



2024 Construction Season Welcomes 100+ Construction Workers to Foster County

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The 2024 construction season will be the busiest yet along the route of the Red River Valley Water Supply Project (RRVWSP) pipeline. Three construction contracting companies will have crews living and working in and around the city of Carrington as they install more than 20 miles of the 72-inch diameter pipeline.

Vance Miller of Black & Veatch will return to Carrington for a second construction season. As lead resident project representative, he will keep track of daily construction operations to ensure the project is being constructed per the contract documents and construction plans. Black & Veatch will also have a construction manager, office engineer and administrative assistant on site.

“Carrington is an awesome community! The people here are so down to earth, friendly and accommodating. They have welcomed me into their community,” Miller says with a smile. “It’s great to be part of something the size and magnitude of a project like this.”

Oscar Renda Contracting will have 30 to 40 staff members on site during peak operations. The company is responsible for constructing the 5C contract which includes approximately eight miles of pipeline and three major trenchless crossings east of Carrington in Foster County.

Nathan Dusek, vice president of the Texas-based company, says North Dakota’s weather is very attractive to his crew, which has worked in much hotter conditions. “We are looking forward to the opportunity to not only work in this uniquely serene environment with cooler summer temperatures, but more importantly, we are eager to connect

with and become a part of the local community,” he says.

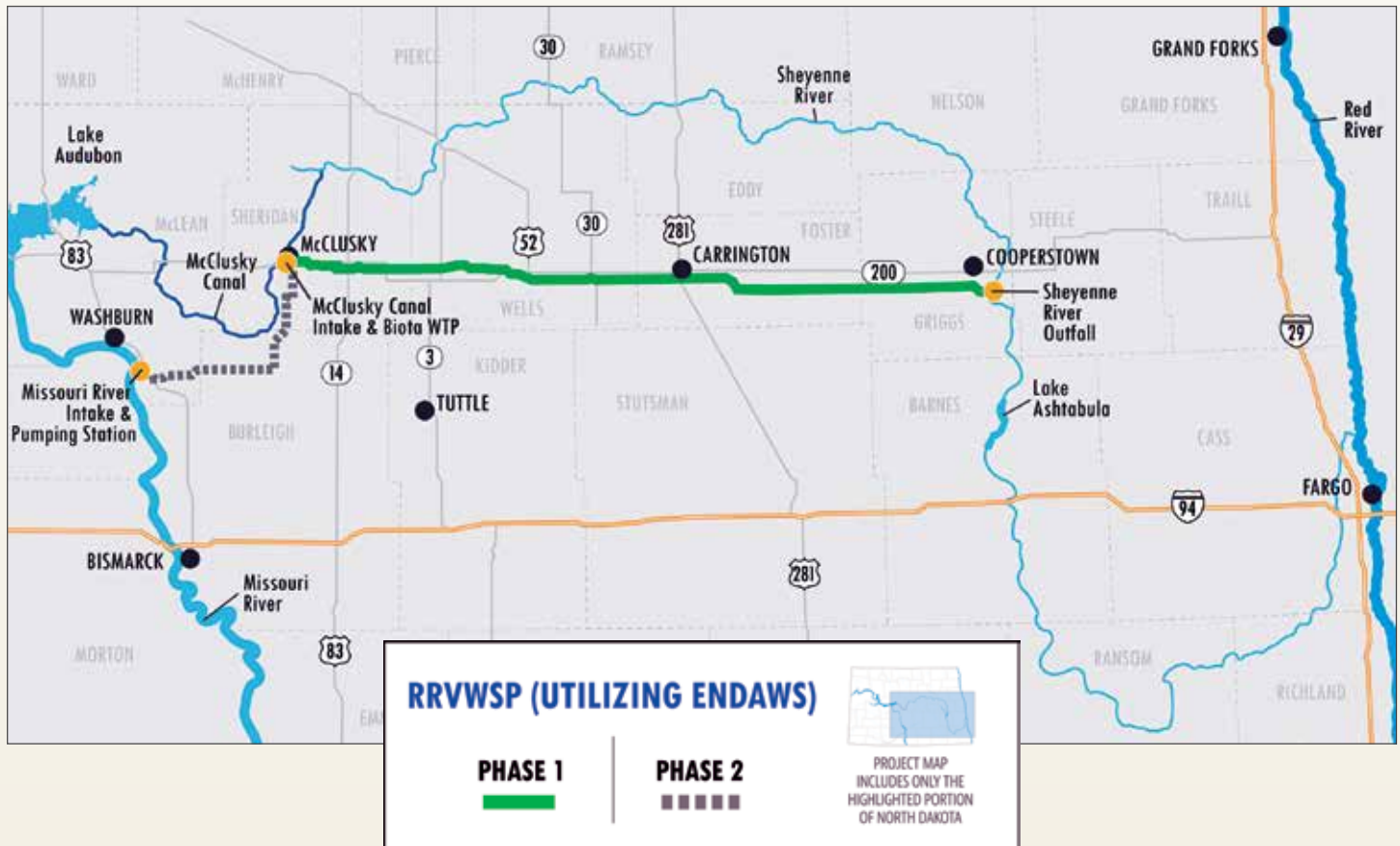
Beyond the lodging, restaurant and sales tax revenue boost the construction workers will bring, Oscar Renda offers jobs and subcontracting opportunities. “In every new area we work in, it’s a top priority to find, hire and train local talent. Many of our key personnel were hired in new locations like Carrington and have worked for us for years, traveled the country building amazing projects and taken advantage of the opportunities we offer to grow, develop and enjoy rewarding careers,” Dusek says.

