# **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** MCWD Board of Managers

From: Becky Christopher

**Date:** June 5, 2017

**Re:** Review of Draft Comprehensive Plan

#### **Purpose:**

At the June 8, 2017 PPC Meeting, staff will provide an update on the status and schedule for the Comprehensive Plan (Plan) and seek the Managers' feedback on the draft materials that have been distributed for review.

## **Background:**

The draft Plan is organized into three volumes:

- 1. Executive Summary
- 2. Land and Natural Resources Inventory
- 3. Implementation Plan (including the 11 subwatershed plans)

An outline detailing the contents of each volume is attached. The draft Plan is being distributed in sections for preliminary Board and Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) review and comment prior to bringing the completed Plan forward for Board authorization to distribute on June 28.

A draft of Volume 2 was distributed to the Board and CAC on April 28, and a draft of Volume 1 was distributed on May 16. Volume 3 is nearing completion with a few sections still being finalized, including 3.5 MCWD Program, 3.7 Evaluation and Reporting, 3.9 Subwatershed Plans, and 3.10 Implementation Tables.

Staff will send an email to the Board and CAC today, June 5, with a draft of all three volumes in layout, excluding the aforementioned sections. A subsequent email will be sent Wednesday, June 7, with sections 3.5, 3.7, and two example subwatershed plans included.

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## **Next Steps:**

The estimated schedule for Plan review is as follows:

- June 8 PPC discussion of draft Plan
- June 22 Board authorization to distribute Plan for 60-day review and comment
- June 29 Plan distribution
- August 28 end of 60-day comment period
- September 28 Board review and authorization of comment responses
- October 12 public hearing
- October 25 submit Plan to state agencies for final review and approval
- December 28 anticipated date of Plan adoption

If there are questions in advance of the meeting, please contact Becky Christopher at 952-641-4512 or <a href="mailto:bchristopher@minnehahacreek.org">bchristopher@minnehahacreek.org</a>.

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## **VOLUME 1: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1 INTRODUCTION
- 1.2 MCWD OVERVIEW
- 1.2.1 MCWD PURPOSE
- 1.2.2 DISTRICT BOUNDARIES
- 1.2.3 ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY
- 1.3 MCWD APPROACH
- 1.3.1 DISTRICT PHILOSOPHY
- 1.3.2 DISTRICT GOALS
- 1.3.3 IMPLEMENTATION MODEL
- 1.4 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN SUMMARY
- 1.4.1 PRIMARY ISSUES
- 1.4.2 IMPLEMENTATION PRIORITIES
- 1.4.3 RESPONSIBILITIES OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

### **VOLUME 2: LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY**

- 2.1 INTRODUCTION
- 2.2 WATERSHED OVERVIEW
- 2.3 SUBWATERSHED INVENTORY
- 2.3.1 CHRISTMAS LAKE SUBWATERSHED
- 2.3.2 DUTCH LAKE SUBWATERSHED
- 2.3.3 GLEASON LAKE SUBWATERSHED
- 2.3.4 LAKE MINNETONKA SUBWATERSHED
- 2.3.5 LAKE VIRGINIA SUBWATERSHED
- 2.3.6 LANGDON LAKE SUBWATERSHED
- 2.3.7 LONG LAKE CREEK SUBWATERSHED
- 2.3.8 MINNEHAHA CREEK SUBWATERSHED
- 2.3.9 PAINTER CREEK SUBWATERSHED
- 2.3.10 SCHUTZ LAKE SUBWATERSHED
- 2.3.11 SIX MILE CREEK SUBWATERSHED
- 2.4 INVENTORY OF STUDIES

### **VOLUME 3: IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

- 3.1 INTRODUCTION
- 3.2 DISTRICT PHILOSOPHY
- 3.3 DISTRICT GOALS
- 3.4 IMPLEMENTATION MODEL

- 3.4.1 UNDERSTANDING RESOURCE NEEDS
- 3.4.2 UNDERSTANDING LAND USE PLANS
- 3.4.3 INTEGRATION AND PRIORITIZATION
- 3.4.4 PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

#### 3.5 MCWD PROGRAMS

- 3.5.1 PLANNING
- 3.5.2 PERMITTING
- 3.5.3 RESEARCH AND MONITORING
- 3.5.4 EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS
- 3.5.5 PROJECTS
- 3.5.6 LAND CONSERVATION
- 3.5.7 PROJECT MAINTENANCE AND LAND MANAGEMENT
- 3.5.8 COST SHARE

#### 3.6 REVIEW OF LOCAL WATER PLANS AND MUNICIPAL COORDINATION

- 3.6.1 STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS FOR LOCAL WATER PLANS
- 3.6.2 A SHIFT IN THE DISTRICT'S APPROACH TO LOCAL WATER PLANNING
- 3.6.3 THE ROLE OF THE LOCAL WATER PLAN IN ACHIEVING REGIONAL LAND AND WATER GOALS
- 3.6.4 LOCAL WATER PLAN CONTENT REQUIREMENTS
- 3.6.5 DISTRICT REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF LOCAL WATER PLANS
- 3.7 EVALUATION AND REPORTING
- 3.8 PLAN AMENDMENTS
- 3.9 SUBWATERSHED PLANS
- 3.9.1 CHRISTMAS LAKE SUBWATERSHED
- 3.9.2 DUTCH LAKE SUBWATERSHED
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- 3.10 IMPLEMENTATION TABLES

#### **APPENDIX**

**PUBLIC PROCESS** 

### **ADDENDUM**

SWCD RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OTHER WATERCOURSES