

Monday, March 7, 2016

WATER TOPICS OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

For the record---Blake Crosby with the North Dakota League of Cities.

At the request of Chairman Schmidt, I reviewed municipal water infrastructure projects that were funded from 2009 to 2013 and have provided you an attached list of those projects that show a fund balance as of January 31, 2016 or have been completed as of that date.

I determined the list based on State Water Commission (SWC) funding project reports as you saw this morning from the Office of State Engineer (OSE). However, I did not inquire as to the status of any project that was flood related as they typically involve FEMA, EPA, Army Corps of Engineers, and perhaps other Federal entities that may extend the project lifeline for many years and require many iterations.

OSE provided me with contact information for the projects as indicated on the cost-share funding requests they send to cities in the state (Project Information and Planning Form-SFN 60440). I personally contacted each project sponsor to determine the status of the project and remaining fund balances if any.

A word of appreciation to Mr. Sando and Mr. Laschkewitsch for tolerating all my questions and allowing an insight to the project funding process.

Thank you for your time. I will try to answer any questions.