



1 Diversion Inlet Structure Construction

Ames initiated pile driving the week of 4 November. The load testing will commence after Thanksgiving. The current construction completion date is 7 June 2023. Anticipated Schedule:

2019: Dewatering, test pile program, complete channel excavation.

2020: Foundations/site work.

2021: Concrete piers/abutments. Control building.

2022: Install bridge deck, gates, and operating machinery.

2023: Paint gates, seed.

2024: Turf established.

2 Wild Rice River Structure Construction

The Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued on 22 July 2019. Proposals were received 11 September. Contract award is anticipated in November 2019. Required construction completion is October 2023. Structure includes 2-40 ft. wide Tainter gates.

3 Red River Structure Design

Physical modelling (1:40 scale) remains on schedule at USACE ERDC Coastal and Hydraulics Laboratory, Vicksburg, MS. Initial capacity results are expected in December 2019. Completion of alternatives testing is scheduled to be NLT June 2020 and final reports due August 2020. The 35% plans and specs are due February 2020; the overall design schedule is dependent on physical model results and continues to be developed. Structure includes 3-50 ft. wide Tainter gates.

4 Southern Embankment – Plan B Design

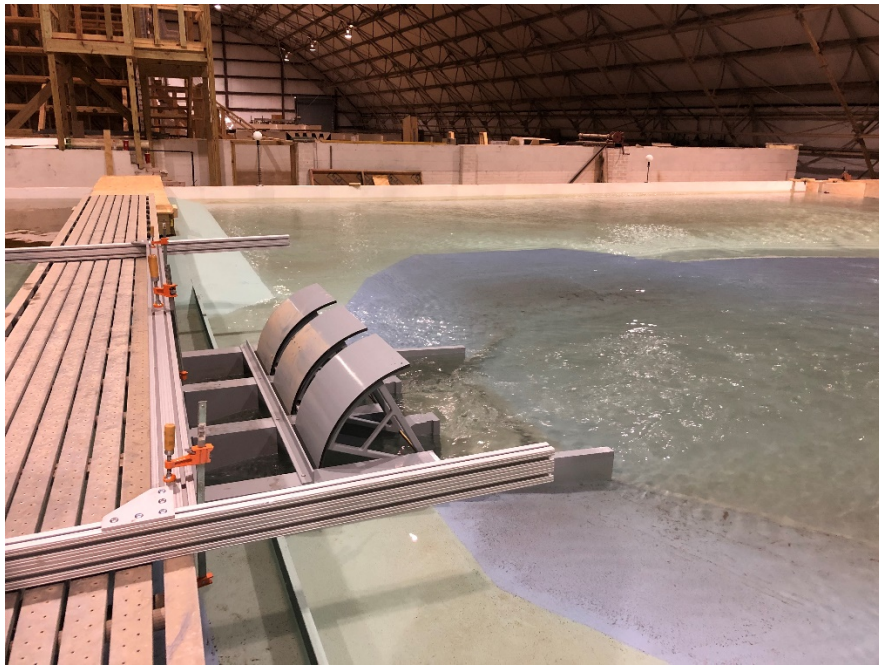
Detailed design, incorporating the Plan B alignment, is ongoing. Geotechnical borings will continue as additional access is secured by the Diversion Authority. 35% design for the Western Tieback was provided for sponsor and agency technical review on 18 November 2019. Construction contract award scheduled for late FY2020.

5 I-29 Raise Design

30% design review scheduled for 2 December 2019.

