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Red River Valley Water Supply Project
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TO: Bureau of Reclamation

RE: Otter Tail County, Minnesota – Pelican River Sands Aquifer and Ottertail Outwash
Aquifer

Regarding the proposal of using the Pelican River Sands Aquifer and Ottertail Outwash
Aquifer as a solution for the Red River Valley Cities water supply would be detrimental
to our Otter Tail County.

We need this water supply to support and sustain not only our current residents, but also
for our agricultural industry and the many processing plants including food to ethanol in
the just the agricultural sector.

Our county has grown at a rate of nearly 15% over the past five years and this trend is not
decreasing. Only 10% of our developable lakeshore has not yet been developed. In only
a few years, this will all be consumed by development. Manufacturing in all sectors,
especially agriculture, keeps increasing. Our area uses irrigation in providing products to
be processed.

Sending water out of these aquifers will only make our needs greater and more costly as
it would be necessary to drill deeper and require increased water treatments.

This costly endeavor to supply the Red River Valley water needs is not the most efficient
and practical way to supply their out-sourcing. The Otter Tail County area should not
have to increase our costs and water losses for their benefit.

Sincerely,



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