

## Lake Agassiz Water Authority & Red River Valley Water Supply Project Updates

- Lake Agassiz Water Authority (Lake Agassiz) submitted comments to the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) concerning the draft Needs & Options Report.

Lake Agassiz stated the report represented a full range of options for the municipal, rural and industrial water needs.

They also commented that the water quality and the water needs for the aquatic environment were not sufficiently addressed.

- The impact analysis on all resources is complete. Some alternatives cause significant impacts on the aquatic environment in Lake Ashtabula by dropping below the conservation pool or remaining at the minimum

conservation pool level for long periods of time.

No other significant negative environmental impacts have been identified that cannot be reduced to "insignificant" with mitigation.

Reclamation will present these findings to the Lake Agassiz board at their October 4 meeting.

- Various pricing options for the Red River Valley Water Supply Project were presented to the Lake Agassiz board in September. EES Consulting provided possible breakdowns of pricing costs for all 27 water systems in the Red River Valley.

### Next Steps

- The Lake Agassiz Board will select a preferred alternative at their October 4 meeting.
- The Garrison Diversion Board of Directors will consider a recommendation on the state's preferred alternative at their meeting on October 7 in Carrington.

### Special points of interest:

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- Lake Agassiz Elections Held



## Elections held for Lake Agassiz Water Authority North Dakota City Members.

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At the League of Cities Conference, Lake Agassiz's North Dakota city representatives were elected during the Red River Valley Cities Caucus meeting.

As mandated by state law, two members must be from a city south of Highway 200 and east of Highway 1. One must represent a city with a population over 40,000 and another with a population less than 40,000 but more than 5,000. The other two city members must be from cities north of Highway 200 and east of Highway 1 with

one member from a city with a population over 40,000 and the other representative from a city with less than 40,000 but more than 5,000

Reelected to the board were Mayor Bruce Furness representing Fargo, Curt Kruen representing Grand Forks, Mayor Fred Stark representing Grafton and Ken Evenson representing Valley City.

These members will serve a two year term on the Lake Agassiz Water Authority Board of Directors.



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