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2003 SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES

SB 2193

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2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2193

Senate Natural Resources Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date 2-7-03

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
2	X		7.8 - 12.0
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Janet Jarne</i>			

Minutes:

Senator Thomas Fischer, Chairman of the Senate natural Resources committee opened the hearing on SB 2193 relating to the issuance of bonds for construction of an outlet from Devils Lake.

All members of the Committee were present.

Senator John Traynor, of District 15 introduced SB 2193 relating to the issuance of bonds for Construction of an outlet from Devils Lake. As prime sponsor he stated this bill is really a continuation of the authorization to finance the construction of an outlet for Devils Lake as has been for the last three sessions. This is for \$20,000,00.00 in bonds. The authorization expires on July 30th, 2003 and this bill will extend the authorization to June 30th, 2005.

Dale Frink, (Tape 2, Side A, 9.1) the State Engineer and Secretary to the State Water Commission testified in support of SB 2193 (See attached testimony). He also offered an amendment to the bill (attached).

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Joe Bedford testified in support of SB 2193. He stated something has to get going in Devils Lake and with all the delays by the Corp of Engineers, this could be the solution to solving their problems and maybe supply some potable water down stream.

Mike Dwyer of the North Dakota Water Users support SB 2193 in solving the Devils Lake crises.

There was no testimony in opposition or in a neutral position.

Senator Fischer closed the hearing on SB 2193.

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2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2193

Senate Natural Resources Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date 2-12, 03 Discussion and Action

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	X		0.0 - 4.6
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Jant Jansen</i>			

Minutes:

Senator Thomas Fischer, Chairman of the Senate Natural Resources opened discussion of SB 2193.

All members of the committee were present except Senator John Traynor and Senator Layton Freborg.

Senator Fischer has talked the Appropriations Committee and they want SB 2193 to be presented as it is.

Senator Michael Every stated the feeling in his area is that the outlet will never happen, but if it does everything should be in place so it can happen. Without the money being ready and available The Corp of Engineers or the Federal Government will cooperate although the State of North Dakota and the governor have been very helpful and that is who they are pinning their hopes and dreams on.

Senator Every made a motion for a Do Pass of SB 2193.

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Senator Ben Tollefson second the motion.

Roll call vote was taken indicating 5 YEAS 0 NO AND 2 ABSENT OR NOT VOTING.

Senator Every will carry SB 2193.

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FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
03/14/2003

Amendment to: SB 2193

1A. State fiscal effect: Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.

	2001-2003 Biennium		2003-2005 Biennium		2005-2007 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues						
Expenditures						
Appropriations						

1B. County, city, and school district fiscal effect: Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.

2001-2003 Biennium			2003-2005 Biennium			2005-2007 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

2. Narrative: Identify the aspects of the measure which cause fiscal impact and include any comments relevant to your analysis.

Senate Bill 2193, as amended, is in conflict with section 9 of the Senate Bill 2022. SB 2193 would require that \$20 million of the bonding authority contained in SB 2022 be restricted for the Devils Lake outlet, and therefore be unavailable for other projects.

The revenues, expenditures and appropriations for the Devils Lake outlet are all contained in SB 2022.

3. State fiscal effect detail: For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:

A. Revenues: Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.

B. Expenditures: Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.

C. Appropriations: Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, of the effect on the biennial appropriation for each agency and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget. Indicate the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations.

Name:	David Laschkewitsch	Agency:	State Water Commission
Phone Number:	328-1956	Date Prepared:	03/14/2003

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Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2193

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Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

2. Narrative: *Identify the aspects of the measure which cause fiscal impact and include any comments relevant to your analysis.*

Senate Bill 2193 is in conflict with section 9 of the Senate Bill 2022. It is possible that SB 2193 would require that \$20 million of the bonding authority contained in SB 2022 be restricted for the Devils Lake outlet, and therefore be unavailable for other projects. Senate Bill 2193 does limit the bonding for the outlet to \$20 million.

