

**WSF 2026 Annual Report #10124**  
**Otoe Co. RWD #3, Nebraska**

**1. Project Progress.**

- Design – Completed and proposals for test hole drilling were distributed and received by Otoe Co. RWD #3. A driller (Sargent Drilling) was selected for the test hole and well work.
- Test Wells – All 4 test holes have been drilled with two of the sites selected for installation of test wells to evaluate water quality and quantity. Initial water quality and quantity was determined to be acceptable for test wells 2025-1 and 2025-2. The decision was made to install casing and test pump both 2025-1 and 2025-2. Nitrates were present in 2025-2 (but still less than half the MCL) so the decision was made to perform a new well scan for NDWEE on test well 2025-1 and install the final well casing.
- Reports – Final reports will be compiled after the installation of the final well casing on 2025-1.

**2. Project related activities planned for the coming year.**

- Production Well - The production well for this project was designed and submitted to NDWEE for approval. With approval obtained from NDWEE, the new well casing is scheduled to be installed in April 2026 which will complete the objectives of this WSF grant.

**3. Forecast or projected cash flow for remainder of the project. This should be high level, not a detailed list, to give the Commission a projection of the fund’s cash flow.**

WSF 10124 – Otoe County Rural Water District #3 Well Field			
Estimated Cash Flow			
Jan-Mar 2026	Apr-Jun 2026	Jul-Sep 2026	Oct-Dec 2026
\$100,463	\$149,912	\$	\$
Notes: Due to depths encountered during test hole drilling the RWD exceeded budget by approximately \$5000			

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#### **4. Reassessment of the likelihood that benefits projected in the application will be realized and, for the “Final Report”, a description of benefits realized or reasonably expected to be realized as compared to those stated in their application.**

- The projected benefits identified in the application remain achievable and have been confirmed through completion of the test well phase. Test drilling provided critical hydrogeologic data verifying the suitability of the wellfield site previously acquired by the Rural Water District. The work also resulted in the installation of a cased production well that will be available for completion during the next phase of development.
- These results advance the Otoe RWD #3 toward development of a reliable long-term groundwater supply source. Once completed, the well will strengthen system capacity and reliability while supporting planned service expansion to the communities of Burr and Talmage. The RWD intends to pursue additional funding through the next round of WSF assistance in coordination with Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) financing to complete the pump, wellhouse, and associated infrastructure necessary to place the new source into service.