

Memorandum

To: Programs, Projects and Operations Subcommittee

From: John Winkler, General Manager

Date: September 3, 2008

Re: Updated Recreation Area Rules and Regulations and Law Enforcement Resolution

The following rules and regulations have been amended and revised to cover all NRD managed recreation areas. In addition, due to incidents of vandalism, destruction of District property, consumption of alcohol and other illegal activity the following resolution is proposed to assist management in coordinating with local and state law enforcement to enlist their support in addressing this unlawful behavior and to make the Districts recreation areas safe for all citizens.

- **Management recommends that the subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the law enforcement resolution and the updated recreation area rules and regulations be adopted and that the General Manager be authorized to execute the necessary steps in order to ensure the enforcement of said adopted rules and regulations.**

LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE AT NRD RECREATION AREAS

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statutes Section 2-32,101 provides as follows:

2-32,101 District; recreation area; enforcement; procedures. Any law enforcement officer, including, but not limited to, any Game and Parks Commission conservation officer, local police officer, member of the Nebraska State Patrol, or sheriff or deputy sheriff, is authorized to enforce the provisions of sections 2-3292 to 2-32,100 and any rules and regulations adopted and promulgated pursuant to such sections. A district shall not employ law enforcement personnel and shall be prohibited from expending any funds for such purpose. Each district shall provide a copy of its rules and regulations to the appropriate law enforcement officer. Any law enforcement officer may arrest and detain any person committing a violation of the rules and regulations in a recreation area or committing any misdemeanor or felony as provided by the laws of this state.

WHEREAS, in accordance with said Section 2-32,101, the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District relies entirely upon the law enforcement officers identified therein for enforcement of Nebraska laws and the District's own rules and regulations within the District's recreation areas, to-wit:

Chalco Hills Lake and Recreation Area in Sarpy County
Elkhorn River Access at Graske Crossing in Douglas County
Prairie View Lake and Recreation Area in Douglas County
Elkhorn Crossing Recreation Area in Douglas County
Platte River Crossing Recreation Area in Douglas County

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District hereby respectfully requests that Nebraska Game and Parks Commission conservation officers, local police officers, members of the Nebraska State Patrol, and sheriffs and their deputies having District recreation areas within their respective jurisdictions, provide special attention to the enforcement within such District's recreation areas of Nebraska laws and the District's rules and regulations.

**ADOPTION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING NRD
RECREATION AREAS**

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statutes Sections 2-3290, et seq., provides that the board of directors of a natural resources district which owns land or has a lease or an easement permitting the use of land for public recreational purposes may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations governing the public use of such land, as provided in sections 2-3292 to 2-32,100; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sections 2-3290, et seq., the Board of Directors of the District desires to adopt and promulgate amended and revised rules and regulations governing the public use of the lands within the District that it owns or over which it has a lease or an easement permitting the use of thereof for public recreational purposes, to-wit:

Chalco Hills Lake and Recreation Area in Sarpy County
Elkhorn River Access at Graskie Crossing in Douglas County
Prairie View Lake and Recreation Area in Douglas County
Elkhorn Crossing Recreation Area in Douglas County
Platte River Crossing Recreation Area in Douglas County

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District does hereby adopt and promulgate amended and revised rules and regulations, as presented to this meeting and hereby ordered to be included as an attachment to the minutes thereof, governing public use of the above-named District recreation areas, such rules and regulations to be effective upon adoption of this resolution and to supercede all prior rules and regulations adopted by this Board of Directors governing public use of such recreation areas.