

Natural Resources Districts Suing Over Water Plan

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Two Nebraska natural resources districts are challenging a state-approved plan that would draw water away from land in Lincoln County and dump it into the Republican River.

Attorney [David Domina](#) announced Monday that the Frenchman Cambridge Irrigation District and the Bostwick Irrigation District are fighting the plan in federal court.

Plan supporters want to buy nearly 19,000 acres in Lincoln County, take the land out of production, and pump the water beneath it into the Republican River Basin.

The districts argue that the plan is a short-term fix to meet Nebraska's obligations under the Republican River Compact, a water-sharing agreement with Colorado and Kansas.

The districts say it would deprive streams, rivers and federal lakes of water to which they are entitled.