



# Newsletter

Twin Platte Natural Resources District (TPNRD)

*Protecting Lives, Protecting Property, Protecting our Future*

## Follow Us

www.tpnrd.org

**Instagram:** @twin\_platte\_nrd

**Facebook:** Twin Platte Natural Resources District

**Twitter:** Twin Platte NRD (@NrdTwin)

*Helping you collect data on water usage...*

## IMPORTANT DATES 2019:

### July 16th

Public Hearings for the Second Increment IMP

**2:00 PM**-Informational Session

**2:30 PM**-TPNRD

Individual Public Hearing

**3:00 PM**-Basin-Wide Plan Hearing

### Location:

Best Western Plus, South of I-80 in North Platte.

### September 3rd:

TPNRD Second Increment IMP Begins.

### Public Board Meetings:

Second Thursday of every month.

### GiSC:

Upcoming Open House dates will be available soon.

## “NEW” Water Information Program

The TPNRD has entered into an agreement with the Grower Information Services Cooperative (GiSC) for collecting crop irrigation water use data.

GiSC is a grower owned and governed cooperative that will provide digital data tools for the coop members to maximize production and efficiency in their farming operation.

This project with GiSC will also obtain data for the required ground water models needed to implement the TPNRD IMP. The IMP requires the TPNRD to annually provide water to the Platte River due to depletions in

the river caused by ground water irrigation.

The TPNRD believes that accurate data in the ground water model will reduce the IMP requirements and daily data for the growers will lead to reduced water use.

The water the TPNRD needs to provide annually to the river is significant. The goal is to meet the requirements of the IMP without imposing regulations on the growers.

The TPNRD will pay the annual cost for growers to be members of GiSC. This membership provides each grower with a digital storage location in AgHub for field data, including water use data. The data is owned by the grower, and GiSC will provide the water use data to TPNRD with the growers (*cont. pg 3*)

Spring  
2019

Additional GiSC Coop Information: Page 3

The Required Integrated Management Plan (IMP) First and Second Increment Information: Page 2 & 3

Additional Online Information: Page 3

# Integrated Management Plan(IMP): Connecting the Dots...

## WHAT is the IMP?

The IMP is a required plan for the TPNRD to manage water over the next 10 years and to reach the level of water there was in 1997, by 2029.

## WHEN does this plan go into effect?

Within 60 days after the final hearing, TPNRD will jointly decide whether to adopt the plan as written, or to modify prior to adoption. The second increment TPNRD plan will become effective September 3, 2019.

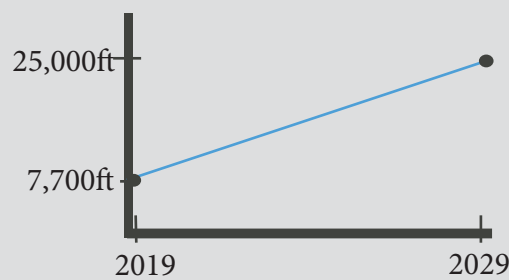
## The second Increment within Twin Platte District

The TPNRD is in the process of developing the second increment IMP. The TPNRD second increment IMP (2019-2029) has been developed jointly over the last nine months between the TPNRD and 20 local stakeholders representing 14 areas of expertise, to return an additional 17,300 ac-ft of water annually to the Platte River Basin over the next ten years.

## WHY was the IMP Started?

In 2004, the Upper Platte River Basin was designated as over appropriated, meaning the basin had used too much water. The first increment of the IMP was put in place in 2009 after five years of detailed discussion and development with 20 stakeholders from various backgrounds to essentially “put water back in the river.” The first increment of the IMP (2009-2019) successfully achieved the goal of 7,700 ac-ft of water annually being returned to the Platte River Basin.

Goal for the Second Increment IMP



Water level goal for the second increment of the IMP from 2019 through 2029

## HOW does this plan affect YOU?

IMP is a required plan that will help you reduce your water usage and to prevent regulations.

