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Meeting Agenda

- A. Roll Call
- B. Introductions
- C. Consideration of Agenda
- D. Consideration of November 25, 2025 Meeting Minutes
- E. Department of Water Resources Director Update
- F. December 16, 2025 State Water Commission Meeting Update
- G. January 22, 2026 State Water Pre-Commission Meeting Update
- H. NAWS Biota Water Treatment Plant Operations Update
- I. NAWS Construction Update
- J. NAWS Operations Update
- K. Other Business
- L. Adjourn

MINUTES

Northwest Area Water Supply Authority Minot, North Dakota November 25, 2025

The Northwest Area Water Supply (NAWS) Authority held a meeting in Conference Room 3 of the Minot Public Works Building, 1025 31st St SE, Minot, ND, and via Microsoft Teams on November 25, 2025. Dan Schaefer, Chairman of the NAWS Authority, called the meeting to order at 3:02 PM. A quorum was present.

NAWS AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Kristine Goettle, Upper Souris Water Users District Representative (virtual)
Mark Jantzer, Mayor and City of Minot Representative (virtual)
Craig Haskins, North Prairie Regional Water Representative (virtual)
Dan Jonasson, City of Minot Representative
David Lakefield, City of Minot Representative
Dan Schaefer, Chairman, All Season Water Users District Representative (virtual)
Tony Schwalbe, Cities with Direct Service Representative
Jason Sorenson, Vice Chairman, City of Minot Representative
Jason Zimmerman, State Water Commission (SWC) Representative (virtual)

NAWS AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT:

Kenny Rodgers, Garrison Diversion Conservancy District

OTHERS PRESENT:

Reice Haase, Director of Department of Water Resources (DWR) (virtual)
John Paczkowski, State Engineer, DWR (virtual)
Sindhuja S. Pillai-Grinolds, Director Water Development Division DWR (virtual)
Chris Kadrmas, Director of Administration, DWR (virtual)
Travis Thyberg, Project Support Assistant, DWR (virtual)
Clint Cogdill, NAWS Operator, DWR

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

Vice Chairman Sorenson requested for any corrections or additions to the agenda. As there were none, the agenda was approved as presented by voice vote.

CONSIDERATION OF THE SEPTEMBER 25, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

Meeting minutes were sent to the Authority for review prior to the meeting. Vice Chairman Sorenson requested for feedback or changes to the meeting minutes from the previous Authority meeting on September 25, 2025. No feedback was presented, and the meeting minutes were approved as presented by voice vote.

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES DIRECTOR UPDATE

Reice Haase, DWR Director, updated the Authority on ongoing concerns with the Max Biota Water Treatment Plant filter underdrain. The independent third-party engineer confirmed that the underdrain did not meet project specifications. The contractor will remove and replace the underdrain at no cost to the State. The contractor was directed to complete the removal and replacement of the defective filter underdrain by July 2026. If that timeframe is untenable then the State would need to find some other contractor that could do the work by the timeframe mentioned.

The Governance and Finance Study is a study that the legislature directed DWR to complete during the 2025 legislative session. This study is of three North Dakota's large regional systems: NAWS, Southwest Pipeline Project, and the Red River Valley Water Supply Project. The study being conducted by Deloitte Consulting (Deloitte), is reviewing the current governance and finance models of the three systems and will provide recommendations for future governance and finance of these systems. Deloitte will be presenting an update of the study at the interim Water Topics Overview Committee in December with a draft report due to Legislature by March 2026.

October 9, 2025 STATE WATER COMMISSION (SWC) MEETING UPDATE

Sindhuja S.Pillai-Grinolds, DWR Water Development Division Director, noted that other than the project update there was only one NAWS related item presented. DWR received a letter from the City of Minot that noted the City Council's action to appoint the City's Mayor position as one of the NAWS Authority representative from City of Minot. The State Water Commission approved the appointment of City of Minot's Mayor as one of City of Minot's representatives on the NAWS Authority.

November 20, 2025 PRE-COMMISSION MEETING UPDATE

Sindhuja S.Pillai-Grinolds, DWR Water Development Division Director, noted that three NAWS related items were discussed at the November Pre-Commission meeting. The first, 2026 NAWS Water Rate, was discussed with NAWS Authority during the September meeting. This item was presented to the Pre-Commission for inclusion in the December SWC meeting.

