



## Capitol Region Watershed District

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**APPROVED**

### **Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting Wednesday, February 13, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.**

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#### **CAC Members Present:**

Bill Barton, Pat Byrne, Janna Caywood, Steve Duerre, Michael MacDonald, Ted McCaslin, Richard Weil, Michelle Ulrich, Jerome Wagner, David Arbeit, Gwen Willems

#### **Members absent with notice:**

Kathryn Swanson

#### **Others Present:**

Mary Texer, CRWD Manager  
Mark Doneux, CRWD Staff  
Lindsay VanPatten, CRWD Staff  
Forrest Kelley, CRWD Staff

#### **Welcome, Announcements, and Updates**

#### **Public Comment – For items not on the Agenda.**

#### **Approval of Agenda**

Mr. McCaslin asked for additions or changes to the Agenda. There were no additions or changes to the Agenda.

#### **CAC 13-003 Motion:** *To approve the CAC February 13, 2013 agenda as provided.*

Arbeit / Duerre

Motion carried unanimously

#### **Approval of the January 9, 2013 CAC Minutes**

#### **CAC 13-002 Motion:** *To approve the CAC January 9, 2013 CAC Minutes as revised.*

Duerre / Caywood

Motion carried unanimously

#### **Items for Review and Comment Requested by the Board of Managers**

##### **Stop the Rain Drain 2012 Update, Lindsay VanPatten**

Ms. VanPatten presented an update on the 2012 Stop the Rain Drain Program. She explained that in the 2009 CRWD Education and Outreach Plan, downspout redirection was identified as a preferred pollution prevention priority. In 2010, CRWD Board of Managers authorized staff to implement the Stop the Rain Drain (SRD) downspout redirection program. The program development of SRD included the program name, logo, website and a communication plan. Ms. VanPatten said the primary objectives of the program are to identify garages along alleyways within the district and offer simple downspout redirection free of cost that would allow stormwater to infiltrate into the ground on-site, rather than running down the alleyways and becoming polluted, ultimately impacting the Mississippi River and local lakes.

Ms. VanPatten showed cost – benefit comparisons and life cycle analysis calculations that demonstrated how SRD has proven to be a cost-effective alternative to managing stormwater pollution as well as providing increased public awareness and education of water quality issues. Because of the cost-effectiveness and the outreach and education potential, CRWD staff will continue to implement downspout redirection and installation projects for the 2013 program year. The SRD downspout redirection and installation program will undergo changes in conjunction with the 2013 Grants program recommendations.

Mr. Arbeit asked how homes were selected to participate in the program. Ms. VanPatten explained that site assessments were conducted and only homes that were in good repair and proved to have significant pollution prevention potential were left a doorhanger.

Administrator Doneux explained that Staff is currently reviewing the CRWD Grant Program and one opportunity is to expand our evaluation process to include complete site assessments of residential properties.

### **McCarrons Subwatershed Analysis, Forrest Kelley**

Mr. Kelley presented the McCarrons Subwatershed Analysis that has been conducted to identify potential BMP's and their locations. The District was awarded a \$275,000 Clean Water Partnership grant for the identification, design, and construction of volume reduction practices in the Lake McCarrons subwatershed. At the August 15, 2012 Board Meeting, the Managers approved the selection of SRF Consulting Group, Inc. and authorized execution of a professional services contract for an amount not to exceed \$129,000.

SRF has completed Task 1 of the Scope of Work to review existing studies and data and create a comprehensive subwatershed analysis report for the areas draining through the Villa Park Wetland System and into Lake McCarrons.

Mr. Kelley explained that the project design goal is to capture 45lbs of phosphorus. Next steps are to communicate with the City of Roseville and discuss the use of the B-Dale softball field and the area as a potential BMP site.

### **Staff and Program Updates**

#### **Permit Program Update, Forrest Kelley**

Mr. Kelley presented some notable permits that CRWD has processed in the past few years. He commented that the number of permits has remained fairly consistent over that time at around 30 each year. Mr. Kelley explained that some permitted sites are exceeding the permit requirements because they are sizing the BMP's according to future projects that are planned but not breaking ground the year the permit is issued.

Mr. Byrne asked what an alternative compliance means. Mr. Kelley explained that alternative compliance sites are sites where infiltration is not a viable option and in those cases we suggest filtration practices. CAC members asked how the standard to require permits for projects disturbing over one acre was made and if requiring a permit for smaller sized projects would resulting in greater water quality benefit or if a larger size would be more cost effective. Mr. Kelley explained that one acre is the general standard to require a permit from many agencies and that it is beneficial to have our standard be consistent with other agency standards. He also explained that changing the permit requirement to include projects half the size will not result in twice as much water quality benefit.

Mr. Kelley discussed some large projects that were permitted such as the Cuyuga Project-35 E reconstruction, and the Ford Site Demolition.

## **Board of Managers and CAC Observer Update**

Michelle Ulrich shared that at the January 16<sup>th</sup> Board of Managers meeting the Stop the Rain Drain Program update and Lake McCarrons subwatershed analysis were presented, and a grant was approved to Nova Classical Academy. The Board also approved a lake analysis with Wenck and a BMP database with Houston.

Manger Texer shared that at the February 6<sup>th</sup> Board of Managers Meeting, permits were approved for the Hatch-Agate Street Reconstruction and the demolition and reconstruction of Hamline Avenue Bridge. Peggy Knapp of the Fresh Water Society presented a new program called Master Water Stewards which is similar to Master Gardeners program and CRWD will have an opportunity for a member of the District participate in the program.

## **Discussion –**

New & Old Issues

Mike McDonald announced that on February 17<sup>th</sup> there will be a presentation on Como Lake at the North Dale Rec Center.

Identify CAC Observer for February 20<sup>th</sup> Board of Managers Meeting

Mr. McCaslin agreed to attend the February 20<sup>th</sup> Board of Managers Meeting.

Identify CAC Observer for March 6<sup>th</sup> Board of Managers Meeting

Mr. Duerre agreed to attend the March 6<sup>th</sup> Board of Managers Meeting.

March 13, 2013 CAC Agenda Overview

Administrator Doneux discussed the agenda plan and suggested that we have someone like Ryan Johnson at Ramsey Conservation District present plants for clean water.

Pat Byrne asked about monitoring and stormwater plans at the State Fair Grounds. Administrator Doneux explained that the Agricultural Society who owns the Fair Grounds have pursued various stormwater management plans but not everything has been implemented.

## **Adjourn –**

**CAC 13-003 Motion: *Adjourn the February 16, 2013 CAC Meeting***

Caywood/Ulrich

Unanimously approved

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsay VanPatten

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