

**RED RIVER VALLEY WATER SUPPLY PROJECT  
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From my perspective, as the Water Utility Superintendent, I feel that the City of Grand Forks should be an active participant in the Red River Valley water supply project. Our surface water supplies are vulnerable.

I am concerned about supply. At various meetings that I have attended regarding water supply issues, time spent reviewing archived photos and listening to antidotal stories of the 1930's drought and it's effects in the Grand Forks area, both the Red and the Red Lake Rivers have been drought impacted.

I am concerned about our current treatment processes and impacts to finished water quality if we experience drought conditions. From a treatment viewpoint, the potential impacts of low, or no, flow in the rivers could result in not only in reduced availability of water to treat but also failing to treat the available water to finished water quality standards. It would seem prudent to look at how this project, with the potential for alternate source water supplies, helps utilities maintain water quality standards during low flow conditions.

Given the changes in population, economic development, and life styles since the 1930's I would be remiss if I did not recommend that the City of Grand Forks keep an open mind and continue to participate actively in the Red River Valley water supply project.

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