It was moved by Representative Jonasson, seconded by Representative Schwalbe, and approved unanimously, to approve the 2026 NAWS water rates:

Lake Supply Rate – \$0.52/1,000 gallons

Ground Water Supply Rate - \$0.52/1,000 gallons

Treatment Rate for NAWS Contract Connections - \$2.30/1,000 gallons

O&M Rate for NAWS Contract Connections - \$2.43/1,000 gallons

O&M Rate for NAWS City of Minot Connections - \$0.30/1,000 gallons

REM Rate for NAWS Contract Connection, City of Minot Connections, City of Rugby - \$0.48/1,000 gallons

The second item brought to the SWC was the Memorandum of Understanding with NAWS customers that was previously approved by the NAWS Authority during the September

meeting. DWR will provide a recommendation during the December SWC meeting to authorize the Secretary to finalize that MOU and execute it with the NAWS contract customers.

The third item is the Replacement and Extraordinary Maintenance (REM) Project which is for the pump repair at the High Service Pump Station (HSPS). REM fund is used for projects that are extraordinary in nature with the policy in place that state that project with costs greater than \$15,000 would be eligible for reimbursement from the REM fund if the SWC concurs as an eligible REM item. During the June SWC meeting, reimbursement from REM funds up to \$27,500 was approved for the 250 hp pump at the NAWS HSPS (City HSP #1) but in August 2025 another 250 hp pump experienced issues (City HSP #3). The quote for the new rebuild of City HSP #3 is \$76,500 due to extensive damage to the pump column and other incidental expenses. The total estimate for repairs is approximately \$90,000. DWR requested the City of Minot to manage the repairs, and the city would be reimbursed. DWR staff at the December SWC meeting would request approval of the repairs to City HSP #3 as an eligible REM project and approve reimbursement up to \$90,000.

It was moved by Representative Schwalbe, seconded by Representative Lakefield, and approved unanimously, that the repairs for the City HSP #1 and #3 at the NAWS High Service Pump Station are eligible Replacement and Extraordinary Maintenance projects and approve DWR staff presenting the request for reimbursement from the Replacement and Extraordinary Maintenance funds for the pump repairs to the State Water Commission at the December meeting.

2026 NAWS MEETING DATES

Sindhuja S.Pillai-Grinolds, DWR Water Development Division Director, noted the SWC and Pre-Commission meetings occur every two months. DWR suggest scheduling NAWS Authority meetings to occur a week after the scheduled Pre-Commission meetings and prior to the scheduled SWC meetings to provide the NAWS Authority with information that is discussed at the Pre-Commission meeting and allow for NAWS Authority to provide comments for the SWC meeting. The following schedule was proposed for the NAWS Authority meetings in 2026:

January 29, 2026

March 26, 2026

May 28, 2026

July 30, 2026

September 24, 2026

November 24, 2026 (Held on Tuesday, Due to the Thanksgiving holiday)

It was moved by Representative Lakefield, seconded by Representative Zimmerman, and approved unanimously to approve the proposed schedule for the meetings in 2026.

NAWS BIOTA WATER TREATMENT PLANT (WTP) OPERATIONS UPDATE

Sindhuja S.Pillai-Grinolds, DWR Water Development Division Director, noted DWR has an executed cooperative agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation, which provides funding for the operations of the NAWS Biota WTP. City of Minot has been reimbursed approximately

\$660,000 for the Biota WTP operations. Capacity Assessment document for the Biota WTP is under development to meet Department of Environmental Quality requirements.

DWR has also been in discussion with the electric service provider for the Biota WTP. DWR has a signed agreement with Ottetail Power Company that laid a path for the agency to pay for the infrastructure costs that the power company installed to provide electric service to the facility. The agreement noted that that power usage cost of the facility could be credited towards the facility installation costs but due to the delay in the substantial completion of the facility, DWR is working with the power company to determine the best path forward.

NAWS CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Sindhuja S.Pillai-Grinolds gave a brief construction update on NAWS projects following the memo included in the packet.

