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Roger Patterson, Director
Nebraska Department of Natural Resources
P.O. Box 94676
Lincoln, NE 68509

Subject: Drought Assistance Request for Republican River Irrigation Districts

Dear Mr. Patterson:

In response to your December 16, 2004 letter, a portion of the necessary funding and authorization for the drought assistance request for the Republican River Irrigation Districts has been approved. The original request totaled \$169,650, which provided financial incentives to the Frenchman-Valley Irrigation District, H & RW Irrigation District, Frenchman-Cambridge Irrigation District, and Bostwick Irrigation District in Nebraska for leaving limited 2005 irrigation storage in Enders Reservoir, Swanson Lake, Hugh Butler Lake, and Harlan County Lake.

The approved funding level represents half of the originally requested amount due to a reduction in available funds in the general drought program. Reclamation will begin drafting modifications to Agreement No. 03FC601826 in order to provide \$84,750 of drought assistance to the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

The Nebraska DNR will need to enter into the necessary agreements with each irrigation district (similar to the agreements entered in 2004) so the Districts can receive this drought assistance. If you need assistance, please contact Jack Wergin of this office at 308-389-4622, extension 209.

Sincerely,

Acting For

Alice E. Johns
Area Manager

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From: Steve Gaul

TO: Managers of:
Frenchman Valley Irrigation District
H&RW Irrigation District
Frenchman-Cambridge Irrigation District
Bostwick Irrigation District

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Attached you will find a letter from Alice Johns of the Bureau of Reclamation concerning our drought request for leaving limited 2005 irrigation storage for the Republican River Irrigation Districts. Our original request of \$169,650.00 has been approved at approximately half of the original requested amount, which is \$84,750. I will be contacting you regarding your wishes and if you wish, preparing revised agreements with each district for the irrigation storage program for 2005.

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Steve,

Attached are the drought assistance shutoff elevations and storages based on January Water Supply estimates.

These should be the numbers used in the agreements with the Districts.

	Elevation	Storage	
05 water supply			
Swanson Lake	2730.95 ft	34,005 AF	13,150 AF
Enders Reservoir	3087.90 ft	12,808 AF	3,860 AF
Hugh Butler Lake	2571.30 ft	21,402 AF	10,190 AF
Harlan County Lake*	1930.88 ft	149,459 AF	4,600 AF

* Please note that Harlan County Lake numbers include the water supply for Bostwick Irrigation District in Nebraska and Kansas Bostwick Irrigation District.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Jack