



October 8, 2020

Cass County
Joint Water
Resource
District

«Current_Owner»
«Owner_Mailing_Address»
«Owner_City», «Owner_State» «Owner_Zip»
OIN «Associated_OIN»

Dan Jacobson
Chairman
West Fargo, North Dakota

Dear «Current_Owner»:

RE: Property Acquisition for FM Area Diversion Project

Rodger Olson
Manager
Leonard, North Dakota

The Diversion Authority is contacting property owners whose land is affected by the Fargo-Moorhead Area Diversion Project (Project). In the letter, it is noted that the Cass County Joint Water Resource District (CCJWRD) is the entity that is responsible for acquiring the property rights necessary for the Project in North Dakota. As such, the CCJWRD is contacting you to provide additional information associated with the acquisition of property necessary for the Project.

Ken Pawluk
Manager
Fargo, North Dakota

Ken Lougheed
Manager
Gardner, North Dakota

We appreciate what we are asking of you and your property. We are committed to making the acquisition process as straightforward as possible and that fair compensation is awarded for any impacts to your property from the Project.

Jacob Gust
Manager
Fargo, North Dakota

The design for the construction and operation of the Project indicates that a property right is needed on your property. The CCJWRD has retained the services of «Land_Firm» to serve as a professional right of way agent (project representative) that will assist in guiding you through the property acquisition process, answering questions, and serving as your primary point of contact. The contact information for «Land_Firm» is:

Carol Harbeke Lewis
Secretary-Treasurer

1201 Main Avenue West
West Fargo, ND 58078-1301

«Email_Address»
«Land_Firm_Address»
«Land_Firm_Phone_Number»

701-298-2381
FAX 701-298-2397
wrд@casscountynд.gov
casscountynд.gov

If you have not already been in contact with someone from «Land_Firm», they will be in contact with you in the next month.

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Enclosed with this letter is a map or maps for OIN «Associated_OIN» showing how the Project may impact your property and what property rights are needed for the Project. In addition, each property will get a market-based appraisal that will be the basis for the valuation of the property. The property acquisition process and schedule for the project can be found on the Project website at: fmdiversion.gov/lands.

If you have structures that are located in one of the mitigation zones shown on the enclosed maps, we will begin the process of appraising those structures later this year. The appraisal will establish the market value and serve as a starting point for compensating you for the Project impacts.

For land without structures located in one of the mitigation zones shown on the enclosed maps, we will be required to obtain a flowage easement. The Diversion Authority will be retaining an appraiser to establish the value of flowage easements for all affected parcels. It is anticipated that the flowage easement values will be established in late 2021 or early 2022. More information about the flowage easement is provided on the Project website and in the enclosed materials from the Diversion Authority.

We encourage you to work directly with «Land_Firm», but feel free to also contact the CCJWRD at 701-298-2381.

Sincerely,

CASS COUNTY JOINT WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT

Carol Harbeke Lewis
Secretary-Treasurer