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Senator Richard Cohen
Chair, Senate Finance Committee
121 Capitol
St. Paul, MN 55155

Senator Leroy Stumpf
Chair, Senate Capital Investment Committee
122 Capitol
St. Paul, MN 55155-1606

Senator John Marty
Chair, Senate Environment &
Energy Committee
322 Capitol
St. Paul, MN 55155-1606

Representative Lyndon Carlson, Sr.
Chair, House Ways & Means Committee
479 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Representative Alice Hausman
Chair, House Capital Investment Committee
453 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Representative Jean Wagenius
Chair, House Environment, Natural
Resources & Agricultural Finance Committee
449 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Senators and Representatives:

In accordance with Minnesota Session Laws, 2011 First Special Session, Chapter 2, Section 4, Subdivision 3, attached is a report on the accomplishments achieved with grants in fiscal years 2012 and 2013 for implementation of the Red River mediation agreement. The Red River Watershed Management Board was awarded \$264,000 in general fund grant monies for each of the fiscal years for 50% of the costs of implementation of the agreement.

The report highlights a number of efforts partially funded with state assistance, including project team support, project monitoring, project acceleration, Technical & Scientific Advisory Committee, Communication & Outreach, and work group meetings an annual conference.

If you have questions about information contained in the attached report, please contact Red River Watershed Management Board Administrator Naomi Erickson at 218-844-6166, or at rrwmb@arvig.net

Sincerely,

/s/

Tom Landwehr
Commissioner

cc: Bob Meier, Assistant Commissioner
Kent Lokkesmoe, Director of Capital Investment
Denise Anderson, Chief Financial Officer
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Pat Lynch, Floodplain Hydrologist
John Finney, Red River Watershed Management Board
Naomi Erickson, Red River Watershed Management Board