Carstensen Contracting, Inc., will begin the construction season with 15 crew members and ramp up to 25 to 30 later in the season. The company was awarded the 5D contract which involves 10 miles of pipeline and a trenchless crossing of Pipestem Creek in western Foster County and eastern Wells County. “We have worked diligently on completing large diameter steel water projects over the past 10 to 12 years and have completed more than 6,500 miles of water and sewer pipeline installations across the north central and southcentral regions of the United States. The Red River Valley Water Supply Project will be the largest diameter installation we have done to date,” Carstensen Contracting Vice President Brad Carstensen says. “We look forward to showing our abilities throughout the next two years and proving and displaying our team’s talents through action and our installation performance.”

Garney Construction plans to return with 30 of its employee-owners working on the RRVWSP, including two pipe crews and two support crews. They intend to complete the remaining 3.5 miles of construction east of Carrington on the 5B contract during the 2024 construction season. Most of the Garney team has worked on the RRVWSP previously.

“The local communities have been warm and welcoming to our crews,” says Garney Construction assistant project manager Collin MacMillan. “Garney crews are very conscientious of the impact large projects have on local communities. One of our goals is ‘service to our customers and the community,’ so we take community involvement very seriously on every project we build. Many Garney projects are expanding or rehabilitating a municipality’s existing water system. It is exciting to be working on a brand-new water conveyance system.”

When the RRVWSP pipeline is complete, 125 miles of buried pipe will span from the McClusky Canal to the discharge structure, which empties into the Sheyenne River, located about six miles south of Cooperstown. The RRVWSP is projected to serve nearly half of North Dakota’s population, from the central part of the state to the eastern side.





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Garrison Diversion Conservancy District, Lake Agassiz Water Authority and Red River Valley Water Supply Project Announce New Websites

The Red River Valley Water Supply Project and its co-sponsors, Garrison Diversion Conservancy District and Lake Agassiz Water Authority, have newly updated websites. The revamped sites officially launched at the beginning of the year.

On RRVWSP.com, project information is organized with drop down menus titled About RRVWSP, Project Features, Construction Updates, Funding, Landowners, and News & Media.

“The new website is more user-friendly and modern, with large photos to illustrate various aspects of the Project. “We wanted to make sure that information about the project is easy to find and understand,” Garrison Diversion Conservancy District Communications Director Kimberly Cook said. “We also recognized an opportunity to update the Garrison Diversion and Lake Agassiz sites to ensure

information about both entities is clear and easy to access.”

The GarrisonDiversion.org update includes a new video montage on the homepage featuring many ways Garrison Diversion delivers on its mission to provide reliable, high quality and affordable water to the people of North Dakota. The site provides an in-depth look at Garrison Diversion’s focus areas as well as introducing its board of directors and administration. Meeting dates and minutes can also be found easily.

The revamped LakeAgassiz.org focuses on its members, introduces the board of directors and features information about the benefits of the Red River Valley Water Supply Project. The site was designed to allow the meeting schedule and minutes to be easily accessed.

All three of the sites include links to the other two pages for added convenience.