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DRAFT March 18, 2005

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

Dear Alice:

I am writing to you concerning a State of Nebraska proposal for funding under the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991. On December 16, 2004 I sent you a proposal requesting \$169,650 in Drought Assistance Funding to assist irrigation districts in the Republican Basin in providing reservoir storage carryover. At this time I would like to supplement that request with the following additional projects. Our top priority is the previously submitted reservoir storage carryover proposal for the Republican Basin. Our remaining proposals are:

\$100,000	Additional Meter Cost Share for the South Platte Natural Resources District
\$150,000	Meter Cost Share for the North Platte Natural Resources District
\$200,000	Meter Cost Share for the Upper Niobrara-White Natural Resources District
\$450,000	SUBTOTAL
\$169,650	Previously requested funds for Republican Basin Reservoir Storage Carryover
\$619,650	TOTAL

I have attached descriptions of each new proposal to this letter. If you have any questions about the proposals, please contact me. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Roger K. Patterson Director

Attachments