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EQUUS BEDS GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT NO. 2

GROUNDWATER NEWS

PUBLIC HEARING FOR BURRTON AND MCPHERSON IGUCAS

A public informational session will be conducted at 8:00 a.m., with a public hearing to follow at 9:00 a.m., Oct. 4, 2016, in the KS Dept. of Transportation Conference Room, 1220 W. 4th Ave., Hutchinson, KS, to review the **Burrton** Intensive Groundwater Use Control Area (IGUCA).

A public informational session will be conducted at 10:00 a.m., with a public hearing to follow at 11:00 a.m., Oct. 4, 2016, in the KS Dept. of Transportation Conference Room, 1220 W. 4th Ave., Hutchinson, KS, to review the **McPherson** Intensive Groundwater Use Control Area (IGUCA).

Pursuant to K.A.R. 5-20-2, the Chief Engineer of the KS Dept. of Agriculture, Division of Water Resources, is reviewing the designation of the Burrton and McPherson Intensive Groundwater Use Control Areas. All interested parties may submit written comments prior to the hearing to the Chief Engineer, 1320 Research Park Dr., Manhattan, KS 66502, or comments can be submitted by e-mail to David.Engelhaupt@ks.gov. All interested parties will be given a reasonable opportunity to present their views orally on the IGUCA reviews during the informational sessions and subsequent hearings. In order to give all parties an opportunity to present their views, it may be necessary to request that each participant limit any oral presentation to five minutes.

Any individual with a disability may request accommodation in order to participate in the public hearing and may request the proposed regulations and impact statements in an accessible format. Requests for accommodation should be made at least five working days in advance of the hearing by contacting David Engelhaupt through email at David.Engelhaupt@ks.gov or by phone at (785) 564-6680.

Copies of the Burrton IGUCA review are available on the Kansas Dept. of Agriculture's website at <http://www.agriculture.ks.gov/burrton-iguca>.

Copies of the McPherson IGUCA review are available on the Kansas Dept. of Agriculture's website at <http://www.agriculture.ks.gov/mcpherson-iguca>.

BOUNDARY EXPANSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

A public informational session will be conducted at 1:30 p.m., with a public hearing to follow at 2:30 p.m., on Oct. 4, 2016, in the KS Dept. of Transportation Conference Room, 1220 W. 4th Ave., Hutchinson, KS, by the Chief Engineer of the Division of Water Resources, KS Department of Agriculture. The hearing is to be held on the issue of whether to approve a petition filed by the Equus Beds Groundwater Management District No. 2 (GMD2) that proposes to expand the boundaries of the District. The boundary expansion areas are shown on the map located on the back page. Pursuant to K.S.A. 82a-1033, the Chief Engineer will determine following the hearing whether the petition should be approved. A copy of the petition is available on the KS Dept. of Agriculture's website: www.agriculture.ks.gov/GMDs under [Equus Beds GMD2](#).

All interested parties will be given a reasonable opportunity to present their views orally on the proposed GMD2 boundary expansion during the public hearing. In order to give all parties an opportunity to present their views, it may be necessary to request that each participant limit any oral presentation to five minutes. Any interested party may submit written comments prior to the public hearing to the Division of Water Resources, KS Dept. of Agriculture, 1320 Research Park Dr., Manhattan, KS 66502, or via email to David.Engelhaupt@ks.gov.

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WATER PERMIT PROCESSING SUSPENDED IN PARTS OF MCPHERSON AND HARVEY COUNTIES

In response to long-term declining groundwater levels in parts of McPherson and Harvey Counties, the District Board of Directors approved a motion on May 10, 2016, requesting that the Chief Engineer, Division of Water Resources, temporarily suspend processing of new water permit applications in the declining areas. The Chief Engineer agreed and signed the order suspending processing of new applications in the areas filed on or after August 10, 2016. The processing suspension is effective until October 10, 2017. The suspension will allow time for the sustainability modeling being conducted by District staff and the Kansas Geological Survey to be completed. Once the modeling is complete, the District will review the data and determine if any modifications to the safe yield regulation and calculations are needed to prevent further groundwater declines and impairment of existing water rights.

