

MEMORANDUM

To: MCWD Board of Managers
From: Tiffany Schaufler
CC: James Wisker
Date: June 15, 2015
Re: 2014 Flood Damage FEMA Update

Purpose:

To provide an update on the status of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funding associated with the 2014 flood damage across the District.

Background:

The spring and early summer of 2014 became the wettest January 1-June 30 period for the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District since modern-day record keeping began in 1871. This historic precipitation led to record water levels and flows in water bodies throughout the District. After the high water receded in the fall of 2014, staff inspected Minnehaha, Six Mile, Painter, Classen, Long Lake, and Gleason Lake Creeks, as well as all of the District's past projects for flood related damages. MCWD identified over \$1 million in damages along the six main stem creeks and began coordinating with FEMA on repairs.

To date FEMA has approved funding to remove debris and perform flood damage repairs at 75 sites. FEMA is currently determining repair eligibility for an additional 51 sites. The table below provides a status summary on FEMA approvals and funding. MCWD has until July 21, 2018 to complete repairs.

FEMA Project #	Site/Locations	# of Sites	FEMA Approved	Funding Requested	Funding Received To Date
493	Debris removal Minnehaha Creek	2	Yes	\$ 4,350.00	\$ 4,241.25
648	Debris removal Minnehaha Creek	12	Yes	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,312.50
661	Debris removal Minnehaha Creek	14	Yes	\$ 23,400.00	\$ 22,815.00
734	Debris removal upper watershed creeks	17	Yes	\$ 45,580.00	\$ 47,768.44
755	Repair below Minnehaha Falls	5	Under Review	\$ 401,408.56	
759	Repair on Minnehaha Creek	11	Yes	\$ 69,267.96	\$ 67,536.26
764	Repair on Minnehaha Creek	11	Yes	\$ 76,013.98	\$ 74,113.90
806	Repair below Minnehaha Falls	8	Yes	\$ 173,361.35	*
934	Repair on Minnehaha Creek	12	Under Review	\$ 149,134.97	
944	Repair on upper watershed creeks	34	Under Review	\$ 267,902.42	
Total				\$1,217,919.24	\$223,787.35

* When FEMA approves a project greater than \$100,000 they reimburse on actual costs spent to perform the repairs.

Next Steps:

MCWD staff will continue to coordinate with FEMA staff to determine eligibility of the remaining 51 sites under review. Once final eligibility has been determined by FEMA, MCWD staff will provide the Board of Managers another update, as well as a discussion on an implementation plan for the repairs.

If there are questions please contact Tiffany Schaufler at tschaufler@minnehahacreek.org or 952-641-4513.