

Meeting: Policy and Planning Committee

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Title: Item 5.2: Potential Watershed Boundary Adjustment

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Purpose:

To provide an update on the boundary analysis between Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) and Nine Mile Creek Watershed District (NMCWD) to facilitate the Board of Managers consideration of a potential watershed boundary adjustment.

Background:

At the September 23, 2019 Planning and Policy Committee (PPC) Meeting, staff laid out a plan for completing a number of planning analyses that had been requested by the Board. One of these analyses was to evaluate the hydrologic versus legal boundary of the Grandview Neighborhood, located in Edina, and recommend the process for any necessary adjustment in the District's legal boundary.

On December 17, 2019, MCWD staff presented to the Board the preliminary GIS analysis of the hydrologic versus legal boundary between MCWD and NMCWD. This boundary crosses through the cities of Minnetonka, Hopkins, and Edina. Based on its preliminary review, the Board of Managers requested a technical engineering review along defined portions of the boundary to further understand how water moves across the landscape, particularly within pumped areas of the watershed.

Summary:

At the February 27, 2020 Policy and Program Committee meeting, staff will present the findings from the additional engineering review and discuss the process for adjusting the boundary to further detail potential next steps. If there are questions in advance of the meeting, please contact Kate Moran at 952-641-4520 or kmoran@minnehahacreek.org.