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GROUNDWATER NEWS

EQUUS BEDS 42ND ANNUAL MEETING

The 42nd Annual Meeting of the Equus Beds Groundwater Management District will be held Thursday, March 16, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., in the Halstead High School auditorium, 520 West 6th Street, in Halstead.

District staff will review the District's programs, projects, and activities for the last year, as well as planned activities for 2017.

Mike McGinn, Treasurer, will report on the District's financial status, and the Board of Directors will review a proposed fiscal year 2018 budget for adoption. Representatives from the Kansas Geological Survey will be in attendance and will present information regarding the GMD2 Sustainability Assessment.

Other business to be conducted at the meeting will include the election of three director positions to the nine member Board. Board incumbents Joe Pajor (Sedgwick County) and Jeff Winter (Sedgwick County) are seeking another three-year term. Board President, Fred Seiler, (McPherson County) is not seeking another term. Dale Schmidt, McPherson County, has submitted an application and has been verified as an eligible candidate.

Voter registration will be conducted just outside the auditorium beginning at 6:15 p.m. and ending at 7:00 p.m. The deadline to submit Board of Directors applications and Statement of Eligibility forms is March 13, 2017, in order to appear on the printed ballot. However, persons interested in running for the Equus Beds Board of Directors can seek nomination during the meeting.

Copies of the meeting agenda and candidate application forms are available and may be obtained by contacting the District office.

ELIGIBLE VOTER QUALIFICATIONS

Not all persons qualify to vote in the Equus Beds Board of Directors election. The Groundwater Management District Act limits voters to specific landowners and water users. Eligibility is based on a person, trust, estate, municipality, or a private or public corporation which:

- Owns 40 or more contiguous acres of land, or
- Annually withdraws or uses at least one acre-foot (325,851 gallons) of water.

Land comprising of 40 or more contiguous acres must be a single tract, located within the District and outside the corporate limits of a municipality. The size of the tract of land is determined by the calculations of the county appraiser and excludes any public right-of-way located within the tract.

An eligible voter can cast only one vote for any qualified tracts of land and water permits owned by the voter. Persons duly authorized to act in a representative capacity for estates, trusts, municipalities, public or private corporations may also cast one vote for each entity that they represent. The election law prohibits proxy voting.

2016 VERIFIED CLAIMS FORMS - NOW AVAILABLE

A water user pumping less water in 2016 than his/her permitted amount may file a verified claim with the District to limit their annual groundwater assessment to the actual amount used instead of the full permitted amount. Filing the claim is voluntary. The deadline for filing the verified claims forms is April 1, 2017. No late forms will be accepted.

By law, the District determines the water assessment charge by the amount of water authorized by the water permit unless a verified claim is filed demonstrating actual usage.

Verified claims may be filed if the water well is equipped with a water meter for all of 2016; the metered amount is in units of either gallons, acre-feet, acre-inches, or barrels; the water meter installed on the well is registered with the District; and the water meter is in compliance with State regulations. Verified claims may also be submitted for:

- Wells which were not drilled and completed under the original water permit approval;
- Water permits enrolled in the U.S. Department of Agriculture Conservation Reserve Program; or
- The Division of Water Resources Water Right Conservation Program.

The color-coded forms are available at the District office; at the offices of the county clerks and of the treasurer of Harvey, McPherson, Reno and Sedgwick counties; and at the county conservation district offices.

Forms are required to have both front and back printed. Photocopies will not be accepted.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

WATER USE REPORTS

Due to DWR by March 1, 2017

These forms are required by the Division of Water Resources.

GMD2 ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, March 16, 2017

7:00 p.m.
Halstead High School

VERIFIED CLAIMS

Due to GMD2 by April 1, 2017

These forms are voluntary by GMD2 and are not required to be completed.

