



Nebraska Wellhead Protection Network
Legislative Breakfast and Groundwater Education
Friday January 23, 2015
State Capital Building, Lincoln Nebraska

Present:

Marty Link – Nebraska Department of Environment Quality (NDEQ), Lindsey Phillips – NDEQ, David Miesbach – NDEQ, Sam Capps – NDEQ, Willa Tharnish – Nebraska MEDS Coalition, Ryan Chapman – NDEQ, Ginny McGuire – US Geologic Survey (USGS), Becky Schuerman – Department of Health and Human Services Public Health (DHHS), Doug Haney – HDR Inc., Victoria Nelson – UNL Student, Jennifer Swanson – Nebraska Association of Resource Districts (NARD), Howard Isaacs – DHHS, Rachael Herpel – Nebraska University water for food and Rural Futures, Carla McCallough – NDEQ, Jesse Starita – Water for Food Institute, Doug Peterson – Attorney General, Justin Lavene – Attorney General’s Office, Marcia Mueting – Nebraska Pharmacists Association (NPA), Phil VanDeVelde – UNMC College of Pharmacy, Mark Brohman – Nebraska Environmental Trust, Brent Martin – NPA, Craig Romary – Nebraska Department of Agriculture, Dr. Clint Rowe – UNL, Cindy Kreifels – The Groundwater Foundation (TGF), Jane Griffin – TGF, Anthony Lowndes TGF

Senator Laura Ebke – District 32, Senator Mark Kolterman – District 24, Senator Merv Riepe – District 12, Senator Lydia Brasch – District 16, Senator David Schnoor – District 15, Senator Curt Friesen – District 34, Senator Dan Watermeirer – District 1, Senator John Stinner – District 48, Senator Matt Williams – District 36, Senator Roy Baker – District 30, Senator Dan Hughes – District 44, Barb DeRiese – Staff District 38, Senator Al Davis District 43, Mary Lorell – Staff District 31, Senator Paul Schumacher – District 22, Senator Jerry Johnson – District 23,

Meeting Summary:

Nebraska Wellhead Protection Network Legislative Breakfast and Groundwater Education Session took place at the State Capitol on Friday, January 23 from 7:00 am to 9:00 am. The meeting was an informal walk in where senators and their staff were invited through a mailing card and a personal phone call to their office to learn about and discuss the Wellhead Protection Network and groundwater issues. Network members were also encouraged to personally invite their representative(s) to attend. Refreshments and pastries were provided by Nebraska Association of Resource Districts. At 8:15 Dr. Clint Rowe of the University of Nebraska Lincoln Earth and Atmospheric Sciences gave a brief talk. The talk centered on the projections of climate change in Nebraska and how a changing climate will affect the water resources and uses of this resource in Nebraska.

In addition, space was reserved from Monday, January 26 - Friday, January 30 in the first floor Rotunda for Network members to set up displays. These displays featured specific activities or overall agency/organization activities to educate those visiting or working in the Capitol.