



RRVWSP FACT SHEET

The Red River Valley Water Supply Project developer, Garrison Diversion Conservancy District, has instructed its attorneys to use eminent domain on landowners and refuses to even negotiate with landowners on compensation.

PROJECT BUDGET

- Total project cost started at \$1,220,000,000¹ and is now projected to be \$1,356,000,000.²
- Only about **0.22%** of that \$1.356 billion has been set aside for compensating landowners, less than a quarter of a percent.³
- While project costs have increased by \$1.36M, the compensation level of \$1,350/acre was set in 2009 and has never changed.³
- Despite a \$1.356 billion budget "water would not be affordable at all" if Garrison Diversion had to pay more for easements.⁴

PROJECT PROGRESS

- Funds have been appropriated during six legislative sessions going back to 2009.⁵
- After 11 years, less than 10% of the funding required has been achieved¹ and the project is "barely affordable now."⁴
- At its current rate, the project is on a 36- to 37-year build.⁴
- Please stop the use of eminent domain for this project. Tell Garrison Diversion it will not receive funding if it uses eminent domain.

Costs⁶

Transmission Pipeline	\$1 B	82%
Intake, Pumps, Supply	\$70 M	6%
Pump Stations, etc.	\$71 M	6%
Practical Treatment-WTP	\$66 M	5%
Discharge Structure	\$10 M	1%
Landowners (ROW)	\$ 3 M	0.22%

State Funding⁵

2009	HB1020	\$3,000,000
2013	HB1020	\$11,000,000
2015	SB2020	\$5,000,000
2017	HB1020	\$30,000,000
2019	SB2020	\$17,000,000
2021	HB1020	\$50,000,000

¹ Water Topics Overview Committee Presentation March 22, 2022.

² "That's just inflation. Every year we are somewhere presently in a three and six percent inflation factor and the jump from \$1.2 to \$1.356 is just inflation." - Duane DeKrey, <https://www.kxnet.com/news/answers-to-your-questions-revolving-red-river-valley-water-supply-project/>

³ "The total easement cost...\$3,019,000" Easement Pricing File Memorandum 7-7-09. \$3,019,000 / \$1.365B = 0.223%

⁴ Pates, Mikkel. "Red River Water Supply pipe project will sue if landowners don't sign by July 8, 2022" Ag Week, June 27, 2022

⁵ Red River Valley Water Supply Project Study – Background Memorandum; Prepared for the Water Topics Overview Committee July 2021

⁶ HB 1020 State Water Commission Budget Presentation, Senate Appropriations Committee, March 22, 2021.