

Support Services for the
WATER FUNDING TASK FORCE

October 31, 2013



Funding Source Revenue Estimate

1. Sales Tax portion

1/4 of 1 cent = ~ \$60-75 million

1/8 of 1 cent = ~ \$30-37.5 million

2. Excise tax

Ethanol (1 cent) = ~ \$19 million

3. Bottle bill

Bottled water tax (based on estimated 256 million bottles of water sold each year in Nebraska) = ~\$14 million

Bottle deposit bill = ~\$1-2 million

4. Fertilizer tax

\$1 per ton of commercial fertilizer = ~\$2-3 million

5. Severance tax

Oil and gas (raised 1%) = a few million

Uranium (raised 1% and eliminate first \$5 million exemption) = <\$1 million

Sand and gravel (1% of \$335 m. value) = ~\$3.3 million

So What is the Answer?

By generating \$50M a year into a Water Sustainability Fund;

- It would take about 23 years to implement the existing and proposed projects as identified today **with zero local cost share**
- It would take about 18 years to implement the existing and proposed projects as identified today **with 20% local cost share**
- It would take about 12 years to implement the existing and proposed projects as identified today **with 40% local cost share**
- **At a funding level of \$30M per year and a 40% local cost share, it would take approximately 17 years to implement the existing and proposed projects**

Annual Funding Amount

\$50 Million?

Annual Funding Amount

Comments/Discussion:



Yes



I can live with it.



No, what would it take to get you to live with it?

Administration

1. The NRC Administer all new and existing funds:

- Expand Representation to include all water user groups
- Change Criteria to better address sustainability
- Change name to indicate expanded representation and role

2. New Water Management Commission

- New Group reviews projects and administers new funds
- NRC administers existing funds

3. Option

- Accept all of option 1
- An NRC legislative subcommittee is developed to inform legislature of projects, funding needs etc.

Survey Results

Commission Representation Survey Tally from 10/31/2013

Number of Representatives For this Category

Representative's Description	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
Watershed Basin Representatives			2		1	5		3					7	5														
Municipal		8																										
Municipal - Small City		21	3																									
Municipal - Omaha		17	1	1																								
Municipal - Lincoln		17	3																									
Industrial		15	8																									
Domestic		1																										
Livestock		2																										
Domestic/Livestock		11	2																									
Domestic/Livestock/Range		6	2																									
Feedlot		1																										
Conservationist		22	1																									
Conservationist/Recreation		2																										
Recreation		21	2																									
Range		5	1																									
At Large		1																										
Groundwater		3																										
Surface Water		4	2																									
Power		5																										
Wildlife		2																										
Grain Producer		1																										
Tech/Academic		1																										
NRD		1																										
Agriculture			2																									
Conjunctive Use		1																										
Total Members Proposed				1					1	2		1	1	2	6	1	2				3	5		1			1	

The number of votes cast for each category are listed here. Dark highlight is a clear majority, lighter highlight is second.

Representation of LB517 Funds

Elected Representatives

- ? Watershed Representatives

Gov. Appointed Representatives

- ? Municipal (Omaha, Lincoln, Small Community)
- ? Industrial
- ? Conservation
- ? Recreation
- ? Surface Water
- ? Public Power
- ? Livestock/Range
- ? Agriculture



Yes



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