3. State fiscal effect detail: *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

A. Revenues: *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

B. Expenditures: *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

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Name:	David Laschkewitsch	Agency:	State Water Commission
Phone Number:	328-1956	Date Prepared:	01/31/2003

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Date: 2-12-02
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2193

Senate Senate Natural Resources Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Pass

Motion Made By Every Seconded By Tall

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Thomas Fischer	✓		Senator Michael A. Every	✓	
Senator Ben Tollefson	✓		Senator Joel C. Heitkamp	✓	
Senator Layton Freborg					
Senator Stanley W. Lyson	✓				
Senator John T. Traynor					

Total (Yes) 5 No 0

Absent 2

Floor Assignment Every

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
February 12, 2003 4:14 p.m.

Module No: SR-27-2492
Carrier: Every
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
SB 2193: Natural Resources Committee (Sen. Fischer, Chairman) recommends DO PASS
(5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2193 was placed on the
Eleventh order on the calendar.

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2003 HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES

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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2193

House Natural Resources Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date March 13, 2003

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	xx		0-4329
2	xx		2462-3271
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Gin Myer</i>			

Minutes:

Chair Nelson called the hearing on SB 2193 relating to the issuance of bonds for construction of an outlet from Devils Lake to order.

Sen. Traynor: Introduced SB 2193. This is the fourth time we have asked the legislature to back a plan calling for an outlet for Devils Lake. The bonds issued could be spent building either state outlet or federal outlet with a state contribution. If bonds were issued before July 1st they would not be counted as part of the 20 million dollar authorization. It is very likely the bonds would be issued because the construction started on an outlet last October. The construction site was to provide for a pumping unit at round lake. The water commission has also authorized another 7 million dollars for the project. This would not be included in the 20 million dollars.

Rep. Clark: Where would this be located?

Sen. Traynor: South west side near Minnewaukan. Pumped to round lake. The pumped to long lake. Then to Peterson coulee. The first part is piped then the last part is open ditch.

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Rep. Kelsh: What has happened to the lake level.

Sen. Traynor: The lake peaked in 2001. It has been stable since then. However there is a pretty good snow pack. There will be water.

Rep. Drovdal: If we authorize 20 million dollar bonding. Any bonding done before 2005 will not count against that 20 million. How much additional bonding is being authorized?

Sen. Traynor: The state calculates the cost of the outlet at 25 million.

Rep. Drovdal: If you bond 10 million dollars, then you can go ahead and bond an additional 20 million after that.

Rep. Hanson: Are you using the 4 pumps we bought years ago?

Sen. Traynor: I think they are pumps we have on hand.

Joe Belford: Testified in support of SB 2193. (See Attached Testimony)

Rep. Nottestad: Is there any help coming from the corps concerning Devils Lake.

Joe Belford: I have spoken with Sen. Conrads office and have received not information.

Rep. Hanson: Who's going to pay the electric bill on this project?

Joe Belford: We have discussed that. No decision has been made yet.

Rep. Johnson: Testified in support of SB 2193. Explained the situation in Devils Lake region.

Testified how taxes are soaring up over \$1 and acre to compensate for the loses incurred.

Mike Dwyer: Testified in support of SB 2193. (See Attached Testimony)

Rep. Drovdal: Is this increasing their bonding before that date?

Mike Dwyer: It is just a reaffirmation. It does not double up.

Rep. Drovdal: It sounds like additional bonding. Would this lessen the ability for other water projects to bond?

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Mike Dwyer: I don't think so.

Rep. Keiser: How much bonding authority does the commission currently have? How much has been used?

Mike Dwyer: It did not have a specific dollar limit. It could have been up to 60 million. We did not bond this biennium.

Todd Sando: Assistant State Engineer - State water Commission. Testified in support of SB 2193 with the amendment.

Rep. Drovdal: Would this lessen the opportunities of other agencies to bond their water project if we do this?

Todd Sando: This reassure and guarantees the money on the project.

Rep. Drovdal: It does not authorize them to bond 5 million and the bond another 20 million.

Todd Sando: That is my understanding.

Rep. Keiser: The question is not what you intend to do but what the bill says. The bill says we will continue to appropriate funds. If you bond before the date it will not count against the authority. This would be getting around the authority.

Dave Laschkewitsch: Accounting Manager State Water Commissioner. It would enable that to happen. I do not have any intention to bond in the next 3 months.

Chair Nelson: Why do we need this language?

