

# Flood Diversion Authority March Report

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# February Board Highlights

## 💧 The Board approved:

- *Motion to support the USACE efforts to include the Oxbow/ Hickson/ Bakke area ring levee in the federal EA*
- *Proceeding with the fourth Hardship Property Acquisition request*
- *Letter informing CapX2020 power line project of the changes in the Diversion Channel southern alignment*

## 💧 Received updates:

- *On the draft Agricultural Impact Mitigation Plan*
- *From the Red River Basin Commission*

# February/ March Priority Areas

- 💧 Legislative Support for project
  - *North Dakota Legislative Session*
  - *Federal support for FY14 President's Budget*
- 💧 Oxbow/Hickson/Bakke levee refinements
- 💧 Design effort focused on 2 year work plan

# Legislative Activities

- 💧 Testimony at both the House and Senate Appropriation Committees (Local leadership and Corps)
- 💧 Authority leadership, USACE and the PMC attended the ND Legislative Open House on Feb. 12
- 💧 Numerous legislative follow-ups
- 💧 Development of fact-based response to legislative and opponent questions and requests for information
- 💧 Implementation of legislative outreach plan
- 💧 Federal: Congressional visit and Letter of support for funding for the FY14 budget

# Oxbow / Hickson / Bakke levee activities

- 💧 Oxbow City Council passed a resolution to support the ring levee concept.
- 💧 PMC and Authority staff conducted meeting with Pleasant Township representative.
- 💧 Pleasant Township supervisors re-affirm their resolution against the project and against the ring levee.
- 💧 Continued design work on levee concept.
- 💧 Developed plan for follow-up meeting with residents.

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## 💧 Technical effort:

- *Continuing In-town Levees and Upstream Staging Area Ring Levee analysis*
- *Ongoing reviews of Reaches 1, 2, 4, and 5; Drayton Dam Mitigation design; CR31, CR32, CR22, CR81, I-29 and BNSF Hillsboro RR bridges*
- *Continued work on the Maple River Aqueduct Physical and Numerical Modeling*
- *Joint meetings: LSLCTT, Technical Working Group (TWG), and Joint Design Board (JDB)*

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## 💧 MN EIS:

- *Continued Scoping Document coordination with MnDNR*
- *Provided feedback to MnDNR on first Draft Scoping Decision Document*
- *Provided logistical assistance preparing for upcoming public hearing*

# February/March 2013 Highlights - Outreach

- 💧 ND Legislator Open House in Bismarck on Feb. 12
- 💧 Implemented 2/2/2 proactive outreach plan
- 💧 House and Senator testimony preparation
- 💧 Reed Township and Reile Acres leader engagements
- 💧 The Chamber's Business Leader's Task Force for Permanent Flood Protection – first meeting on Feb. 26
- 💧 Updates to the project website, [www.fmdiversion.com](http://www.fmdiversion.com)