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Dear Mr. Breitzman:

As the clearinghouse agency for the state of North Dakota, the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District has reviewed the enclosed comments and finds them to be consistent with current state policy in regard to the Red River Valley Water Supply Project. Please accept the enclosed comments from the state agencies.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Dave Koland
Manager

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July 21, 2003

Dave Koland, Manager
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Dear Dave:

Last week Jerry Schock visited our office regarding the Red River EIS with interest in further agency comments on potential recreation opportunities. Following that meeting I received your letter asking for similar information so offer these general thoughts.

Early in the data gathering stage of this study we provided recent State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) findings that identify general outdoor recreation interests by planning region. A copy of that information is also attached to this note. As you know, delivery of water, especially a reliable source, provides enhanced opportunity for economic and municipal expansion. Recreation is one of those amenities that adds to a communities quality of life while also supporting economic development efforts. Within Planning Regions 4 and 5, encompassing the Red River Corridor, priority recreation needs identified are open space development that encompasses sport facilities including sport courts and playground and picnic areas. Pools and beaches along with trails also constitute identified interests along the Red River Valley.

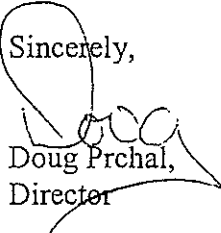
To provide more specific information, especially the type and numbers of facilities in any of the SCORP categories is difficult for our office to provide. Consultation with citizens and park and recreation staff in the respective cities within the planning corridor will best gather that specific data. Population data is best gathered at the local level also to aid in assessing the appropriate level of future facility need related to existing supply. Our agency conducted a statewide assessment of the recreation value of rivers roughly a decade ago and that study classified the Red River as a low priority for canoeing. That assessment was determined due primarily to the presence of low head dams, low river flows and water quality issues identified by the public.

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No issues arise regarding public scoping, and alternative plans, or biota transfer will not be commented on. Routing of the water delivery system or biota transfer are both areas we do not have the expertise to comment on. Environmental aspects of the project we focus on include the avoidance of endangered species in any routes selected for study. Reference to identified species were provided to the planning team early in the study so we trust that information was utilized in selection of the alternative routes. Water delivery routes should be selected to minimize impact to existing natural and cultural resources as well as avoiding existing outdoor recreation areas so as not to reduce those experiences.

We are pleased to aid your study efforts and look forward to continued dialogue and input.

Sincerely,



Doug Prchal,
Director

Attachment

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July 18, 2003

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Dear Mr. Koland:

The Department has reviewed the following draft documents pertaining to the proposed environmental impact statement on the Red River Valley Water Supply Project: 1) summary of public scoping, 2) alternative plans, 3) population needs numbers and projections, 4) environmental specific plan of study, and 5) the biota transfer specific plan of study. It appears from initial review of these documents the input into this process from agencies and the general public has provided good comprehensive draft documents.

The Department has not yet reviewed the individual alternatives for specific environmental impacts but will review the anticipated impacts and the proposed mitigation plan at the appropriate time. One of our interests during the review is to optimize the opportunity to establish and maintain minimum in-stream flows through Red River Valley's rivers and tributaries. By establishing in-stream flows we maintain numerous values of the streams.

In regards to the other draft documents, the Department does not have any further comments but remains committed to participate in the process. Should you have any questions, please contact Bruce Kreft at 328-6224.

Sincerely,



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Dear Mr. Koland:

This Department has completed its review of the draft documents pertaining to the proposed environmental impact statement on the Red River Valley Water Supply Project.

As an overview I think the process is proceeding very well with agencies and the public having ample opportunities for input.

The Department of Health is particularly interested in the wise use and distribution of the best possible water for human needs and environmental enhancement.

The Water Quality Needs Assessment and Aquatic Needs Assessment furthers our understanding of chemical and biological river processes and subsequent environmental needs. We view water quality and water quantity as inextricably linked and therefore encourage these efforts.

The alternatives identified for study are reasonable and should be explored. We suggest the Red Lake River be added as a supply alternative in the study.

The biota transfer plan of study is an appropriate approach to this issue.

Thank you again for asking for our input into this very important issue. Should you have any questions, I can be reached at 328-5237.

Sincerely,

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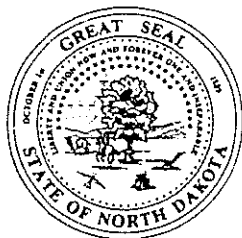
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COMMENTS ON RED RIVER VALLEY WATER SUPPLY PROJECT - EIS - SUMMARY OF PUBLIC SCOPING

This is to convey our initial comments regarding the proposed project. In addition to these comments, we will have attendance at the upcoming meetings to be held in Grand Forks, Valley City, and Fargo later this month. Our comments are as follows:

With regard to the options that use existing river and stream channels, we wish to point out that the North Dakota Century Code provides a requirement for various levels of government to provide certain levels of flood frequency provisions for bridge crossings of roadways. The storm frequency requirements are dependent upon functional classification of the roadway and our, conveyed through administrative rules. The administrative rules for the various bridge/roadway crossings are to be found at North Dakota Administrative Code Article 89-14 Stream Crossings. We believe that the EIS should address any impacts with regard to cost and flood frequency availability of the bridge crossings for options that provide for the conveyance of the proposed water supply through current river channels. The cost participation of mitigating impacts to highways and bridges should also be addressed in the document. Information on existing bridges on state and county roads can be obtained by contacting the North Dakota DOT Bridge Division. Also, any wetland and cultural impacts must be addressed and mitigated by the GDCD or project owner.

Those options that will require new crossings of highways should address the cost of maintaining traffic during the time of construction. This is most critical in crossings of the Interstate system as advance construction of median crossovers typically needs to be done prior to closing down the roadway impacted by a construction site.

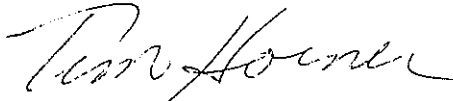
Throughout the area where work must be done on the highway right of way, appropriate permits and risk management documents will need to be obtained from the North Dakota DOT at the appropriate district office. The district map and contact person for each district is enclosed.

Mr. Dave Koland, Manager
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The alternative that provides for a pipeline down the I-94 corridor should address the methods for crossing rivers along the corridor as well as interchanges and separations along the corridor.

In closing, those are our comments to date. We will try to have attendance of our District Engineers at the respective June meetings where additional, more site specific comments may be advanced.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 701-328-4406.



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