has caused this to happen is that it rained. There were three large events in 2007 and one very large event on May 24 this year. Little has been done to solve the groundwater depletion problem at this time. As the rainwater leaves the basin, the gauging stations continue to show less than normal base flow conditions. If the abnormal rain events do not continue, the flows of the river once again will deplete unless groundwater pumping is curtailed. The principle curtailment we have seen at this time is likely because it has rained enough in the basin to lessen the groundwater use.

In order to manage this runoff water for the maximum positive impact, we need to carry over as much as possible for 2009. No one knows what other runoff events we may have between now and next irrigation season but we do know the depletions of the river will take time to return to normal under any scenario. Therefore, we ask everyone to practice water conservation to the best of your ability during this season to help with next and beyond.

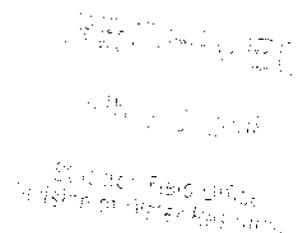
For those of you with Internet access who would like to follow the condition of the river, a good site is on [www.usgs.gov](http://www.usgs.gov). On the right hand side of the page, under Science Topics, click on Real -- time data. Under refine results by State, choose Nebraska. Next, click on Real -- time water data for Nebraska. Under Predefined displays, choose Nebraska Streamflow Table and under Group table by, choose Major River Basin. Click on go and scroll down to the Republican River Basin.

We are once again going to allow transfers between Landowners and their tenants under the same restrictions as the last two years. Anyone wishing to participate in these transfers must do the paper work in our office 10 days before the transfer is requested.

In order to protect the Harlan County supply as much as possible, no transfers will be allowed between above and below Lovewell areas.

For the Board of Directors,

  
Kenneth Nelson, Superintendent

  
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