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Brian Dunnigan, P.E., Acting Director
 Nebraska Department of Natural Resources
 301 Centennial Mall South
 Lincoln, NE 68509-4676

Monday, March 31, 2008

Dear Mr. Dunnigan,

The Republican River Basin Coalition offers this supplementary documentation for pending funding requests from the Water Contingency Cash Fund, as set forth by the Nebraska Legislature in LB 1094, by its members. The RRBC, as formed under the Interlocal Cooperation Act NRRS 13-801 through 13-872, is a joint entity of the Upper Republican Natural Resources District, Middle Republican Natural Resources District and Lower Republican Natural Resources District.

The RRBC entered into agreements with the Frenchman Valley Irrigation District, Frenchman-Cambridge Irrigation District, and Riverside Irrigation Company in June of 2007, purchasing a total of \$8,551,000 in surface water as a compliance tool for the Republican River Compact Settlement. The NRDs intended to pay Irrigation Districts in December 2007 through LB 701 tax authority; this authority was postponed due to a lawsuit, leaving irrigators unpaid at present time.

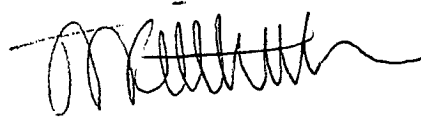
The table below demonstrates the amounts currently owed to each irrigation district, and the RRBC's cumulative funding request (\$8,551,000.00); each NRD should be paid a percentage of this amount based on tax proceed percentages, (Upper Republican, 44%; Middle Republican, 30%; Lower Republican, 26%). Copies of the signed water lease agreements from Frenchman Valley Irrigation District, Frenchman-Cambridge Irrigation District, and Riverside Irrigation Company are also enclosed.

Surface Water Buyouts	
Frenchman Valley Irrigation District	\$640,000.00
Frenchman-Cambridge Irrigation District	\$7,785,000.00
Riverside Irrigation Company, Inc.	\$126,000.00
Total Funding Request	\$8,551,000.00
Funding Requested Per NRD	
Upper Republican NRD	\$3,762,440
Middle Republican NRD	\$2,565,300
Lower Republican NRD	\$2,223,260

Funds obligated for surface water buyouts will be paid to the three irrigation districts, from which payments will be distributed to producers.

Please feel free to contact me via email at twitthuhn@lrnr.org, or by telephone at 308.928.2182, with any questions.

Sincerely,



Traci J. Witthuhn,
Republican River Basin Coordinator

Attachments: Memorandum of Agreement, Frenchman Valley Irrigation District
Memorandum of Agreement, Frenchman-Cambridge Irrigation District
Memorandum of Agreement, Riverside Irrigation Company
Interlocal Cooperation Agreement, Upper, Middle & Lower Republican NRDs
Resolution No. 07200701, Upper Republican NRD
Resolution No. 163-07-1, Middle Republican NRD
Resolution No. 105, Lower Republican NRD

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