Dave Laschkewitsch: No we will not bond so we will not bond anyway.

Rep. Keiser: Is all of the bonding authority transferring over to the next?

Dave Laschkewitsch: It will not. This has gotten very complicated in recent years.

Rep. Keiser: What will the amendment do?

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Dave Laschkewitsch: Both these bills would move this to one section of the law. It would remove the conflict between both bills.

Chair Nelson closes the hearing on SB 2193.

Rep. Johnson moves the amendment seconded by **Rep. Clark**. Motion carried by voice vote.

Chair Nelson called the meeting to order.

Rep. Johnson: recommended the committee remove the earlier amendment in order to remove the bill from jeopardy on the floor.

Rep. Keiser moved to reconsider the amendment seconded by **Rep. Clark**. Motion carried by voice vote.

Rep. Johnson moved to remove the earlier language. **Rep. DeKrey** seconded.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Rep. Drovdal moved a **Do Pass with Amendment** seconded by **Rep. DeKrey**. Motion carried by a vote of 12-0-2. **Rep. Johnson** will carry.

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Date: 1/13/03
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2193

House House Natural Resources Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken No yes with Amendment

Motion Made By Drovdal Seconded By DeKrey

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Jon O. Nelson	✓				
Vice-Chairman Todd Porter					
Rep. Byron Clark	✓				
Rep. Duane DeKrey	✓				
Rep. David Drovdal	✓				
Rep. Lyle Hanson	✓				
Rep. Bob Hunskor	✓				
Rep. Dennis Johnson	✓				
Rep. George Keiser	✓				
Rep. Scott Kelsh	✓				
Rep. Frank Klein	✓				
Rep. Mike Norland	✓				
Rep. Darrell Nottestad	✓				
Rep. Dorvan Solberg					

Total (Yes) 12 No 0

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Floor Assignment Johnson

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
March 13, 2003 3:44 p.m.

Module No: HR-45-4749
Carrier: DeKrey
Insert LC: 30255.0202 Title: .0300

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
SB 2193: Natural Resources Committee (Rep. Nelson, Chairman) recommends
AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS**
(12 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2193 was placed on the Sixth
order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 13, remove "The limitation on the amount of bonds that may be issued for
construction of an"

Page 1, remove lines 14 and 15

Page 1, line 16, remove "from Devils Lake."

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2003 TESTIMONY

SB 2193

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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 2193

Senate Natural Resources Committee

**Dale L. Frink, State Engineer and Secretary to the
State Water Commission**

February 7, 2003

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Senate Natural Resources Committee, I am Dale Frink, State Engineer and Secretary to the State Water Commission. I am here in support of Senate Bill 2193, and I will be offering an amendment to the bill.

Senate Bill 2193 relates to the issuance of bonds for the construction of an outlet from Devils Lake. An outlet for Devils Lake has long been a goal of the State Water Commission, and it is hoped an outlet in conjunction with upper basin projects and infrastructure modifications will provide a long-term solution for the region.

The State Water Commission's appropriation bill, Senate Bill 2022, includes \$60 million of bonding capability for the 2003-2005 biennium. I don't believe it was the intent that Senate Bill 2193 reduce the \$60 million in Senate Bill 2022 and, therefore, I recommend that the attached amendment be considered by the Committee. This will ensure that the two bills remain consistent, and that Senate Bill 2193 does not limit the bonding authority in Senate Bill 2022.

I ask your favorable consideration of this bill and the proposed amendment.

Thank you.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO 2193

Page 1, line 10, after the period insert "Notwithstanding the sum of \$60,000,000 included in section 9 of Senate Bill 2022," and overstrike "The" and insert immediately thereafter "the"

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Devils Lake Testimony on Senate Bill 2193 – by – Joe Belford

Thank you Mr. Chairman and members of the committee for this opportunity to discuss the flooding crisis we still face at Devils Lake and to request your support for funding included for Devils Lake flood control in Senate Bill 2193.

After a decade of fighting the Devils Lake flood, I must tell you that the ongoing high water situation remains a terrible social and economic burden for the people of my region and for the whole state. Even though many homes and businesses have been moved or protected, many more remain vulnerable. The economic fabric of our region is seriously weakened and I am convinced it is only the stick-with-it character of our people that has kept us from a major collapse.

