

# “Developing Creative Solutions for Water Resources”

Nebraska State Irrigation Association & Nebraska Water Resources Association

November 23 – 25, 2008  
Kearney Holiday Inn Convention Center

## Sunday, November 23

7:00 pm NE State Irrigation Association Board of Directors Meeting

## Monday, November 24

8:00 am NSIA Annual Membership Meeting  
Convention Registration Desk Opens

9:00 am **Opening General Session**  
*Tom Knutson, President, NSIA*  
*Jerry Obrist, President, NWRA*

“Natural Resources Committee Update”  
*Senator LeRoy Loudon, Chairman*

“Conference Challenge”  
*W. Don Nelson, Publisher, Prairie Fire*

9:45 am **Exhibitor Introductions**

10:00 am **Break - Exhibit Area Open**

10:45 am “What do local river basin residents know and express opinions about to influence leadership decisions in Nebraska’s Republican River Basin?”  
*Stephen Gasteyer, Michigan State*  
*Mariam Cope, University of Illinois*

Noon **Luncheon**  
Presiding: Gary Westphal, Vice President, NWRA  
“Water Rights Decision Making In an Integrated Management Program”  
*Senator Deb Fischer*

1:15 pm “Irrigation Water Efficiency Program To Conserve Water Uses”  
*John Turnbull, GM, Upper Big Blue NRD*

“Vegetation Management Program and Water Conservation Results”  
*Senator Tom Carlson*

“Long-term Economic Impacts and Benefits of Water Supply Management and Use of those in Changing Water Decision”  
*Ray Supalla, UNL – Dept of Ag Economics*

3:00 pm **Break - Exhibit Area Open**

3:30 pm “Plans For Water Augmentation in the Republican River Basin”  
*Mike Clements, GM, Lower Republican NRD*

“Ordinance Plant Clean Up and Availability Of Water for Supply Augmentation”  
*Larry Angle, Lower Platte North NRD*

6:00 pm **Social Hour – Hosted by Holiday Inn Convention Center**

7:00 pm **Dinner - Presiding: DeMaris Johnson & Lee Orton**

## Tuesday, November 25

8:00 am NWRA Annual Membership Meeting

8:30 am **Exhibit Area Open**

9:00 am “Department of Natural Resources Update”  
*Brian Dunnigan, P.E. – Acting Director*

9:20 am “Description of the Central Platte NRD Water Banking Program”  
*Ron Bishop, GM, Central Platte NRD*

“Comparisons and Contrasts of Economic Costs for Acquiring Water Rights in Western States”  
*Karen Schoengold, UNL, Dept of Ag Economic*

10:40 am **Break - Exhibit Area Open**

11:00 am “Lessons Heard, Lessons Learned, Actions For Creative Solutions”  
*W. Don Nelson*

Noon **Luncheon**  
Presiding: Dennis Strauch, Secretary/Treasurer, NSIA  
“Water Policy State Leadership & Funding”  
*Senator Chris Langemeier*

1:30 pm NE Water Resources Association Board of Directors Meeting

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# REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Member (NWRA \_\_\_\_\_) (NSIA \_\_\_\_\_)

Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

**PRE-REGISTRATION FEE: \$185.00 per person**

Registration fee includes the seminar and meals

Full refund is available until November 7.

**REGISTRATION FEE AT DOOR: \$225.00 per person**

**Additional Meal Tickets:**

Monday, November 24      Luncheon      \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

   Dinner      \$40.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Tuesday, November 25      Luncheon      \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE November 7, 2008**

**LODGING RESERVATIONS:**

Holiday Inn Convention Center

110 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Kearney, NE

308-237-5971

\$68.95 NSIA/NWRA rate

Make checks payable to: NSIA

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