

46th Annual Water and Natural Resources Tour

Central Platte River Basin in Nebraska

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Tour organizing committee:

Jeff Buettner and Holly Rahmann, CNPPID;

Ben Beckman, Tricia Liedle and Steve Ress, Nebraska Water Center

Tuesday, June 27:

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| 8 a.m. | Depart CNPPID's office, 415 Lincoln St. Holdrege, NE |
| 8:25 | Platte River Recovery Implementation Program site;
Jerry Kenny, executive director, PRRIP |
| 8:55 | Depart for Schwartz organic farm |
| 9:25 | Organic farming operation near Smithfield; Tom Schwarz |
| 10:10 | Depart for Platte/Republican Diversion, Elwood Reservoir, and Johnson Lake |
| En Route | Proposed Platte to Republican River Diversion Project 2 miles west of Smithfield,
John Thorburn, TBNRD |
| En Route | Elwood Reservoir drive through pump station |
| 10:45 | Johnson Lake and tour of inlet structure, Jeff Buttner |
| 11:45 | Depart for Monsanto Learning Center, Gothenburg |
| 12:15 p.m. | Monsanto Water Utilization Learning Center, Gothenburg, |

Presentation by Central Platte NRD over Lunch

3:15 Depart for Frito-Lay

3:25 Frito-Lay Corn Handling Plant, Gothenburg,

4 Depart for CNPPID Gothenburg Control Center

4:05 CPPID Gothenburg Control Center, Devin Brundage, CNPPID Gothenburg Division Manager

4:50 Depart for North Platte

5:25 Arrive at North Platte for lodging check-in

6:25 Depart for Dinner

6:40 Dinner at Feather River Winery/Vineyard

8:25 Depart for lodging in North Platte

10:40 Lodging overnight in North Platte

Wednesday, June 28:

8 a.m. Depart for NCORPE project

8:15 NCORPE project southwest of North Platte, well field to NPPD Canal connection, Kyle Shepherd, manager/Kent Miller Twin Platte NRD Manager

9:00 Depart for Fish Hatchery

9:10 NGPC North Platte Fish Hatchery

9:40 Depart for UNL WCREC

9:50 UNL West Central Research and Extension Center, North Platte, Doug Hallum, Chuck Burr and others

1 p.m. Depart for Gerald Gentleman Station

1:25 Gerald Gentleman Station (GGS), NPPD power plant , Sutherland

3:55 Depart for Ogallala

3:20 MDT Arrive at Ogallala for lodging check-in

4:35 Depart for Dinner

17:00 Dinner at Haythorn Ranch, north of Lake McConaughy

Thursday, June 29:

7:30 a.m. MDT Depart lodging to Lake McConaughy Interpretive Center

7:40 Kingsley Dam/Lake McConaughy Water Interpretive Center

8:40 Depart for Kingsley Dam

8:45 Lake McConaughy outlet structures (“Morning Glory” spillway and Control Tower); Martin Bay for potential talk about terns/plovers and NGPC Long-range Master Plan at Lake McConaughy/Lake Ogallala); and Kingsley Hydroplant

11:15 Depart for Ole’s via Keystone Dam

11:45 Lunch at Ole’s Big Game Bar & Grill

12:45 p.m. Depart for East Midway Lake

3:05 CDT Arrive at canoe/kayak launch point east of Midway Lake and travel Supply Canal by kayak/pontoon to Gallagher Canyon SRA

5:30 p.m. Depart for CNPPID offices in Holdrege and end of tour