



MEMORANDUM

To: MCWD Board of Managers
From: Becky Christopher
Date: October 10, 2016
Re: Comprehensive Plan Status Update

Purpose:

At the October 13, 2016 Board Workshop, staff will provide a status update on the drafting of the 2017 Comprehensive Water Resources Management Plan (Plan).

Background:

At the September 8, 2016 Board Workshop, the Board authorized staff to request a Plan extension from the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR). BWSR staff has indicated that the extension will be granted but that formal approval by the BWSR Board will not occur until December given their meeting schedule and process. As presented at the September Workshop, the proposed schedule is as follows:

- Plan drafting and strategic planning – present-December 2016
- Internal plan review and editing – January-March 2017
- 60-day public review and comment – April 28-June 27, 2017
- Comment review and responses – June 28-August 13, 2017
- 90-day state agency review – August 14-November 12, 2017
- BWSR Plan approval – October 25, 2017
- MCWD Plan adoption – November 9, 2017
- Extended Plan deadline – November 30, 2017

Staff will review the attached Plan outline, who is drafting each section, and the status of that work. Staff will also review how the work will be advanced by the Planning Department while Ms. Christopher is out on maternity leave.

Finally, staff will update the Board on a few boundary revisions that are being pursued that may be incorporated into the Plan update.

If there are questions in advance of the meeting, please contact Becky Christopher at 952-641-4512 or bchristopher@minnehahacreek.org.

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MCWD Comprehensive Plan Structure Outline – 10-10-16 DRAFT

1. Executive Summary (**SMITH PARTNERS**) – (note: there will likely be a separate Plan version and stand-alone document)
 - a. Plan structure/organization
 - b. MCWD overview:
 - i. Purpose of the MCWD
 - ii. Governance structure
 - iii. Geography/boundaries
 - iv. History
 - c. Organizational approach:
 - i. BUE policy – partnership, focus, flexibility
 - ii. Mission, vision, goals, guiding principles
 - iii. Two-track approach
 - d. Implementation plan (high-level summary, more detail in Vol. 3):
 - i. Primary issues
 - ii. Main goals/objectives
 - iii. Major actions
 - iv. Partnership framework, including responsibilities of LGUs
2. Data/Inventory (**WENCK**)
 - a. Topography
 - b. Soil
 - c. Geology
 - d. Precipitation
 - e. Surface water resources
 - f. Water quality and quantity and trends
 - g. Groundwater resources
 - h. Stormwater/drainage systems
 - i. Regulated pollutant sources
 - j. Habitat and rare/endangered species
 - k. Recreation areas
 - l. Existing and proposed land use
 - m. Priority areas for wetland preservation/restoration
 - n. Studies completed
3. Implementation Plan
 - a. Issues, objectives, and strategies
 - i. Issue identification
 - ii. Goals and objectives
 - iii. General management strategies
 - b. Organizational framework & program overviews
 - i. Organizational framework – how programs align to achieve mission
 - ii. Program descriptions – purpose/role, strategies, priorities

- c. Implementation model
 - i. Two-track approach
 - ii. Partnership framework (integration of land-use and water)
 - 1. Responsibilities of LGUs (**SMITH PARTNERS**)
 - d. Procedures (**SMITH PARTNERS**)
 - i. Public processes for CIP, land acquisition, cost share
 - ii. Evaluation of local plans
 - iii. Plan amendments – process and any anticipated
 - iv. Evaluation and reporting
 - e. Implementation summary tables
 - f. 11 subwatershed plans:
 - i. Natural resources frame - resources, issues, stressors, goals, and strategies (**WENCK**)
 - ii. Land-use frame – partner entities, local goals and priorities, local plans (CIP, transportation, parks and trails, economic development, etc.)
 - iii. Implementation framework – opportunities and priorities, partnership framework (unique to each community), funding sources and caps
4. Appendices
- a. Public process (input received under 8410.0045 and other)
 - b. Self assessment:
 - i. Progress toward 2007 Plan goals (**WENCK**)
5. Addendum
- a. Summary of “other watercourses” provided by SWCDs (per Buffer Law)