

THE STATE OF KANSAS



KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
Dale A. Rodman, Secretary of Agriculture

DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES  
David W. Barfield, Chief Engineer

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

**In the Matter of the Designation of**

**The Sheridan 6 Local Enhanced Management Area (LEMA)**

**12 WATER 8366**

The Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District #4 has recommended the approval of a local enhanced management plan. The proposed LEMA is to be located in portions of Sheridan and Thomas counties and within the boundaries of the district. The plan was submitted to the chief engineer for review and is considered acceptable for consideration. Therefore the chief engineer has scheduled an initial public hearing to consider whether to designate the Sheridan 6 LEMA for 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 13, 2012, to be held on the third floor of the Sheridan County Courthouse located at 925 9<sup>th</sup> Street in Hoxie, Kansas. The hearing is scheduled for one day and may continue as long as necessary for a full disclosure of relevant facts.

Facts relevant to the hearing are:

- (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.

A hearing officer, delegated by the chief engineer, shall resolve the findings of fact at the initial public hearing. 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 the GMD's proposed local enhanced management plan for the area be adopted.

Anyone may submit written or oral statements to be included in the hearing record. Oral statements will be accepted only at the initial public hearing. Written statements may be submitted at the initial public hearing or be sent to the Sheridan 6 LEMA hearing officer; c/o Leslie Garner; 109 SW 9<sup>th</sup> Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor; Topeka, Kansas 66612, faxed to (785) 368-6668, or emailed to [leslie.garner@kda.ks.gov](mailto:leslie.garner@kda.ks.gov). Written comments will be accepted if delivered or postmarked on or before September 17, 2012.

Interested members of the public are encouraged to attend the initial public hearing.

August 3, 2012

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David W. Barfield".

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