

Flood Diversion Authority October Report

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Tropical Storm Sandy



Red River Basin Flooding



OCTOBER 2012 Highlights

- 💧 Joint technical team continued design efforts on :
 - *Reaches 1-5, Rush/Lowe Rush Inlets, Wild Rice River and Drayton Dam (USACE)*
 - *County Road 31 and 20 Bridges, and Reach 3 bridges (HMG)*
- 💧 Authority technical team conducted technical reviews of:
 - *USACE 35% submittals on the Wild Rice Dam fish passage mitigation project, 50% design for Reach 3 BNSF bridges, and the Channel Constructability VE*
- 💧 Alignment analysis/ refinement for both the Southern and Western alignments complete (decisions to be made/ announced today)

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- 💧 Preliminary development of Oxbow area levee option
 - *Special Authority Board meeting on October 23 to request USACE to further analyze the ring-levee plan*
 - *Formation of the Corps led project delivery team (PDT)*
 - *Initial supporting analysis started by HMG*
- 💧 Approved selection of the property management firm for the project, acquired 21 vacant lots in West Fargo, and delivered purchase agreements for 3 hardship properties
- 💧 Endorsed local drainage and local transportation plans through the Agricultural Policy Subcommittee

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- 💧 Joint team continued to work on the MN EIS and the program permitting plan:
 - *Submitted a completed EAW form for review by MnDNR toward development of the Scoping Decision Document*
 - *Completed version 1 of the project Permitting Plan*
- 💧 Toured the Winnipeg Floodway on October 11-12 with USACE and Authority members
- 💧 Board approved \$500k to initiate RRBC retention study, PMC and technical staff working with RRBC to provide tech support and review

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- 💧 Leadership team traveled to Washington D.C. October 23-25 to stress need for the project with ND and MN Congressional staff and USACE
- 💧 Completed the closeout of FY12 activities and transitioned to the FY13 work plan.
- 💧 Public outreach activities included
 - *Monthly “Diversion Dialogue” e-newsletter, with focus on new design features and economic benefits*
 - *Appeared at Basin Commission meeting on October 29*
 - *Continued planning for a Nov 14 Horace community meeting*
 - *Updates to the project website, www.fmdiversion.com, including comment section*