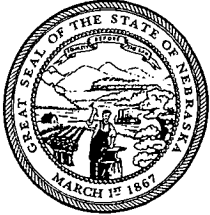


STATE OF NEBRASKA



DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Roger K. Patterson
Director

November 25, 2003

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Mike Johanns
Governor

Mary Harding
Executive Director
Nebraska Environmental Trust
2200 North 33rd Street
PO Box 30370
Lincoln, NE 68503-0370

RE: Project Number 03-164-LB 1003 Water Policy Study / Project

Dear Mary,

This letter is to inform you that due to cost savings our expenditures on Environmental Trust Project Number 03-164-LB 1003 Water Policy Study / Project will be at least \$200,000 below the \$350,000 amount of the grant award. We therefore ask that the \$200,000 be released by the Trust for use on other purposes. As was done with Project 00135-3, Tri-Basin NRD Platte River Valley Irrigation Well Census, we request that the released funds be made available for cost share on water meters in Nebraska's Republican River Basin. Installation of these meters is critical to successful implementation of the Republican River Settlement.

The cost savings of this project have come from a number of sources. These include: 1) the facilitators hired for the project have expended less than anticipated, 2) staff and task force members were able to supply legal and technical information than was originally anticipated to require costly contract work, and 3) many of the groups to which task force members belong were able to provide travel expenses. We currently anticipate the Task Force will complete its original charge on schedule and considerably under budget. We greatly appreciate the support of the Trust on this project.

Sincerely,


Roger K. Patterson
Director

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cc: Lisa Beethe, Grants Administrator
Steve Gaul, Designated Project Representative



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August 4, 2004

Mr. Roger Patterson
Nebraska Dept. of Natural Resources
Interagency Mail – NSOB

RE: Project No. #03-164 – LB 1003 Water Policy Study/Project

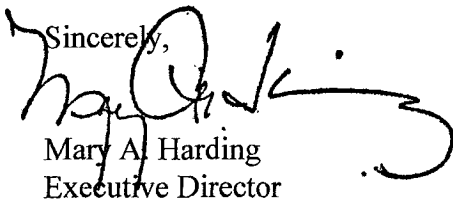
Dear Roger:

On July 30, 2004 the Nebraska Environmental Trust Board met to consider your request for a 3-year extension of the expiration date to June 30, 2007 and permission to retain the approximately \$100,000 balance for task force member and meeting expenses. The board has approved this modification as requested. We will also process the refund of \$200,000 to the Trust Fund at this time.

In granting this modification, we consider your letter of request and any attachments as a binding amendment to your grant agreement. We will require continued quarterly reports for this period with your final project report due by July 31, 2007.

If you have any questions regarding this decision, please call our office at (402) 471-5409.

Sincerely,



Mary A. Harding
Executive Director

MAH/lb



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FINAL REPORT COVER SHEET AND INSTRUCTIONS

Please use this form to file your FINAL project report for your Trust grant. The final report must be filed **in addition to** your last periodic report as specified in your grant contract. The final report consists of the following three parts:

1. **The Cover Sheet.** Please complete the information below as requested.
2. **Report on Matching and In-kind Expenditures.** (reverse side of this form) Use this form to report all resources expended on the project other than those funded by the Trust for the ENTIRE grant period. This is a summary of all matching/in-kind contributions for the entire grant period.
3. **Summary Narrative.** On a separate page(s) provide a summary of all activities from the **start of the project through completion.** This summary should include partner contribution information and results of the project. If modifications were made to the project after the grant was awarded, describe the changes and explain why they were necessary. We are primarily interested in the project for the period of the Trust participation for the purposes of this report. The final report must discuss the results or success of the project, including quantifying results, for example, acres restored, pounds recycled, # of trees planted, etc.

Project Sponsor: _____

Project Title: _____ Project No.: _____

Project Start Date: _____ End Date: _____

Award Amount: _____ Expended Amount: _____

Amount Refunded: _____

FOR THE SPONSOR: _____

Signature

Date

Typed or Printed Name

Title

_____ Nebraska Environmental Trust Signature	_____ Date
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REPORT ON MATCHING AND IN-KIND EXPENDITURES

Please summarize all resources expended on the project other than those funded by the Trust.

Examples of these costs could include materials, labor, donations, other grants, matching funds or volunteer labor time.

ITEM	SOURCE	\$ VALUE
TOTAL:		\$

Report for period from _____ to _____