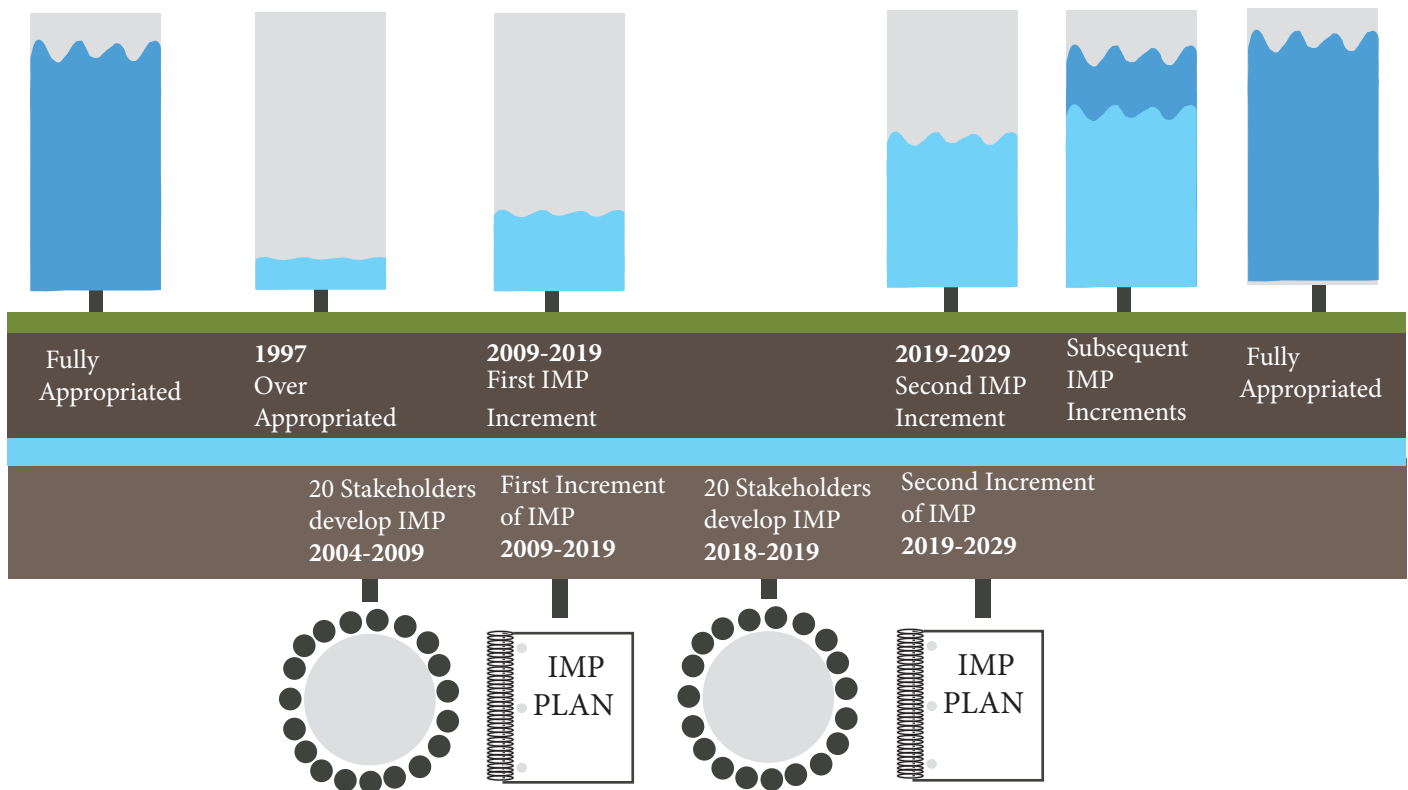
See the important IMP dates on the front page to learn more about the IMP process, the requirements, and how it will affect you.

## What is the Process?

Even though the second increment is a plan designed for ten years, at year four a ground water computer model will be used to evaluate the projects and programs put in place. If this first evaluation is successful, then the TPNRD may continue down the path of projects and programs for the duration of the second increment. If the projects and programs put in place are not performing as anticipated, then other measures will be initiated so the IMP goals can still be met by the end of the second increment, or 2029.