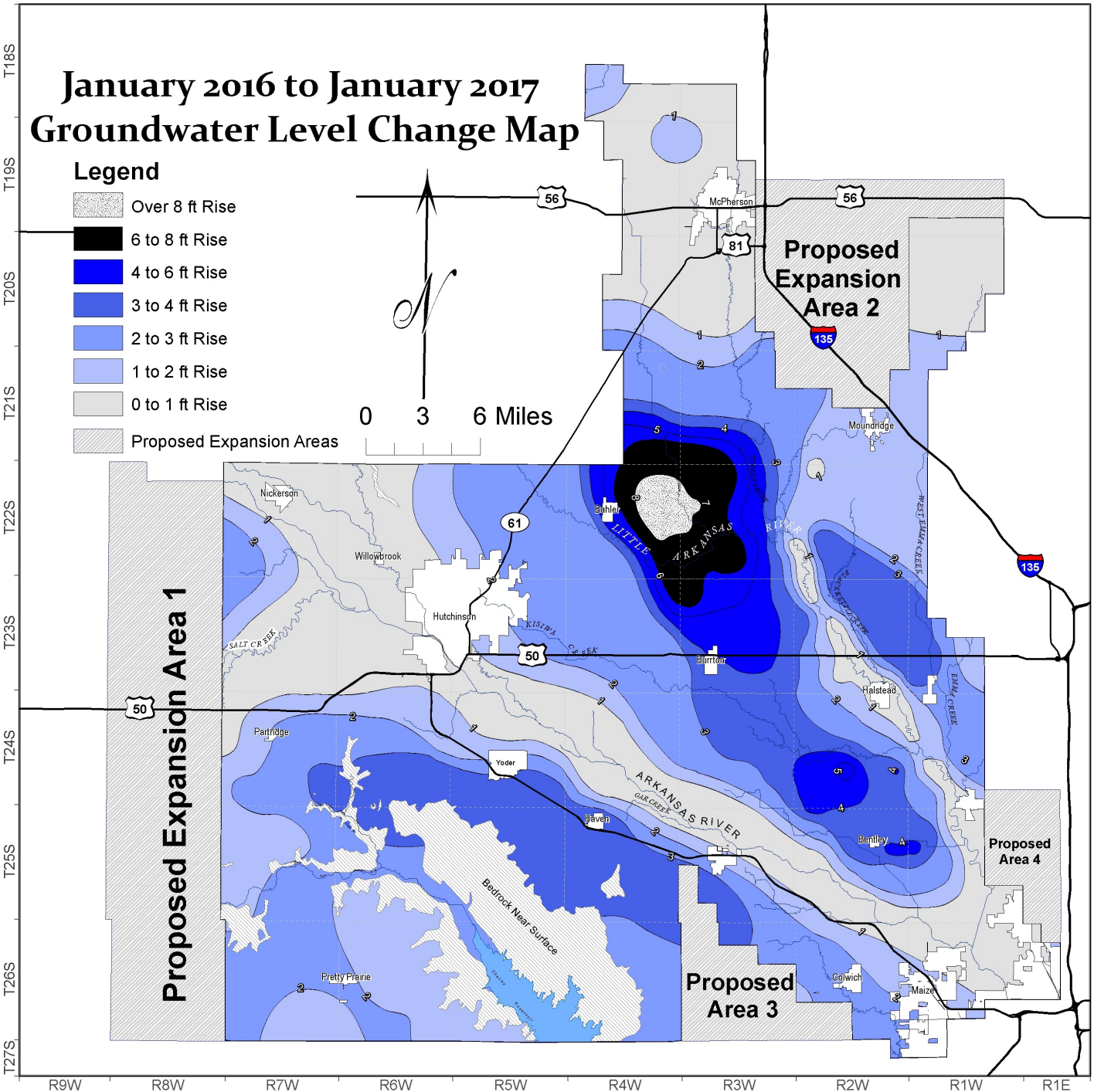


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Office hours are 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday, except for holidays.

The Board of Directors meets the second Tuesday of each month. All meetings are open to the public. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend the meetings.