

STATE OF NEBRASKA



DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Roger K. Patterson
Director

July 21, 2003

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Mike Johanns
Governor

Lisa Beethe
Grant Administrator
Nebraska Environmental Trust
2200 North 33rd Street
P.O. Box 30370
Lincoln, NE 68503-0370

Dear Lisa,

Enclosed are copies of our initial periodic report for *Project # 03-164 LB 1003 Water Policy Study / Project*. For this reporting period we are requesting no Environmental Trust Funds, although we do note significant amounts of matching funds expended as well as substantial progress on the effort. Expenditures on the project to date have been significantly below those originally estimated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Gaul".

Steve Gaul
Designated Project Representative

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Enclosures

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PERIODIC REPORT – INCEPTION TO JUNE 30, 2001 - *PROJECT 03-164 LB*
1003 WATER POLICY STUDY / PROJECT

The purpose of this project is to review specific issues related to Nebraska surface water and groundwater law and to identify options and make recommendations to the Governor and Legislature relating to water policy changes deemed desirable by a 49 member water policy task force. Work began in early July 2002 and the task force held its first meeting on July 29, 2002. Expenses have included meeting expenses for task force members, consultant expenses for facilitation, and other meeting related expenses. As of June 30, 2003 there had been five meetings of the full 49 member task force and fourteen meetings of an eleven member executive committee as well as numerous subcommittee meetings.

Subcommittees have been formed at various points to deal with a number of issues, including: surface water transfers, groundwater transfers, over-appropriation, inequities/compensation, funding for data collection and studies, and development of scientific data. The task force is well into the process of developing draft proactive legislation that deals with each issue. The 49 members of the task force represent a broad cross-section of water interests.

For this initial period of the grant, all expenses were charged to matching sources rather than the Environmental Trust grant. Project expenses to date have been significantly less than originally estimated.



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PERIODIC REPORT COVER SHEET AND INSTRUCTIONS

Please use this form to file periodic project reports as required in your Trust grant contract. These reports should consist of the following four parts:

1. **The Cover Sheet.** Please complete the information below as requested.
2. **Request for Reimbursement.** You must submit original invoices to document each expense for which you request reimbursement, unless otherwise provided in your grant contract. Each invoice must contain the name, address and social security or federal tax identification number of the vendor, and an itemized list of services or goods with costs and the dates of service or delivery. If invoices contain non-grant items, clearly note the exceptions. On the reverse of this page you will find a table entitled "Summary of Invoices Submitted for Reimbursement." List each invoice on the table, providing the information as requested. Be sure the expenditure description contains sufficient information to determine that the item or activity is a legitimate project expense. The column "Budget Category" references the categories you created in your contract budget outline: each invoice must identify which category name it falls under. Copy the table if you need additional reporting space. Clip the invoices in the order listed on the Summary sheet.
3. **Project Narrative.** On a separate page(s), describe project activities, partners and results of the project for this period. If modifications were made to the project, describe the changes and explain why they were necessary. Quantify any results you can, for example, acres restored, pounds recycled, etc.
4. **Report on Matching and In-Kind Expenditures.** Use this form to report all resources expended on the project other than those funded by the Trust. Examples of these costs could include materials, labor, donations, other matching funds or volunteer labor time.

Project Sponsor: Nebraska Water Policy Task Force/Nebraska Department of Natural Resources

Fiscal Agent: Steve Gaul, Designated Project Representative or Gayle Starr, Fiscal Officer, NDNR
Nebraska Department of Natural Resources, 301 Centennial Mall South,

Fiscal Agent Address: P.O. Box 94676, Lincoln, NE 68509-4676
(street address, city, state, zip code)

Project Title: LB 1003 Water Policy Study/Project **Project No.:** 03-164

Reporting Period: Inception through June 30, 2003 **Tax I.D. #** 47-0491233

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED FOR THIS PERIOD: \$ 0.00 ACH or CHECK

I certify that this report is correct and just; that all expenses were necessary expenses of the project and were incurred in accordance with the approved grant agreement, including any amendments thereto; and that progress of the work and services under grant contract is satisfactory and consistent with the amount billed. As the Sponsor named above, or agent thereof, I hereby claim reimbursement from the STATE OF NEBRASKA for the attached and itemized expenses, for which payment has not previously been made by the STATE OF NEBRASKA.

FOR THE SPONSOR: Robert Stephen Gaul **DATE:** 7/18/03
Signature

Robert Stephen Gaul **TITLE:** Designated Project Representative
Typed or Printed Name

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 matching funds or volunteer labor time.

ITEM	SOURCE	\$ VALUE
Contractual Services (Task Force Facilitators)	State Appropriation	\$65,184.82
Other Operating Expenses	State Appropriation	4,779.17
Travel Expenses for Task Force Members	State Appropriation	18,815.24
TOTAL: \$		88,779.23

Report for period from July 28, 2002 to June 30, 2003