NAWS OPERATIONS UPDATE

NAWS Personnel Update

Sindhuja S.Pillai-Grinolds noted the personnel updates at DWR: Perry Weiner has retired from the agency and Brandon Weist no longer works for DWR. DWR staff are working towards filling the NAWS Project Manager, Operator, and Water Resource Senior Manager.

High Service Pump Station Pump Repair

Discussed in previous sections. DWR staff have requested the City of Minot to manage the pump repairs and once completed will be reimbursed.

Agreements with City of Minot

DWR will begin working on an Operation and Maintenance Agreement for the HSPS and a Water Service Agreement. As DWR works through these agreements other agreements may be identified.

Potential agreement with Garrison Diversion Conservancy District (GDCD)

DWR staff is reviewing the emergency sequence of operations at the Snake Creek Pumping Plant to determine if assistance from GDCD staff is necessary for the operations of the intake pumps and an agreement will be drafted accordingly.

OTHER BUSINESS

In response to a question that was raised regarding limited NAWS staff at DWR, Sindhuja S.Pillai-Grinolds noted that DWR has an executed Specific Authorization with Houston Engineering to provide operations and maintenance assistance if needed. DWR is also working on training another DWR staff member who has water distribution certification.

There being no further items of discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Travis Thyberg, DWR Project Support Assistant

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TO: NAWS Authority Representatives
FROM: Reice Haase, Director
SUBJECT: December 16, 2025, State Water Commission Update
DATE: January 22, 2026

At the December 16, 2025, State Water Commission (SWC) meeting, in addition to the project update, four items were presented for approval. The four items are discussed below:

1. 2026 Water Rate:

The SWC approved the 2026 NAWS water rates which were approved by the NAWS Authority at the November meeting.

2. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with NAWS Customers:

The SWC authorized the SWC's Secretary to finalize and execute the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with NAWS customers. The MOU was approved by the NAWS Authority at the September meeting.

3. REM Project – Pump Repair at High Service Pump (HSP) Station:

The SWC approved repairs to the City HSP #1 and City HSP #3 as eligible Replacement and Extraordinary Maintenance (REM) projects and approved reimbursement up to \$90,000 from the REM fund. Similar action was taken at the November NAWS Authority meeting.

4. Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians (TMBCI) NAWS Representation:

The SWC approved appointment of Ms. Ann Vallie, recommended by the TMBCI council to the NAWS Authority as TMBCI representative.

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TO: NAWS Authority Representatives
FROM: Reice Haase, Director
SUBJECT: January 22, 2026, Pre-Commission Meeting Agenda Items
DATE: January 22, 2026



At the January 2026 Pre-Commission meeting of the State Water Commission (SWC), no NAWS related items were discussed.

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TO: NAWS Authority Representatives
FROM: Reice Haase, Director
SUBJECT: NAWS Biota Water Treatment Plant Operations Update
DATE: January 20, 2026

Construction of Phase I of the Northwest Area Water Supply (NAWS) Project Biota Water Treatment Plant (WTP) is progressing with substantial completion expected in summer 2026. The purpose of the facility is Boundary Waters Treaty compliance, making it a federal responsibility per Section 1(h) of the Dakota Water Resources Act of 2000, and therefore, is funded with federal funding for construction and operations, maintenance, and replacement. The City of Minot (City) will operate the Biota WTP to ensure coordination of the Biota WTP, Minot WTP, and Sundre and Minot wellfields. Multiple agreements are in place for the operation of the Biota WTP. The Biota WTP Operations and Maintenance agreement between the State Water Commission (State) and the City has been executed by all parties.

A three-party Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was executed by the City, State, and Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) to define roles and responsibilities in the operation, maintenance, and replacement of the Biota WTP in December 2023. A Cooperative Agreement from Reclamation is necessary for the federal government to transfer funds for the operation, maintenance, and replacement of the Biota WTP. Department of Water Resources (DWR) submitted a request for financial assistance along with supporting documentation to the Dakota Areas Office in the amount of \$6,611,962.56. DWR received the Cooperative Agreement in the amount of \$5,463,144 from Reclamation on September 19, 2024. DWR staff and City staff have had multiple meetings with Reclamation's Dakota Areas staff to understand the requirements of the Cooperative Agreement and the reduction in the awarded federal funding. Reclamation noted that the reduction in federal funding is due to the federal government's estimation of the number of employees needed for operation of the Biota WTP being lower than the request included from the City. DWR and the City will continue to discuss staffing requirements at the Biota WTP with Reclamation.