6 Cultural Resources Mitigation – Diversion Channel Sites

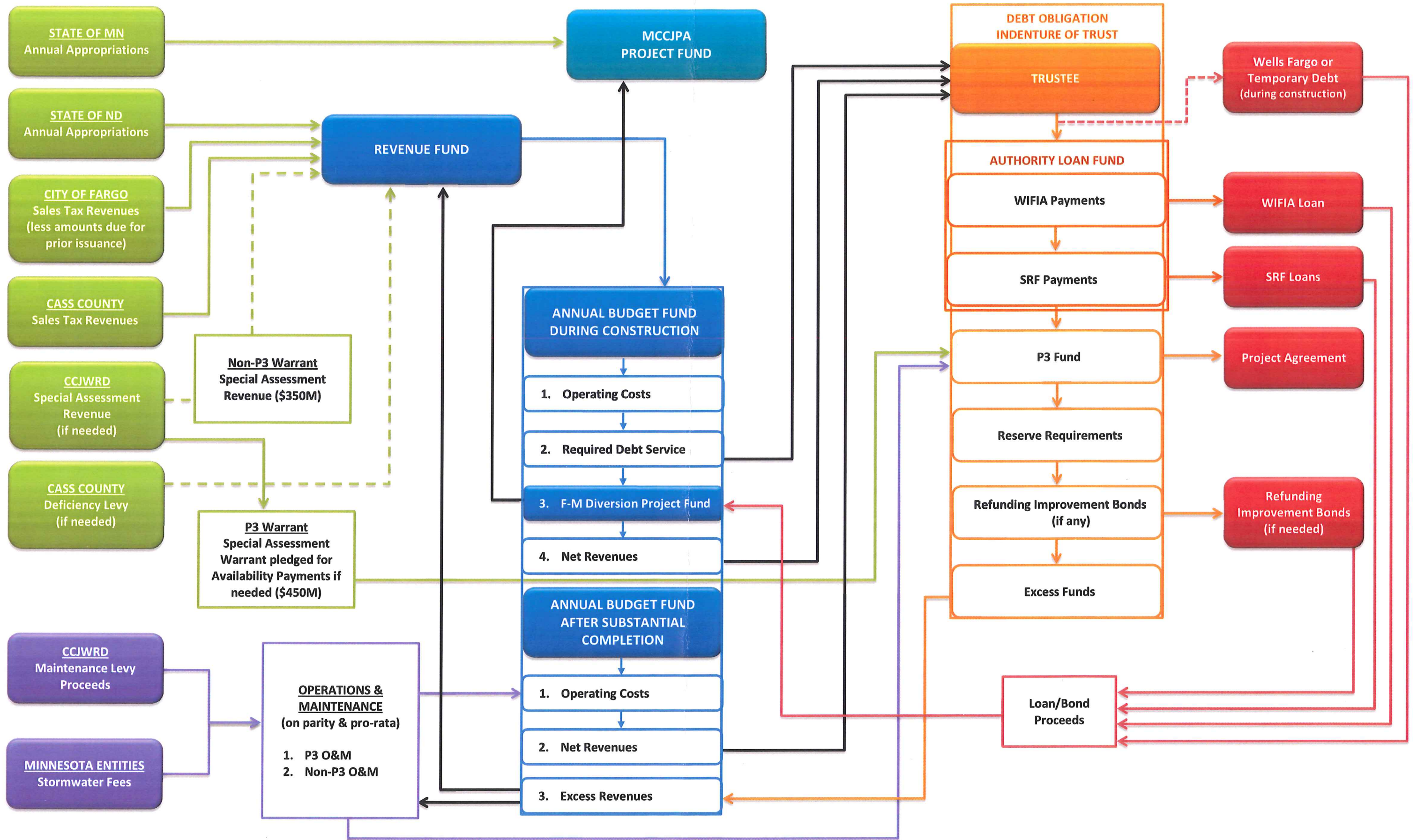
Completing further investigations of two archaeological sites along the Diversion Channel. Field work under Task Order 2 is substantially complete as of 18 October 2019. Next steps include laboratory processing of artifacts and analysis of soils and data, followed by submission of an excavation report to the SHPO for a 30 day review.



Red River Structure physical model at ERDC

19 November 2019

Structure/Downstream of Structure



Acquisition Program for Voluntary Sale of Property

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Acquisition Process for Voluntary Sale of Property

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- The PMC will confirm that the interested property is impacted by the Project and assess the budget availability.
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 - What property rights are needed for the Project (fee title, easement, etc.)
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These early acquisitions may be considered voluntary because the acquiring entity may not be able to demonstrate necessity if negotiations are unsuccessful.



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November 21th, 2019

Diversion Authority Board

Subject: Fargo-Moorhead Metro Area Flood Risk Management Project Administrative Budget

Dear members of the Board:

In accordance with Joint Powers Agreement I have developed the attached Organizational structure for the Diversion Authority through the duration of construction. The positions indicated, as well as the member entity employees and the employed consultants will allow us to execute the Program efficiently and cost effectively.

