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Subject: Canyon Lake Restoration

Dear Council Members,

As a representative of the West Dakota Water Development District, I attended the Public Works Committee meeting last Tuesday and wanted to comment on the Canyon Lake sediment removal proposal coming up at next week's council meeting.

Attached you will find information on the Canyon Lake rehabilitation project. This project was approved and funded by RC Council in 2005 for a 2012 project. Basically, the issue coming up Monday evening concerns Phase 2 - the sludge/silt removal. A working group was established to identify the locations for sediment removal that would best serve recreational activities for the public as well as identify and seek funding sources to properly complete the project. The working group was comprised of Public Works staff members, contractors (Scull Construction and Iron Horse Construction), West Dakota Water Development District, Black Hills Fly Fisherman, SD Game Fish and Parks, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife.

The lake is not drained very often. I believe the last time was in '95. Next fall when the lake is drained again we have a rare opportunity to remove this sediment from the recreational side. Canyon Lake is a precious city jewel used by many for numerous activities such as; fishing, paddle boating, canoeing, and as I believe Councilman Wright mentioned, one event in the summer has water skiers on the lake. I think we owe it to our community to protect the visual appearance of Canyon Lake Park and adequately maintain this valuable resource.

It is estimated that we will need \$260,000 for adequate sediment removal. West Dakota Water Development District pledged several years ago \$100,000 specifically for the sludge removal. Rapid City currently has \$39,000 committed to silt removal.

Recognizing the necessity of the situation West Dakota approved matching funds of \$50,000 at its last meeting in March and BH Fly Fishers has committed \$10,000 in matching funds. This leaves a shortfall of \$60,000.

As West Dakota's manager and as a concerned citizen, I ask you to strongly consider approving funding for the shortfall.

Should you need any clarification or history on the project and proposal Mr. Ev Hoyt said he would be more than happy to answer your questions. He can be reached at (605) 430-2150.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

(This message is being bcc'd to all council members.)

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