



MEMORANDUM

To: MCWD Board of Managers
From: Becky Christopher
Date: November 14, 2016
Re: November 17 PPC Meeting

Purpose:

To provide an overview of the agenda for the November 17, 2016 Planning and Policy Committee (PPC) Meeting.

Item 5.1 – Comprehensive Plan Subwatershed Meetings:

In early-mid December, staff will be hosting a series of meetings with municipal staff and policymakers, park districts, and lake associations to discuss local plans and priorities for each subwatershed. This information will be incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan to document known priorities and partnership opportunities to guide implementation. At the November 17 PPC Meeting, staff will present the plan for these meetings including purpose, invitees, agenda, format, and schedule. Staff will also be seeking feedback regarding Manager attendance.

As part of this discussion, staff will provide an update on recent developments in the Long Lake Creek Subwatershed. Earlier this year, the cities of Medina, Orono, and Long Lake adopted resolutions establishing a partnership between the three communities to address impairments throughout their subwatershed. Under this partnership, they have identified potential projects and grant sources that they can pursue jointly. A lake association also formed recently called the Long Lake Waters Association. The group has been very active and is planning a Water Quality Summit for early December. Staff is tracking these developments and intends to use the subwatershed meeting to bring all parties together to discuss a framework for how the Cities, Association, and District can work together.

Item 5.2 – Strategic Planning Update:

Over the last two months, the PPC has reviewed and discussed program purpose for each of the District's programs. The attending Managers have expressed their general concurrence with the purpose and direction of each of the programs, as presented. There are two areas that have been flagged as needing further discussion related to purpose:

- District role in slowing the spread of AIS
- Purpose(s) of District grants

We collaborate with public and private partners to protect and improve land and water for current and future generations.

Staff intends to revisit these discussions at the December 8 and 15 PPC Meetings in the context of the whole organization. The roles of each program in accomplishing the District's mission will be reviewed as a suite for balance and alignment, and staff will facilitate discussion of organizational priorities and recommendations. At the November 17 PPC Meeting, staff will further outline a plan for these December meetings.

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

We collaborate with public and private partners to protect and improve land and water for current and future generations.