My proposed administrative FY 2020 budget for your consideration is as follows:

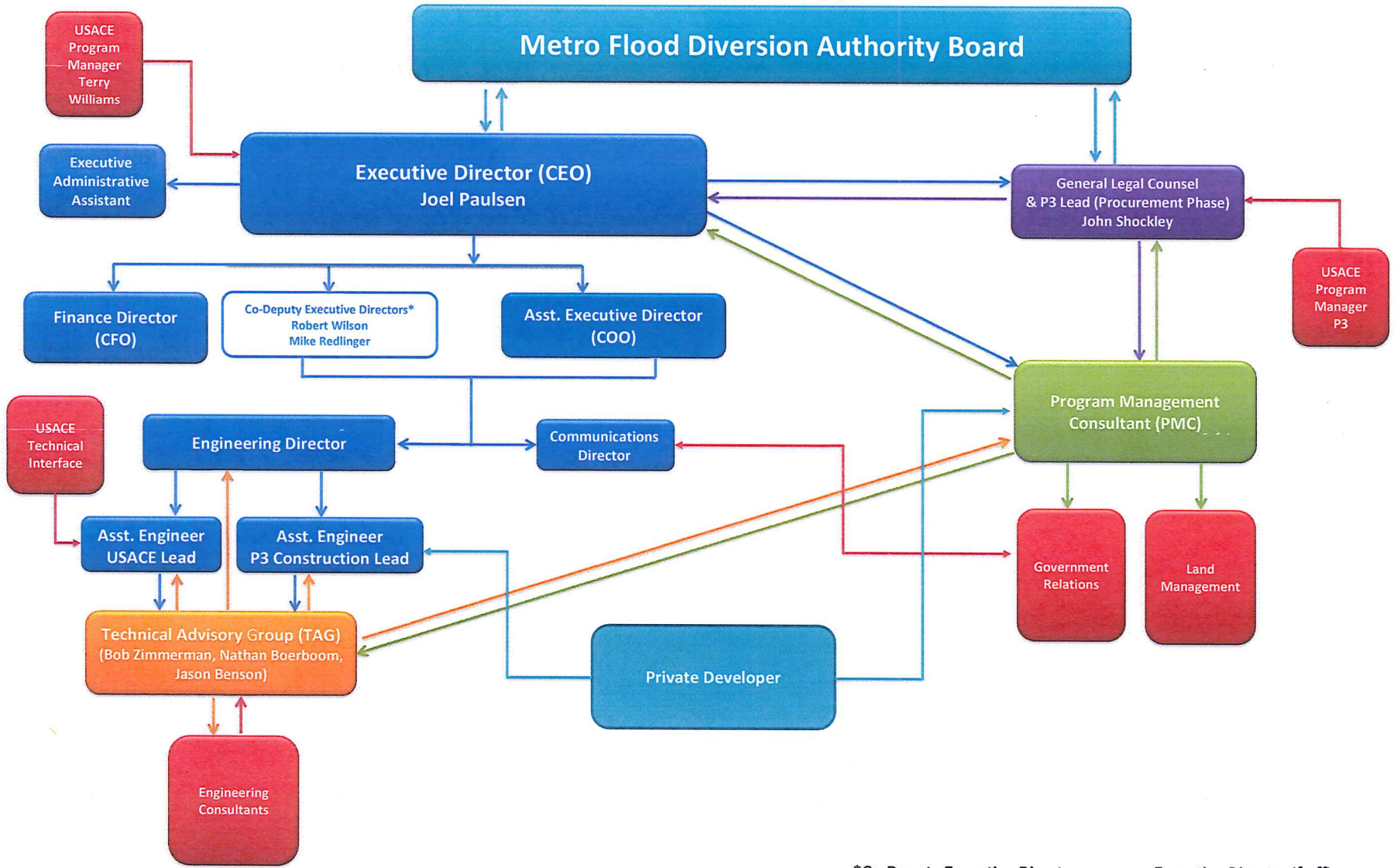
Salary and Wages	\$630,000.00
Fringe Benefits	\$220,000.00
Operating Costs	\$105,000.00
Total Administrative Budget	\$905,000.00 FY 2020

Please note, seven of the eight positions that are proposed are net savings positions, focused on tasks currently being done by consultants or to be done by consultants. The additional position, Executive Assistant is an essential position and will ensure efficiency and effectiveness in oversight and operations. The FY 2020 net savings for adding these positions would be approximately **\$1.8 Million**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Joel Paulsen
Executive Director
Metro Flood Diversion Authority



*Co-Deputy Executive Directors serve as Executive Director if office of Executive Director is vacant.