The lake is currently at elevation 1446.88 feet above sea level despite a couple of relatively dry years. I'm sure you are aware of the catastrophic summer storms that hit parts of North Dakota and Minnesota this past summer. Those storms are a clear warning that our situation at Devils Lake could change drastically overnight. We must not assume the worst is over!

We continue to follow the three pronged approach to our flooding problems. We have made progress in upper basin water management and infrastructure protection but building an emergency outlet to the Sheyenne River remains a huge challenge. The Corps' long awaited outlet feasibility study recently concluded a federal project would cost \$202 million. We are very disappointed at this news because the cost is far too high and it would still

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take five or more years to build. It is more important now than ever that the state build its own emergency outlet as soon as possible.

Over the past ten years we have had great support from the legislature and people across North Dakota in dealing with our ongoing crisis. We are very grateful for that understanding and for the help! But, unfortunately, we still face major problems well beyond local capabilities to address. Last fall, the State Water Commission began construction of a state emergency outlet project. Beginning that project was a great shot in the arm for the morale of our citizens. We need your support of Senate Bill 2193 which includes the funding necessary to complete the critical third prong of our flooding solution.

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Meeting the

Challenge

North Dakota continues to face water challenges

for two simple reasons, too much of it where there shouldn't be, and not enough of it where it's needed.

Since the nineties and beyond, our state has battled forces with many natural disasters, and in the wake of their path the resources and funding needs are significant.

Inside is a glimpse of the water projects and needs in North Dakota, highlighting the four major water projects with largest state funding needs: Fargo, Devils Lake, Grand Forks and the Southwest Water Pipeline Project.

It is clear that if we are to "Meet the Challenge" of North Dakota's water priorities, adequate resources must be available.

Completing these critical projects will save millions in local, state and federal dollars, and will achieve economic growth and quality of life for us all.

—Dennis Hill, Chairman
North Dakota Water Coalition

*"Water is a very good servant,
but it is a cruel master."*

C.G.D. Roberts,
Adrift in America, 1891.

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Meeting Our Biggest Challenges



Grand Forks Flood Protection: Opportunity for Completion

The Grand Forks/East Grand Forks Corps of Engineers Flood Damage Reduction (FDR) Project was authorized by the federal government in December 1998. It is designed to protect both cities from floods of a similar magnitude to the 1997 flood disaster, which caused billions of dollars in damage and forced the evacuation of nearly 60,000 residents. Construction on the project began in 2000 and is scheduled for completion in December 2004.

Community officials continue costly flood fights every year. The 2001 flood fight and cleanup cost an estimated \$3 million for the two communities. The psychological effects on the community cannot be underestimated. Flood protection is crucial in re-establishing a sense of security for the people of Grand Forks.

Cost of the total project is estimated to cost \$397 million. The state share of that total is estimated at \$131 million, which includes the previously allocated \$52 million.

Southwest Pipeline Project: Medora to Beach

Small communities continue to struggle with poor quality water trying to meet current state and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standard requirements. Many rural customers have discolored water high in sulfates, sodium, fluorides, total dissolved solids and nitrates. Local officials at Beach are very concerned with falling wells, and the estimated cost for drilling a new well is \$130,000.

Hopes of economic development in southwest North Dakota are directly related to providing an adequate quantity of quality water. Proposed economic development by the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation, including a golf course and housing development south of Medora, is contingent upon receiving pipeline water.

To complete the Medora-Beach Phase of the project it is estimated to cost \$22.6 million, including \$4.6 million to provide service to areas in Morton County.



Fargo Flood Control: Close to a Crisis

During the 1997 record spring flood, the south side of Fargo experienced major new flood threats from two sources: overland flooding from the Wild Rice River and Red River floodwater backing through Rose Coulee. Fargo constructed emergency levees to prevent these floodwaters from flowing north through Fargo, however properties and neighborhoods south of the emergency levees sustained severe flood damage. The Southside Flood Protection Project, designed to eliminate these flood threats, is nearing completion of the planning/development phase with construction scheduled to begin in 2003.