The processing suspension does not affect current water permits nor does it affect pending applications filed prior to August 10, 2016. Water permit applications can still be filed during the suspension time, but will not be processed until the suspension expires. Additionally, applications filed on or after August 10, 2016, will be subject to any changes to the District's safe yield regulation and calculations. The suspension areas are shown on the map located on the back page.



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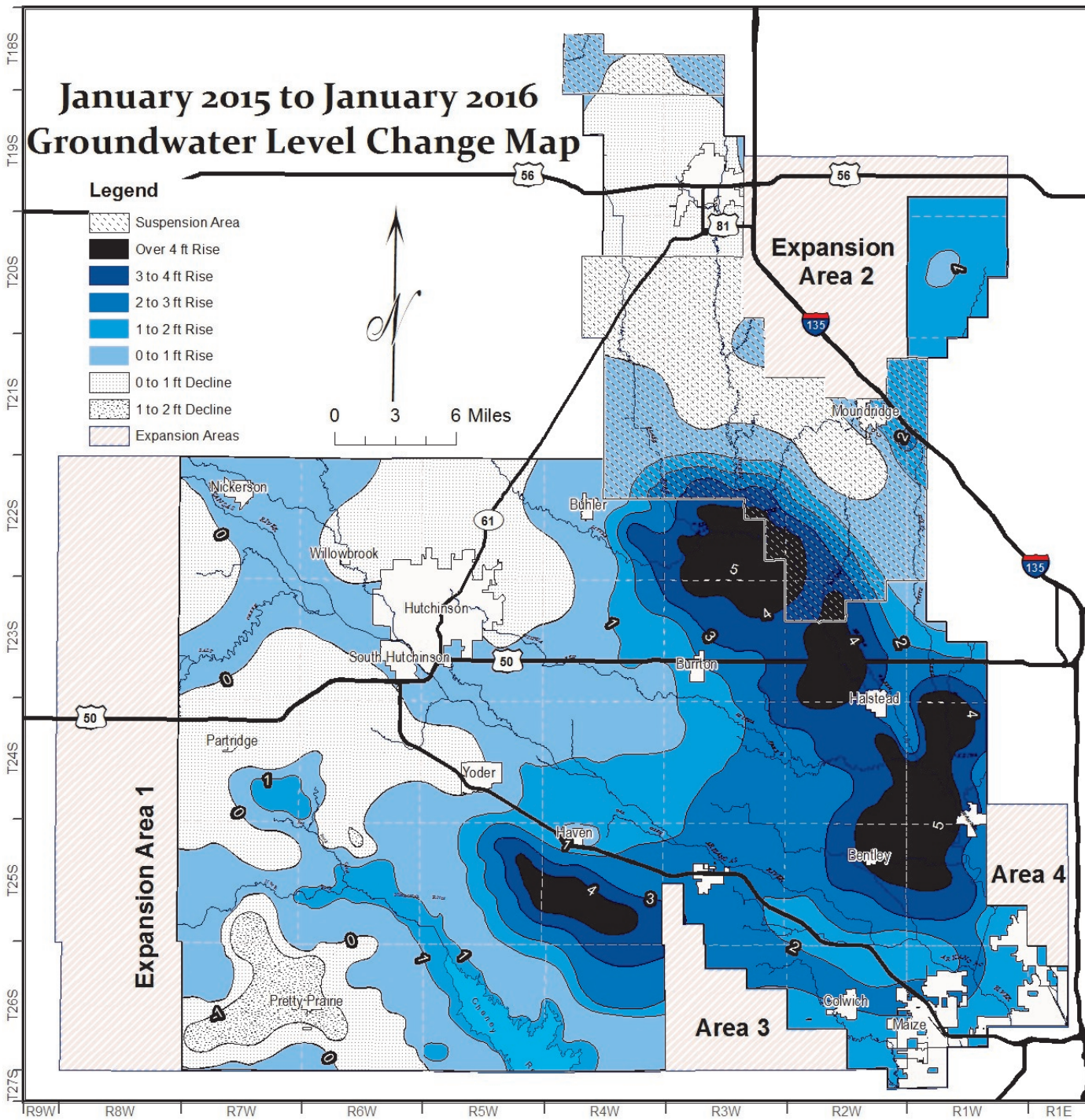
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