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RECOMMENDATION OF CHIEF ENGINEER

FOR WATER RIGHT NOS. 1354-3 AND 1920-3, MARK E VENNER, SR

Pursuant to SDCL 46-2A-2 and 46-5-37.1, the following is the recommendation of the Chief Engineer, Water Rights Program, Department of Environment and Natural Resources concerning Water Right Nos. 1354-3 and 1920-3.

The Chief Engineer is recommending cancellation of the above water rights due to abandonment and/or forfeiture.

Water Right Nos. 1354-3 and 1920-3 collectively authorize diversion of water from the Missouri River for irrigation of portions of Sections 19 and 30, T112N, R80W and the SE ¼ Section 24, T112N, R81W. Irrigation Questionnaires on file for Water Right No. 1354-3 reflect irrigation last took place in 1989. Questionnaires on file for Water Right No. 1920-3 indicate the land was last irrigated in 1980.

  
Jeanne Goodman, Chief Engineer  
August 31, 2016

**Note:**

Cancellation of these water permits does not prohibit a new application for this project in the future.

### Eugene Venner Irrigation Questionnaires

Year	WR Number	Comments written on questionnaire from water right holder
1980	1354-3	Irrigated 140 acres
1981	1354-3	No form
1982	1354-3	No form
1983	1354-3	Wrote comment: All land in PIK Program
1984	1354-3	Checked box "did not irrigate"
1985	1354-3	Checked box "did not irrigate"
1986	1354-3	Irrigated 10 acres
1987	1354-3	Checked box "did not irrigate"
1988	1354-3	Irrigated 10 acres
1989	1354-3	Irrigated 10 acres
1990	1354-3	Wrote comment: Did not irrigate this year
1991	1354-3	Checked box "did not irrigate"
1992	1354-3	Checked box "did not irrigate"
1993	1354-3	Checked box "did not irrigate"
1994	1354-3	Checked box "did not irrigate"
1995	1354-3	Checked box "did not irrigate"
1996	1354-3	Checked box "did not irrigate"
1997	1354-3	Checked box "did not irrigate"
1998	1354-3	Checked box "did not irrigate"
1999	1354-3	Checked box "did not irrigate"
2000	1354-3	Checked box "did not irrigate"; wrote comment: not economically feasible at this time
2001	1354-3	Checked box "did not irrigate"
2002	1354-3	Checked box "did not irrigate"
2003	1354-3	Checked box "did not irrigate"
2004	1354-3	Checked box "did not irrigate"
2005	1354-3	Checked box "did not irrigate"
2006	1354-3	Checked box "no water available"
2007	1354-3	Checked box "no water available"; wrote comment: Lake Oahe very low
2008	1354-3	Checked boxes "sufficient moisture" and "no water available"
2009	1354-3	Wrote comment: "We are in transition from conventional farming operation to organic production. How irrigation supplements the new farming methods is TBD."
2010	1354-3	Checked box "use abandoned"
2011	1354-3	Checked box "sufficient moisture"; wrote comment: "we still have buried pipe and could irrigate – each year it is discussed."
2012	1354-3	Wrote comment: "Current land use program will not support additional \$ and labor required to irrigate."
2013	1354-3	Checked box "system not constructed"; wrote comment: "we are exploring the options of bringing system on line to use for irrigation in a newly constructed high tunnel. Timing TBD"
2014	1354-3	Wrote comment: "Currently involved with due-diligence to determine feasibility of drip irrigation"
2015	1354-3	Checked box "system not constructed"; wrote comment "See last year's comments, due diligence still underway for drip irrigation system."