The Red River is also a severe flood threat. Prior to 1997, the city managed this threat with emergency and permanent levees. During the 1997 flood, some of the permanent levees were raised to prevent flooding. Following the flood, Fargo re-evaluated its permanent levees. Ridgewood Levee, the first levee system nearing reconstruction in north Fargo, provides flood protection to the Veterans Administration Hospital and the surrounding area. This project is expected to receive a federal appropriation to begin construction in federal fiscal year 2003.

The total estimated cost for both projects is \$48.4 million. The state share of that total is \$16.3 million.

Devils Lake Solutions: Federal Project

The State of North Dakota is pursuing a temporary emergency phased implementation outlet project out of West Bay to the Sheyenne River. The first phase of the project is 100 cfs, and the next phases include the capability of expanding the outlet project to 200 or 300 cfs, if necessary. The estimated cost for the State's outlet is \$20 to \$25 million.

The Corps of Engineers is designing a permanent 300 cfs outlet from Pelican Lake to the Sheyenne River. Presently, the Corps is finishing up the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). After a disappointing delay in August, the Corps is scheduled to release a Final EIS in January 2003, at the earliest, and have a Record of Decision (ROD) completed shortly thereafter. If the ROD supports an outlet project, flooding conditions still exist, and additional funding is made available, the Corps may initiate the bid process on the Pelican Lake Outlet Project sometime in 2003.

The total cost of the Corps project is approximately \$127 million, including downstream mitigation. The state cost share would be 35 percent or approximately \$45 million.



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North Dakota Water Coalition—Ongoing Projects



Eastern Dakota Water Supply

The Red River Valley study and environmental analysis will include a comprehensive analysis of all the reasonable alternatives for determining the best way to meet the water supply needs of the Valley. Each alternative will be studied on an in depth basis. As a minimum, three alternatives will be evaluated.

Flood Control

In addition to the flood control projects for Fargo, Grand Forks and Devils Lake, several other Red River flood control projects are needed, including Wahpeton, Grafton, and Maple River and Baldhill Dam protection.

General Water Management

Every North Dakota region and county has projects included in the State Water Management Plan. The State Water Commission provides support for these water management and development projects, which require cost-sharing with local entities, primarily water resource districts. Joint water boards are playing a key role in these local water management projects.

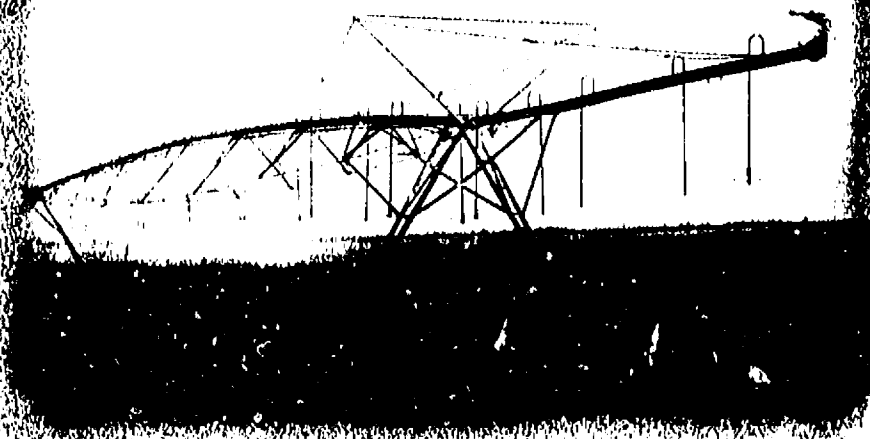


Indian MR&I

An additional \$200 million from the Dakota Water Resources Act has been authorized for Indian MR&I projects. These funds would be applied toward the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Three Affiliated Tribes, Spirit Lake Nation and the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indian Reservations.

Irrigation

North Dakota, which ranks last among the 17 western states in terms of total irrigation, has exciting potential to strengthen and expand irrigation to build and diversify North Dakota's economy. The state, along with local entities and private businesses will have to provide the needed capital and infrastructure requirements to develop significant Missouri River irrigation opportunities.



