

# Flood Diversion Authority May Report

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# MARCH BOARD Highlights

- 💧 The Board approved:
  - *the Master Services Agreement with URS*
  
- 💧 Received updates:
  - *Hardship Properties status*
  - *Oxbow/Hickson/Bakke area levee progress report*
  - *Red River Basin Commission*
  - *Formation of the Business Leaders Task Force for Permanent Flood Protection*
  - *ND Legislative Update*

# March/April Priority Areas

- 💧 2013 Flood Fight
- 💧 North Dakota legislative activities
- 💧 Oxbow/Hickson/Bakke levee alignment outreach
- 💧 Ongoing technical/design activities

# March/April 2013 Legislative Activities

- 💧 Authority leadership, Corps and business community engaged in support of Diversion funding in HB1020
  - *Supported with a coordinated, proactive legislative engagement plan*
  - *Sustained presence in Bismarck: Numerous bus trips, small group and individual meetings*
  - *Led to the passage of amended version of HB1020 which provided \$100M and re-affirmed the State's support of the Diversion*
- 💧 Federal activity:
  - *Announcement of FY 14 President's Budget and the plus up of FY13 federal work plan funding*
  - *Movement in the Senate of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) with language that would allow for Authorization*

# Other Program Activities

- 💧 Oxbow / Hickson / Bakke levee:
  - *Conducted 57 one-on-one meetings with the Hickson, Bakke, and rural residents in the Staging Area*
  - *Updated Decision Paper regarding final alignment.*
  - *Continued work with Oxbow to refine MOU concepts.*
- 💧 Hardship acquisitions:
  - *Prepared staff recommendation for third purchase*
  - *Initiated negotiations on fourth property*
- 💧 Continued working with Ag community to develop Ag impacts mitigation policies

# MARCH /APRIL 2013 Highlights

## 💧 Technical effort:

- *Ongoing reviews of Reaches 1, 2, 4, and 5; Drayton Dam Mitigation design; CR31, CR32, CR22, CR81, I-29 and BNSF Hillsboro RR bridges; Wild Rice River Fish Passage Mitigation Project*
- *Joint meetings: LSLCTT, Technical Working Group (TWG), and Joint Design Board (JDB)*
- *Developed specifications for future construction contracts.*
- *Developed Phased Construction Plan and initial 2013-15 Biennium construction plan.*
- *Update program schedule to reflect the Phased Construction Plan.*

# MARCH/APRIL 2013 Highlights

## 💧 Federal/State Agency Coordination:

- *Participated in an Agency meeting on March 27*
- *Supported and participated in MnEIS Public Scoping meeting on May 8<sup>th</sup>.*
- *Drafted and submitted the Design Agreement Amendment with the Corps.*
- *Reviewed and updated the Corps' Project Management Plan (PMP)*

# MARCH/APRIL 2013 Highlights - Outreach

- 💧 Assisted Diversion leadership to develop talking points and answers to numerous FAQs.
- 💧 Outreach meetings:
  - *Argusville commission meeting on March 26*
  - *Presentation to MnDOT staff of the West-Central District*
  - *Presentation to the FM CPA Society on April 5*
  - *Chamber Business After Hours at the Ramada*
- 💧 USACE and PMC developed the “Misinformation” fact sheet



# MARCH/APRIL 2013 Highlights – Outreach (cont)

- 💧 Diversion Project tables at the Fargo, Cass County, and Moorhead Spring Flood meetings in April
- 💧 Updates to the project website, [www.fmdiversion.com](http://www.fmdiversion.com)
- 💧 Published March and April editions of the *Diversion Dialogue E-Newsletter*