

Upcoming Meetings

Lake Agassiz Water Authority Technical Advisory Committee meeting, August 8, 2006, 9:00 a.m., Howard Johnson Inn, Fargo.

Lake Agassiz Water Authority Board meeting, August 8, 2006, 1:30 p.m., Fargo City Commission Chambers, Fargo.

Planning today for tomorrow's water.



Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement to be Issued

Garrison Diversion and the Bureau of Reclamation are developing a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Red River Valley Water Supply Project. When completed, it is anticipated that the supplemental DEIS will be distributed for a 45-day comment period.

Additional study efforts that will be included in the supplemental DEIS are currently being completed. They include:

- Biota plant failure analysis by USGS
- Water quality modeling by USGS
- Impact analysis of Missouri River depletions under drought conditions by the US Army Corps of Engineers



Finding a solution to the drinking water needs of the Red River Valley.

- Cumulative impact analysis of groundwater depletion in Minnesota by USGS.

As stated in the last *LAWA Bulletin*, in addition to developing a supplemental DEIS, the comment period for the draft EIS will be left open while further analysis is done on issues raised in comments received to date.

For more information about the DEIS or the Red River Valley Water Supply Project go to www.rrvwsp.com.

Special points of interest:

- Supplemental Draft EIS to be Issued
- Red River Valley Water Supply Project Update
- LAWA Draft EIS Comments
- Upcoming Meetings

Red River Valley Water Supply Project Updates

- Of all the alternatives identified in the Draft EIS, preliminary findings indicate that only the GDU Import to Sheyenne River Alternative has the potential to fully meet the North Dakota Game & Fish Department aquatic needs recommendation. This alternative will be modified to meet this recommendation.



Sheyenne River at Lisbon flowing at 80 cfs (cubic feet per second) - less than the need that is currently anticipated for the GDU to Sheyenne River Alternative (the state's preferred alternative).

change will require remodeling the alternatives to determine the size of the features in each alternative.

- A Cooperating Agency Team meeting was held on May 17 to update member agencies on the project and gather their input.
- Two alternatives considered in the Draft EIS have been removed from further consideration in the Supplemental Draft EIS in response to comments and environmental effects analyses. The alternatives that have been considered but eliminated are the Lake of the Woods Alternative and the Garrison Diversion Unit Water Supply Replacement Pipeline Alternative.
- Garrison Diversion General Manager Dave Koland and Bureau of Reclamation Area Manager Dennis Breitzman met with North Dakota's congressional delegation staff, EPA and the State Department on June 12 and 13 to update them on the progress of the Red River Valley Water Supply Project.



Reclamation, EPA and Garrison Diversion staff take a break for a picture during the RRVWSP features tour.

- Recommended demands resulting from the sensitivity analysis are very close to "Scenario One" demands which were modeled in the Draft EIS. Therefore, Reclamation and Garrison Diversion have decided to use only "Scenario One" water demands in modeling and impact analysis.
- One of the comments received from the water users states that the water rights to the water stored behind Baldhill Dam need to be honored. Garrison Diversion's research concurs that these water rights need to be included in the model. This

LAWA Attends Red River Valley Water Supply Project Cooperating Agency Team Meeting

LAWA representatives attended the Red River Valley Water Supply Project Cooperating Agency Team meeting on May 17, 2006.

At the meeting, the types of comments received to date on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement were presented. The comments were separated into primary issues: alternatives, aquatic communities, biota, economics, groundwater, hydrology, the Missouri River, the purpose and need of

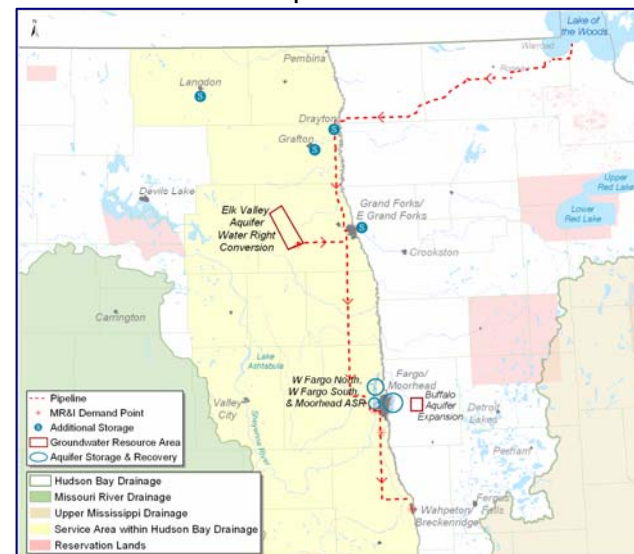
the project, tribal and cultural issues and water quality.

The Corps of Engineers presented a Missouri River Impacts Analysis. The presentation detailed the storage availability in the mainstem Missouri River Reservoirs.

The USGS presented a preliminary analysis of a biota transfer failure. The USGS also presented data on water quality modeling.

Two Alternatives Eliminated from Further Study

Garrison Diversion and the Bureau of Reclamation have decided to eliminate the Lake of the Woods and the GDU Water Supply Replacement alternatives from further study in the Red River Valley Water Supply Project Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement.



Lake of the Woods