The City of Minot has submitted six reimbursement requests to DWR for operations and maintenance expenses related to the NAWS Biota WTP, covering the period from August 2024 through November 2025. These six requests total \$765,364.84, and DWR has fully reimbursed the City for this amount. Reclamation has to date awarded \$463,700 toward federal fiscal year (FFY) 2024 expenditures and \$1,932,225 to cover FFY 2025 expenses for a total of \$2,395,925. Reclamation recently requested a revised budget for FFY 2026 due to the delay in the construction completion of the Biota WTP.

DWR and City of Minot staff continue to meet with the Department of Environmental Quality

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(DEQ) to understand requirements to be met by the Biota WTP and the Minot WTP. Work change directives that incorporate revisions required by DEQ have been issued to the Contractor. DWR may manage some revisions requested by DEQ outside the construction contract if warranted.

DEQ notified DWR staff about the need for them to approve a Capacity Assessment document for the Biota WTP. DWR signed a specific authorization with the consulting engineer on March 11, 2025, to develop the document for submission to DEQ. The consulting engineer provided a first draft of the Capacity Assessment document to DWR on May 22, 2025. This was shared with DEQ and the comments from DEQ staff were addressed and a second draft was submitted on October 21, 2025. DEQ has reviewed the second draft and additional comments were provided by DEQ on October 28, 2025. The consulting engineer will continue to address the comments from DEQ. Another draft from the consultant is expected in mid February. The document also requires operations and maintenance manuals for equipment at the facility and those will not be available until the Biota WTP nears substantial completion.

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TO: NAWS Authority Representatives
FROM: Reice Haase, Director
SUBJECT: NAWS – Construction Update
DATE: January 20, 2026

Updates from the last meeting memo are shown in bold italics.

NAWS Contract 6-1A Intake Modifications to Snake Creek Pumping Plant

Contract 6-1A Intake Modifications to Snake Creek Pumping Plant (SCPP) includes three equipment procurement contracts, Demolition Contract, and Construction Contract.

The equipment procurement contracts included a delivery date of March 1, 2024, for all equipment excluding the backup generator which had a delivery date of March 1, 2025. The March 1, 2024, and March 1, 2025, delivery dates were not met by any of the equipment procurement contractors. All equipment included in the procurement contracts are now delivered to the site.

The Contract 6-1A Demolition Contract is substantially complete as of December 20, 2024. *Final Change Order No. 5 that shifted punch list items on the Demolition Contract to the Construction Contract has been executed by all parties. The final contract cost with all five change orders is \$4,482,158, an increase of \$645,858 from the original contract price.*

The Milestone 1 completion date on the Construction Contract which is for construction of all work excluding installation of the generator when awarded was June 30, 2024. The Substantial Completion date for all work was July 30, 2025, and the Final Completion date is August 31, 2025. Because of the delays due to the submittal review process and the equipment delivery, the completion date of June 30, 2024, was not met by the contractor.

Change Order #1 on the Construction Contract added a small amount of remaining demolition work to the Construction Contract, changed pipe coatings to a 2-part fusion bonded epoxy coating, and addresses coating removal on the formed suction intake. Change Order #1 also extended the completion dates, and increased the liquidated damages if those dates are not met. Through Change Order #1, the Milestone 1 completion date which is for all work except the installation of the generator was extended to July 11, 2025. Substantial Completion was extended to September 5, 2025, and Final Completion was extended to October 5, 2025. *Change Order #2 among other minor changes included the coatings removal and recoating of the Snake Creek Pumping Plant's Unit 1 discharge tunnel. Due to the extensive scope of work that was added by this Change Order, the completion dates were extended. Through Change Order #2, the Milestone 1 completion date which is for all work except the installation of the generator was extended to December 11, 2025. Substantial Completion was extended to February 5, 2026, and*

Final Completion was extended to March 7, 2026. The contract cost with the executed two change orders is \$35,642,149 an increase of \$1,478,249 from the original contract price. Slow progress is being made by the Contractor, with delays continuing. In addition, design changes needed to accomodate unexpected discoveries during construction has resulted in additional delays. DWR continues to note the importance of completing the project in a timely manner before the Biota Water Treatment Plant is ready for water from the lake.

