

STATE OF NEBRASKA



DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Roger K. Patterson
Director

June 25, 2004

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Mike Johanns
Governor

Alice Johns, Area Manager
Nebraska-Kansas Area Office
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
P.O. Box 1607
Grand Island, NE 68802

Dear Ms. Johns:

I am writing to you concerning State priorities for the revised allocation of FY06 General Investigations Program Funding that I first requested in an October 3, 2003 letter to your office. At that time I requested that the FY06 Nebraska General Investigations Program budget include \$110,000 for examination of water management opportunities in the Enders/Culbertson canal area and \$110,000 for examination of conjunctive use opportunities in the Central Platte area. I also requested that \$10,000 be kept in the Nebraska Investigations budget for a study of a Platte River Decision Support System.

My understanding is that a total of \$128,000 is available for the program in FY06. Given that funding total our requested allocation of funds is: \$110,000 for the study of management opportunities in the Enders/Culbertson Canal area and \$18,000 for the examination of conjunctive use opportunities in the Central Platte area. At this time we are not requesting any funding for a Platte River Decision Support System effort as current agency priorities mean we will likely not have significant staff time to devote to such efforts for the next several years.

Sincerely,

Roger K. Patterson
Director

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cc: Mike Kube
Jack Wergin
Steve Gaul

REVISED PERIODIC REPORT – INCEPTION (APRIL 1, 2004) TO JUNE 30, 2004 – PROJECT 04-168 REPUBLICAN BASIN WATER METER PROPOSAL

Project Narrative

There was a total project expenditure of \$295,048.72 in the April 1 to June 30, 2004 time period. \$120,068.23 of that amount is eligible for Trust reimbursement and reimbursement is being requested for that amount. Separate sheets list the specific meters and reimbursement requests. During this period under the terms of the grant the following meters were eligible for reimbursement: 1) meters installed during the period on wells in the northwest quarter of a section in the Middle Republican NRD, 2) meters installed during the period in sections 25 to 36 in the Lower Republican NRD, and 3) meters installed during the period in the Republican Basin portion of the Tri-Basin NRD. The accompanying billing information identifies the cost share provided by landowner meeting those categories. The remaining expenditures, identified as match, were for Republican Basin meters installed during the period that did not meet one of the above three criteria. In addition to the amounts noted above there was separate match expenditure on Republican Basin meters that occurred before the initiation period for this grant. If all meter expenditures including Trust Funds, landowners expenditures, and state and federal funds used to purchase meters in the Republican Basin to date were added, the total would be as follows:

\$886,077.63	All state cost share provided prior to April 1, 2004
\$200,002.00	All Bureau of Reclamation cost share (Provided Prior to April 1, 2004)
\$ 67,914.86	Cost share from Environmental Trust fund transfer that was not part of this grant
\$174,980.49	State cost share provided during the April 1 to June 30, 2004 grant period with no Trust reimbursement requested
\$120,068.23	Trust funds requested for April 1 to June 30 grant period

\$1,449,043.21	Total Government Funds Used
\$1,449,043.21	Minimum Landowner Cost Share
\$2,898,086.42	Overall Total Expenditures on Republican Basin Meter Program

Separate Report on Special \$67,914.86 Trust Payment to NDNR

On September 4, 2003 the Nebraska Environmental Trust transferred \$67,914.86 to the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources for use in the Republican Basin water meter program. That money was all expended by June 1, 2004. Those funds were not part of this grant and were provided to NDNR prior to approval of this grant. However, the accounting sheet noting the expenditure of those funds on Republican Basin meters accompanies this periodic report.