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Upstream opponents of F-M diversion plan community meeting for tonight

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Members of the MnDak Upstream Coalition will meet at 7 p.m. at the Christine Community Center.

Hickson resident Marcus Larson said coalition members are upset that Richland County didn't have a voice at the table last week when Fargo-Moorhead leaders addressed top brass with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Washington, D.C.

Residents south of Fargo-Moorhead fear current design plans could push more water upstream, furthering impacting rural communities.

At Friday's meeting on Capitol Hill, top officials with the Army Corps' Civil Works Review Board approved the diversion project to move forward.

With that hurdle cleared, the most recent corps report will now be sent back for state and local review.

The chief of the Army Corps plans to sign a final report by the end of this year, which will allow Congress to appropriate funds for the project.