NAWS Snake Creek Pumping Plant Discharge Pipeline Contract 2-1E

Contract 2-1E includes the discharge pipeline that connects the Snake Creek Pumping Plant to the NAWS raw water transmission pipeline. The scope of work involves construction of approximately 2,100 feet of 36" ductile iron pipe.

The pressure testing of the pipeline was completed May 12, 2025, and walk through for developing the punchlist for achieving Substantial Completion was completed July 23, 2025. The contract cannot achieve Substantial Completion until the pumps inside the Snake Creek Pumping Plant are operational, which as discussed previously, has been delayed.

NAWS Permanent Intake and Screen Structure Contract 1-1A

The scope of work for Contract 1-1A includes the construction of a new NAWS raw water intake, large diameter intake pipeline with isolation valve, steel intake bulkhead, small diameter airburst, and chemical feed pipelines in Lake Sakakawea outside the existing Bureau of Relcamation's (Reclamation Snake Creek Pumping Plant.

This contract was divided into Contract 1-1A Contract No. 1 – Dredging, Pipeline, and Facility Construction and Contract 1-1A Contract 2 – Isolation Valve Construction. Bids for these Contracts were opened July 21, 2025. The contract award and the funding allocation was approved by the SWC at its June and August 2025 meetings. The preconstruction conference for this contract was held October 10, 2025. The preliminary schedule from the Contractor indicates site mobilization in spring with this fall and winter focused on equipment procurement and submittals. The contractor has already expressed concerns with meeting the contract's Substantial Completion date of November 25, 2026, due to the the lead time involved for the specified valve on the contract.

The request from the Contractor is under review with Houston Engineering, Inc. (HEI), and they will provide a recommendation to DWR for consideration. The Contractor is proposing some changes to the site plan which requires additional permission from the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). The Contractor's proposed changes have been discussed with USACE and Bureau of Reclamation staff and at this time no significant concerns have been raised. At the request of DWR staff, HEI has requested a timeline for additional permissions from USACE so any impact to the construction schedule can be determined.

NAWS Contract 7-2A/4-1A Biota Water Treatment Plant (BWTP)

NAWS Contract 7-2A/4-1A generally includes construction of a new concrete, steel, and precast BWTP, for which contracts were awarded in February 2021 and the Notices to Proceed for the general and electrical construction were issued in March 2021. Site work, including excavation and grading, began in April 2021.

The General Contractor is making progress towards the removal and replacement of the defective filter underdrains. The schedule from the contractor indicates filter underdrain and startup completed by end of June 2026. The submittal for the replacement filter underdrains was sent to HEI Inc. on December 29, 2025. The engineering team has reviewed the submittal and responded to the Contractor with the determination that the submittal must be revised and resubmitted. A Change Order extending the Substantial Completion of the contract will be issued in the near future.

The General Contract's Substantial Completion Date was extended to December 2, 2024, via Change Order 6. Change Order 7 has been processed to purchase Builder's Risk insurance, but did not change the completion dates.

The table below shows the change orders signed to date on the BWTP Contracts.

Contract	Change Orders (CO)	Value of COs	Total Contract Cost	CO Percent of Contract
General	7	\$ 1,233,300.92	\$ 39,060,500.92	3.3%
Electrical	5	\$ 671,921.71	\$ 7,260,302.71	9.3%
Mechanical	6	\$ 154,461.62	\$ 5,068,668.62	3.0%
UV	1	\$ -	\$ 707,125.00	0.0%
DAF	3	\$ (40,709.50)	\$ 1,803,160.50	-2.3%

NAWS Contract 4-4B/5-4B Bottineau Reservoir and Booster Pump Station

The Bottineau and Souris Reservoir and Pump Stations contracts consist of a one million-gallon ground storage reservoir and pump station at the intersection of State Highways 5 and 14 south of Souris and a three million-gallon ground storage reservoir and pump station roughly four miles west of the connection to Bottineau. The final pipeline contract climbs roughly 300 feet in elevation from the location of the Souris Reservoir and Pump Station to the connection to Bottineau. The final design flows for both the City of Bottineau and All Seasons Water Users District northwest of Bottineau will require both storage and pumping to meet water demands. Bids were opened February 7, 2023, for the Bottineau reservoir and pump station. At the February 13, 2023, SWC meeting, the Commission authorized the Secretary to award the contracts.

