Nebraska Wellhead Protection Network

Groundwater Education Legislative Breakfast
Thursday January 11th, 2018 8:00-9:30 am
State Capital Building, Lincoln, Nebraska

Present:


Meeting Summary:

The Nebraska Wellhead Protection Network Groundwater Education Legislative Breakfast took place at the State Capitol on Thursday, January 11th from 8:00 am to 9:30 am. The meeting was an opportunity for senators and their staff to learn about and discuss the Wellhead Protection Network and groundwater issues in Nebraska. Refreshments and pastries were provided by Nebraska Association of Resource Districts. At 8:20 John Heaston, the Aquamart, gave a brief talk. The primary focus of his talk was the prominent role groundwater plays in Nebraska communities. Approximately 85% of Nebraska
residents use groundwater for their drinking water. It is very common for communities to spend a lot of money to treat groundwater issues once there is a problem, but it is less expensive and more effective for communities to take preventative measures to address groundwater nitrate issues. The Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality and Department of Health and Human Services have grant programs and low interest loans that Public Water Systems can utilize to make groundwater use safer and more efficient.

Space was reserved from Monday, January 8th – Thursday, January 11 in the first floor Rotunda for Network members to display informational and educational maps and graphics for those visiting or working in the Capitol and are attached below. Additionally, all senators, whether present or unable to attend the breakfast, received a folder with 2018 wall calendars containing images and information about groundwater and groundwater resources in Nebraska.