

## Summary of Natural Resources Commission (NRC) Rules Changes

### - Title 261: Administration of Water Sustainability Fund

- The main substantive changes are:
  - Chapter 3, Commission Action and Requirements
    - Section 001.01
      - Changed the way WSF applications are scored. The criteria in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 2-1508 (1)-(9) will now be given a score of 0 to 6 points. The criteria in § 2-1508(10) to (15) will now be awarded 0 to 3 points.
      - Added “Applications for a component of a larger project may only list the benefits of and receive points for the component for which funding is being requested.”
    - Section 001.02
      - Added “by the Chairman and/or members of the Executive Committee” to the end of the sentence.
    - Section 002.03 Large Project Funding Allocation/Obligation
      - Added: “Funds may also be carried over or be made available to Small Projects subject to Commission approval.”
    - Section 004/009 (new 010)
      - Wanted to make only one annual report necessary so combined the reporting requirements related to project completion in 004 into the annual report in 009 (new 010).
    - Section 005 Termination of Project Funding
      - Added this a new provision which states: “All project funding will terminate for large projects, ten (10) years after the date of approval, and for small projects five (5) years after the date of approval, unless initially approved for a longer period. If a project doesn’t appear that it will be completed prior to the end of ten (10) years for large projects and five (5) years for small projects, the sponsor may request an extension of time to complete the project, provided the request is brought before the Commission and placed on the Commission’s agenda during a regularly scheduled meeting no later than twelve (12) months prior to the project end date. The Commission shall consider the amount of work remaining, reasons for the project’s failure to be timely completed, and the likelihood that the project will be completed given the additional time requested. If sponsor is not granted an extension of time, the project will be terminated and any remaining funds forfeited and withdrawn.”