

THE STATE OF KANSAS



KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Jackie McClaskey, Secretary of Agriculture

DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES
David W. Barfield, Chief Engineer

NOTICE OF HEARING

**In the Matter of the Designation of
The Groundwater Management District No. 4
District-Wide Local Enhanced Management Area
In Cheyenne, Decatur, Rawlins, Gove, Graham, Logan, Sheridan, Sherman, Thomas, and
Wallace Counties in Kansas**

Pursuant to K.S.A. 82a-1041, the Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 4 (GMD #4) has recommended the approval of a Local Enhanced Management Area (LEMA) Management Plan in a designated area in Cheyenne, Decatur, Rawlins, Gove, Graham, Logan, Sheridan, Sherman, Thomas, and Wallace counties and comprising the entire area within the boundaries of GMD #4 (GMD #4 LEMA). The LEMA Management Plan was submitted to the Chief Engineer for review and found to be acceptable for consideration.

Therefore, an initial public hearing has been scheduled to determine if the plan satisfies the three initial requirements for approval as set forth in K.S.A. 82a-1041 for August 23, 2017 beginning at 9:00 a.m. (CDT) in the Cultural Arts Center at Colby Community College, 1255 South Range Avenue, in Colby, Kansas. Specifically, the hearing record will be used to determine (1) whether one or more of the circumstances specified in subsection (a) through (d) of K.S.A. 82a-1036, and amendments thereto, exist; (2) whether the public interest of K.S.A. 82a-1020, and amendments thereto, requires that one or more corrective control provisions be adopted; and (3) whether the geographic boundaries are reasonable. The hearing may continue as long as necessary for a full disclosure of relevant facts.

If the hearing officer's findings are favorable on all three issues of fact and an expansion of geographic boundaries is not recommended, a subsequent hearing will be held to determine whether the area should be designated and if proposed GMD #4 LEMA Management Plan should be adopted.

Anyone may submit written or oral statements to be included in the record of the initial hearing. Oral statements will be accepted only at the public hearing. Written statements may be submitted at the public hearing or sent to the GMD #4 LEMA; c/o Ronda Hutton; 1320 Research Park Drive, Manhattan, Kansas 66502, faxed to (785) 564-6777, or e-mailed to ronda.hutton@ks.gov. Written comments will be accepted if delivered on or before Wednesday, September 13, 2017.

Interested members of the public are encouraged to attend the initial hearing. A copy of the proposed plan and related documents are available online at: <http://agriculture.ks.gov/lema>.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David W. Barfield".

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