*Preventing regulations and saving water for future generations.*

# IMP Plan From Start to Finish



## “NEW” Water Information Program *(Continued)*

permission. GiSC empowers TPNRD growers to take a proactive stance to provide the most accurate data for the ground water models. In addition, GiSC members also have access to many other tools for their farming business.

The TPNRD sees this project as a benefit for the grower and the economy. GiSC personnel will be meeting with growers for them to sign up to be a member of the Coop, at no cost to the growers. Look for GiSC at County Fairs and University of Nebraska field days. Also look for GiSC at open houses that will be scheduled for growers to learn more about GiSC and the TPNRD IMP requirements.

**Watch for Open House Dates in your mail for the GiSC Coop Program over the next few months.**

### For More Information :

#### GiSC:

Information about GiSC is available at [www.gisc.coop/nebraska-tpnrd/](http://www.gisc.coop/nebraska-tpnrd/)

The GiSC local contact is John Heaston who can be reached at [john.heaston@gisc.coop](mailto:john.heaston@gisc.coop). To contact GiSC, you may reach them during business hours, central time at **806-686-2940** or email anytime to [info@gisc.coop](mailto:info@gisc.coop)

#### IMP:

To find a copy of the current draft of the second increment IMP, see the TPNRD website at [www.tpnrd.org](http://www.tpnrd.org) under Programs, then the IMP link.

If you have any questions regarding IMP or GiSC, you may stop in any time during our office hours or contact TPNRD at 308-535-8080

## Board of Directors

Dennis Schilz (Chairperson)  
Joe Wahlgren (Vice-Chairperson)  
Jerry Weaver (Secretary)  
Jim Meisner (Treasurer)  
Robert L Petersen  
Eric Brown  
Shane Storer  
David Colvin  
Bob Wiseman  
Eric Hansen  
Jake Tiedeman

**Public Board Meetings are on the second Thursday of every month located on the second floor of Great Western Bank Center, 111 South Dewey Street, North Platte, NE.**

## Platte River Basin Second Increment Basin-Wide Plan IMP

The preparations of the Upper Platte Basin-Wide Plan second increment has been underway for the last 2.5 years. The North Platte NRD, South Platte NRD, Twin Platte NRD, Central Platte NRD, Tri-Basin NRD, and the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources have been working with 36 local stakeholders and 19 alternates to develop a Basin-Wide Plan that will give each of the NRDs the general components they can build from with their individual IMPs. The public hearing for the Basin-Wide Plan will be following each of the individual IMP hearings in each of the NRDs from July 15-18, 2019.

## TPNRD Staff

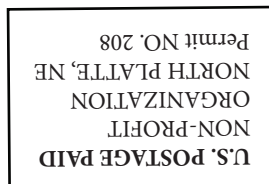
Kent O. Miller, P.E.....General Manager  
Dave Slattery.....Conservation Programs Coordinator  
Bill Carhart.....Grasslands Stewardship Coordinator  
Glen Bowers.....Water Programs Field Coordinator  
Ann Dimmitt.....IMP Manager  
Phil Heimann.....GIS Coordinator  
Sydney Norris.....Communications & Media Coordinator  
Amy Oberst.....Administrative Assistant  
Jan Brestel.....Field Office Secretary, North Platte NRCS  
Nick Coffey.....Range Programs Tech, North Platte NRCS

This newsletter is an official publication of the Twin Platte Natural Resources District. If you have any questions, comments, suggestions, or would like to be placed on our mailing list, please feel free to submit them to:

Twin Platte Natural Resources District  
Great Western Bank Center  
P.O. Box 1347  
111 South Dewey Street  
North Platte, NE 69103-1347  
Phone: (308)535-8080

*Photos and design layout by Sydney Norris*

Postal Customer



PO Box 1347  
111 South Dewey Street, 2nd Floor  
North Platte, NE 69103-1347