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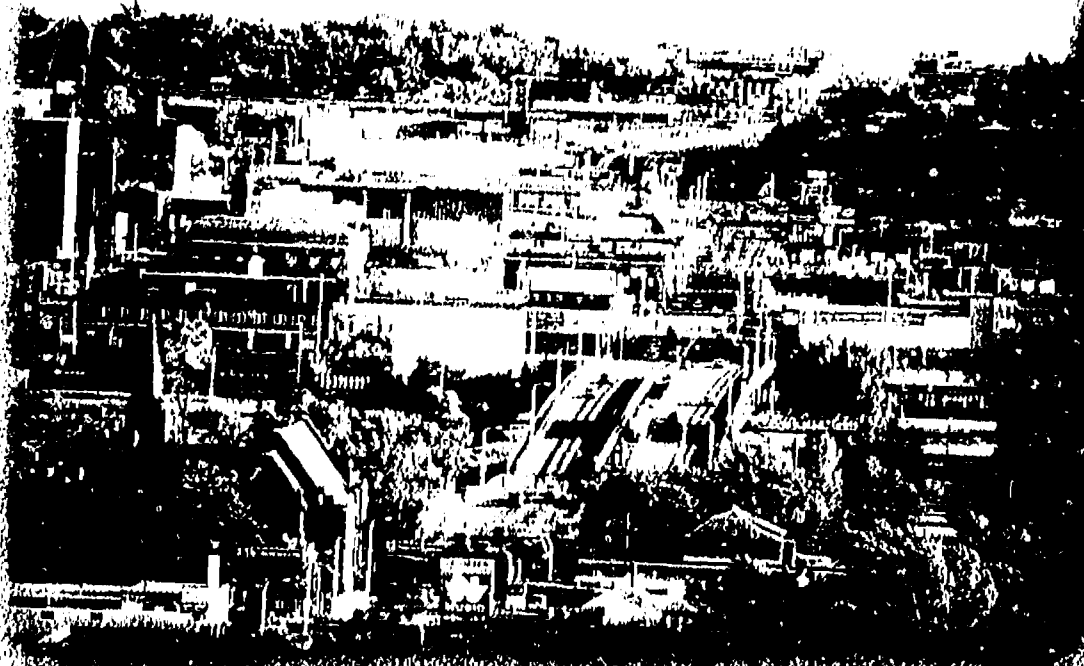
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Missouri River Management

The Missouri River Coordinated Resource Management Program is underway to address critical Missouri River issues, including bank stabilization, fishing, recreation, water management, endangered species, land use, natural resources and water quality.

Municipal, Rural and Industrial

The Municipal, Rural and Industrial (MR&I) water supply program helps North Dakota communities bring a clean, reliable supply of water to their residents, farms, schools, hospitals and industries. The needs continue to grow. The challenging work of encouraging and evaluating municipal, rural and industrial water supply projects is shared by the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District and the State Water Commission.



Northwest Area Water Supply

Construction began in April 2002 for the regional water system for northwestern and north central North Dakota. The estimated cost for the project is \$165 million, which will provide Missouri River water for municipal, rural and industrial (MR&I) purposes. Current design serves 15 cities, including the city of Minot, plus three existing and four proposed rural water systems, serving a total population of approximately 75,000 people.

Weather Modification

Operational cloud seeding is presently employed annually by five North Dakota counties and portions of a sixth. Annual cost of the program is about \$590,000, two-thirds of which is raised by the participating counties through local taxes up to 7 mills. The remaining third is cost-shared by the state. Economic impacts were recently assessed and are estimated at \$24.7 million in the target areas in increased crop production alone.

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BOMMM Joint Water
Resource Board

Cass County Joint Water Board

City of Bismarck

City of Devils Lake

City of Dickinson

City of Fargo

City of Grand Forks

City of Minot

City of Williston/Upper Missouri
Lake Sakakawea Planning Council

Devils Lake Basin Joint Board

Eastern Dakota Water Users

Economic Development
Association of North Dakota

Garrison Diversion Conservancy District

Greater North Dakota Association

ND County Commissioners Association

ND Association of Rural Electric
Cooperatives

ND Atmospheric Resource Board

ND Education Association

ND Farm Bureau

ND Farmers Union

ND Irrigation Caucus

ND League of Cities

ND Municipal Bond Bank

ND Rural Water Systems Association

ND State Water Commission

ND Water Resource Districts Association

ND Water Users Association

ND Weather Modification Association

Red River Joint Water Board

Souris River Joint Water Resource Board

Spirit Lake Tribe Water Resource
Program

Southwest Water Authority

Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa

Three Affiliated Tribes

West River Joint Water Board

North Dakota Water Coalition

The mission of the North Dakota Water Coalition is to complete North Dakota's water infrastructure for economic growth and quality of life.

