

## Red River Valley Water Supply Project Updates

- ✓ The comment period on the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) ended on April 25, 2007. The Interdisciplinary Team has evaluated the comments to determine if additional study will be required. The Army Corps of Engineers was asked to remodel the impacts to the Missouri River resources using their latest model, which includes sedimentation buildup in the reservoirs.
- ✓ The Fish and Wildlife Service has issued the final Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act Report. The Bureau of Reclamation has submitted a draft Biological Assessment to the Fish and Wildlife Service addressing the potential impacts to endangered species.
- ✓ Garrison Diversion staff, Reclamation staff and the Interior solicitor met in June to discuss responses to comments. Comments made during the Environmental Impact Statement process, along with responses from the Interdisciplinary Team, will be included as part of the Final Environmental Impact Statement.
- ✓ As issues arise, Garrison Diversion continues to lead the coordination between state agencies. A meeting was held with the ND Game and Fish Department to discuss the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act Report.
- ✓ The Boundary Waters Treaty work group continues to discuss the necessary steps to comply with the Boundary Waters Treaty.



Red River at Midtown Dam in Fargo on August 2, 2006

They have completed 7 steps of a 17-step process, which was agreed to when the work group was formed. Step 8 is the review by the Bureau of Reclamation of the comments received on the SDEIS. Step 9 is a conference call convened by Reclamation with the State Department and EPA to summarize the comments received regarding adequate treatment.

- ✓ At the LAWA Board meeting on May 8, the main topic of discussion was a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between LAWA, Garrison Diversion and the State Water Commission. The board decided to establish a committee to evaluate the MOU.
- ✓ The scheduled completion for the Final Environmental Impact Statement is late summer 2007. A Record of Decision is expected this fall.

## Upcoming Meetings

Lake Agassiz Water Authority Board meeting,  
10:00 a.m.  
July 10, 2007,  
Doublewood Inn,  
Fargo.

## Environmental Impact Statement Schedule

**January 2007**—Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) released.

**April 25, 2007**—SDEIS extended public comment period ended.

**Summer 2007**—Final EIS released. (anticipated)

**Fall 2007**—Record of Decision by Secretary of the Interior. (anticipated)



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