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April 7, 2006

Signe Snortland
 Red River Valley Water Supply Project
 Bureau of Reclamation
 P.O. Box 1017
 Bismarck, ND 58502-1017

Dear Ms. Snortland,

Please find attached the City Council of Fergus Falls, Minnesota comments on the "DEIS for the Red River Valley Water Supply Project". They oppose the use of aquifers in West Central Minnesota to supply water to cities along the Red River. They do support the Garrison Diversion Unit Import to the Sheyenne River Alternative.

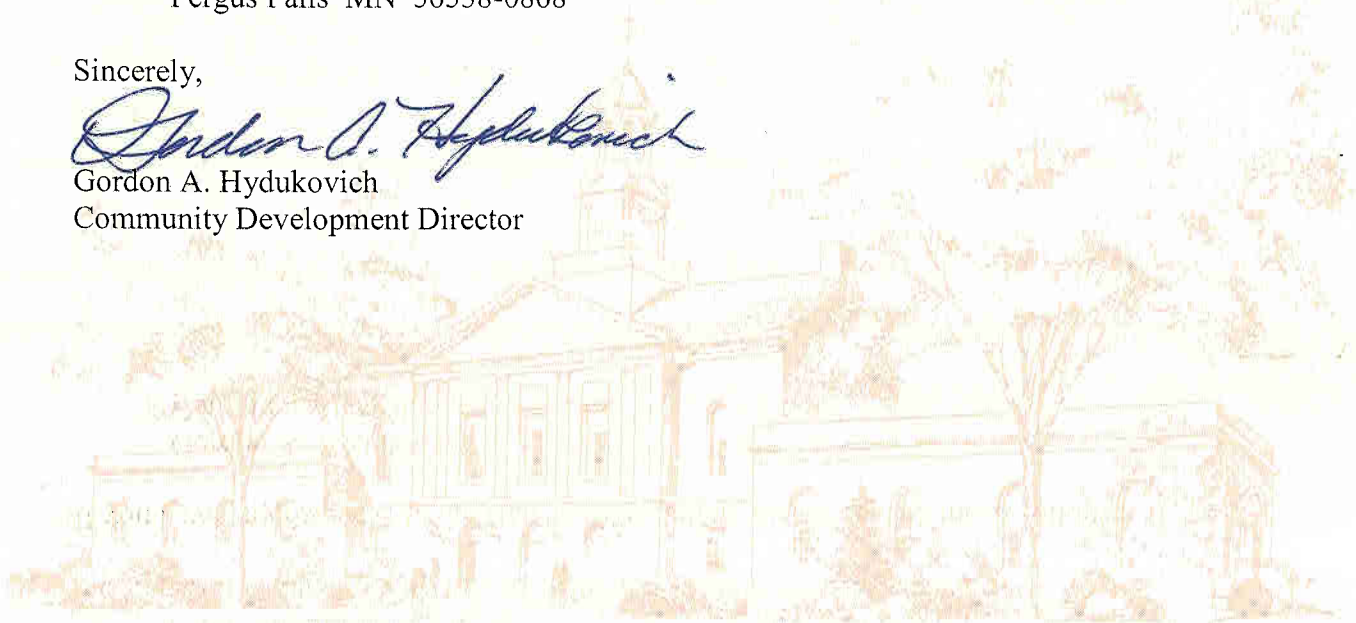
If you have any response to the attached Resolution, please contact me as follows:

Gordon A. Hydukovich
 Community Development Director
 City Hall
 P.O. Box 868
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Sincerely,

Gordon A. Hydukovich
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 Community Development Director

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RESOLUTION #40 – 2006
OPPOSED TO DRAWING WATER FROM WEST CENTRAL MN AQUIFERS
FOR RED RIVER VALLEY WATER PROJECT

WHEREAS one of the eight potential solutions presented for future drought water problems of cities located in the Red River Valley is the installation of 129 wells into aquifers located in West Central Minnesota in order to pipe water west to the Fargo/Moorhead area, Grand Forks, and other cities in the Red River Valley, and

WHEREAS the City of Fergus Falls believes there are alternatives that are superior to this solution, especially the Garrison Diversion Unit Import to the Sheyenne River Alternative, and

WHEREAS the City of Fergus Falls believes the problems of North Dakota cities should be handled with North Dakota resources, and

WHEREAS the City of Fergus Falls believes the natural resources of an area are incentives for growth and development and should not be taken to another location for its advantage and continued growth, and

WHEREAS the City of Fergus Falls believes its residents, businesses, governmental units, neighbors, area farmers, and irrigators do not support this diversion of natural resources,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Fergus Falls, Minnesota, to oppose the Red River Basin Alternative option for the Red River Valley Water Supply Project. This option is the installation of wells into aquifers in West Central Minnesota in order to pipe water to cities in the Red River Valley in the event of a drought.

The above and foregoing resolution was offered at a regular meeting of the City Council held on April 3, 2006, by Council Member Schierer, who moved its adoption, was seconded by Council Member Wilson and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Burt, Fish, Shelstad, Wilson, Gullickson, Schierer, Howland

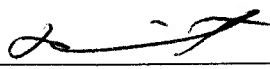
NAYS: None

ABSENT: Leland

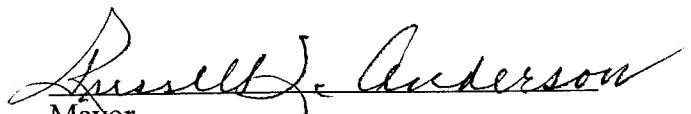
Whereupon the above resolution was duly adopted.

ATTEST:

ADOPTED:



City Administrator



Mayor