North Dakota Water Coalition Membership

The North Dakota Water Coalition is made up of 36 statewide organizations, regional entities, municipalities, and other groups from across North Dakota.

North Dakota Water Coalition Goals

1. To provide an adequate water supply across North Dakota for manufacturing, industrial, energy by-product utilization, agriculture, agricultural processing, recreation, wildlife, municipalities and rural water systems which have inadequate supply or quality of water.

- Complete a workable and achievable Garrison Diversion Project through passage of the Dakota Water Resources Act to provide an affordable multiple-use water supply to central and eastern North Dakota, including the James, Sheyenne and Red Rivers.
- Complete the Southwest Pipeline and Northwest Area Water Supply Projects.
- Stabilize Devils Lake.
- Secure adequate funding for the MR&I Program.
- Develop multi-use statewide water impoundments for recreation, wildlife and fishing.
- Secure funding for irrigation development.

2. To complete projects to control and alleviate flood waters and damages, including Grand Forks, Devils Lake and Fargo flood control, bank protection, and increasing the flood control capacities of the Baldhill Dam and Reservoir, the Maple River Dam and others.

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North Dakota Critical Water Needs—Project Funding

Revenues

	Carryover and New Revenues 2001-2003	Proposed New Revenues 2003-2005
Resources Trust Fund	25,425,000	10,500,000
Water Development Trust Fund	47,700,000	20,600,000
REVENUE SUBTOTALS	\$73,125,000	\$31,100,000
Bonding	9,263,860	60,000,000
REVENUE TOTALS	\$82,388,860	\$91,100,000

Anticipated Revenues

2005-2007	
Resources Trust Fund	10,500,000
Water Development Trust	20,600,000
REVENUE TOTAL	\$31,100,000

Allocations

	2001-2003 Expenditures	Authorized and Proposed Expenditures 2003-2005
Devils Lake		
Outlet	1,500,000	25,000,000
Basin Development	1,000,000	2,000,000
Dike	2,200,000	2,000,000
Eastern Dakota Water Supply	150,000	150,000
Flood Control		
Grand Forks	19,500,000	18,507,000
Wahpeton	600,000	2,298,000
Grafton	250,000	500,000
Maple River Dam	500,000	7,700,000
Bald Hill Dam	1,000,000	0
Fargo	500,000	10,500,000
General Water Management	4,500,000	6,500,000
Irrigation	500,000	6,600,000
Missouri River Management	0	100,000
MR&I	5,000,000	10,000,000
Northwest Area Water Supply	400,000	2,400,000
Weather Modification	350,000	350,000
Southwest Pipeline	8,444,000	6,800,000
PROJECT TOTALS	\$46,394,000	\$101,405,000
Bond Payments	5,400,000	8,970,000
SWC Operations (WDTF transfer)	9,733,820	10,070,000
Flood Emergency Deficiency		11,000,000
SUBTOTALS	\$15,133,820	\$30,040,000
TOTALS	\$61,527,820	\$131,455,000
		-20,861,040
		-91,100,000
IBINED BALANCE	\$20,861,040	(\$19,493,960)

Tentative Obligations

2005-2007	
Bond Payments	17,970,000
SWC Operations	10,070,000
OBLIGATIONS TOTAL	\$28,040,000

2005-2007 Balance \$3,060,000

Critical water needs in

2005-2007	
Continuing Projects	
Devils Lake	2
Southwest Pipeline:	15
(Medora/Beach/Morton)	
Fargo: Complete	5 mill
Maple River Dam: Complete	2 mill
Irrigation/General Water	5 mill
MR&I (Williams)	10 mill
TOTAL	\$62.7 million

Other critical water needs

Red River Valley Water Supply
So. Central Regional Water
No. Central Water Consortium
Devils Lake Water Supply

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