The reservoir contract achieved Substantial Completion November 8, 2024. Three change orders totalling \$11,744.00 were added to the contract. Final payment has been made and the contract

has been closed out.

The pump station contract achieved Substantial Completion February 19, 2025. To date, five Change Orders totalling a decrease of \$1,695.81 have been added to the Bottineau Pump Station Contract. *HEI, Inc. recently communicated to DWR that not all of the equipment provided by the Contractor are Buy America Build America compliant which was part of the contract specifications due to federal funding used for this contract. DWR is discussing internally to identify a path forward.*

Radio Upgrades in the Bottineau Segment:

DWR staff directed Houston Engineering and Preferred Controls Inc. to develop an invitation for bids for completing communication system improvements in the Bottineau Segment. DWR staff executed a contract with Main & Holmes Electric for installation only, while the required materials were planned to be procured directly by DWR.

The installation work was initially expected to be completed by December 31, 2025. However, due to delays in receiving some of the necessary equipment, Main & Holmes Electric requested a contract amendment to extend the completion date to February 16, 2026. DWR staff has not yet received all required equipment. DWR staff, in coordination with Preferred Controls Inc., is exploring the possibility of procuring the materials from an alternate supplier. If this is not feasible, Main & Holmes Electric may be eligible for a further contract extension.

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TO: NAWS Authority Representatives
FROM: Reice Haase, Director
SUBJECT: NAWS Operations Update
DATE: January 21, 2026

NAWS Personnel Update:

Brandon Hicks, NAWS Project Manager started his employment with Department of Water Resources (DWR) on January 6, 2026. Interviews for the NAWS Operator position were held at the Biota Water Treatment Plant on January 14, 2026. DWR is moving forward with the next steps on the selection process. The Water Resource Senior Manager position at DWR is currently advertised with the closing date of January 29, 2026.

Isovault 2 Flooding:

There are three underground isolation vaults located along the pipeline between the Pressure Reducing Station south of Minot and the Minot Water Treatment Plant (WTP), which currently delivers water from the Sundre aquifer to the WTP. Improvements to these vaults were completed under NAWS Pressure Reducing Station and Isolation Vault Improvements Contract SA No. 98. In early December, Isovault 2 was discovered to be completely flooded, resulting in the loss of all electrical and electronic upgrades. An investigation determined that low discharge pressure at the Minot Sundre Booster Pump Station likely caused the flooding. DWR staff have discussed these findings with City of Minot staff, who will now ensure that minimum discharge pressure is maintained. Additionally, DWR staff are implementing preventative maintenance measures to avoid similar incidents in the future. Further improvements to Isovault 2 will be considered at a later date.

High Service Pump Station:

As discussed in prior meetings, a 250 hp pump (City HSP#1) that became inoperable in March 2025 was rebuilt in August 2025, and another 250 hp pump (City HSP#3) that failed in August 2025 is currently at a shop facility in South Dakota for rebuild, with repairs expected to be completed soon. The Replacement and Extraordinary Maintenance (REM) fund was approved to cover the repair expenses for these two pumps. In mid-December, a 350 hp pump (NAWS HSP#1) also became inoperable. The pump and motor have been removed from the High Service Pump Station (HSPS); the motor is at a shop in Mandan for repairs, and the pump will be transported to the South Dakota shop for repairs. Approval to use REM funds for these repairs will be requested once the cost estimate is received.

Agreements with City of Minot:

DWR staff will begin to work on developing various agreements with the City of Minot. At this time, the identified agreements include: an Operations and Maintenance Agreement for the High Service Pump Station, and a Water Service Agreement with the City of Minot. DWR staff hopes to

present the Operations and Maintenance Agreement for the HSPS at the March NAWS Authority meeting.

Additional agreements may be identified as discussions progress.

Potential Agreement with Garrison Diversion Conservancy District (GDCD):

DWR staff will review the needs for emergency sequence of operations necessary at the Snake Creek Pumping Plant and determine if assistance from GDCD staff is necessary for the operations of the NAWS intake and an agreement will be drafted accordingly.

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