



APPROVED March 14, 2012

# Capitol Region Watershed District

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**Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, February 8, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.**

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**CAC Members Present:**

David Arbeit, Bill Barton, Pat Byrne, Steve Duerre, Wade Johnson, Mike MacDonald, Ted McCaslin, Shirley Reider, Michael Trojan, Gwen Willems

**Members absent with notice:**

Janna Caywood, Michelle Ulrich

**Others Present:**

Seitu Jones, CRWD Manager  
Bob Fossum, CRWD Staff  
Dawn Nelson, CRWD Staff

**Welcome, Announcements, and Updates**

Shirley Reider opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m. with introductions and a request for announcements. There were no announcements.

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

There were no public comments.

**Approval of Agenda**

Ms. Reider asked for additions or changes to the Agenda. There were no additions or changes to the Agenda.

**CAC 12-02-01 Motion:** *To approve the CAC February 8, 2012 agenda as provided.*

Arbeit/MacDonald

Unanimously approved

**Approval of the January 11, 2012 CAC Minutes**

Ms. Reider asked for additions or changes to the January 11, 2012 CAC Minutes. Pat Byrne stated that when Forrest Kelley reviewed the draft Rule revisions, he had initially objected to reducing the disturbance threshold to 10,000 sf. However Administrator Doneux had stated that the Rule revisions were not specific to the type of BMPs so Mr. Byrne agreed with the motion presented. Mr. Byrne said there was confusion and he would like to oppose the motion. Dawn Nelson explained that his final decision during the meeting was to agree with the motion and the meeting minutes must document what was said during the meeting. There were no additions or changes to the Minutes.

**CAC 12-02-02 Motion:** *To approve the CAC January 11, 2012 CAC Minutes as provided.*

Arbeit/MacDonald

Unanimously approved

**Items for Review and Comment Requested By Board of Managers**

**Trillium Water Resource Feature Design Report, Bob Fossum**

Mr. Fossum reminded the committee that the District hosted a tour of Trillium in October 2011. Mr. Fossum reviewed a draft Conceptual Design Report for the Trillium Water Resource Feature Feasibility Study with the Committee. Mr. Fossum stated that the report is the culmination of significant technical analysis and many meetings with the projects stakeholders.

Mr. Fossum reviewed the water source analysis that was completed and indicated the preferred source is a combination of stormwater harvesting from the Hatch-Agate neighborhood and a gravity feed pipe from the Arlington-Jackson storm pond. Should cost or easement acquisition become problematic the secondary preferred option includes pumping water out of the Trout Brook Interceptor to provide water to the new stream segment. The stream cross-section and profile was reviewed with the Committee as well as renderings of what the stream would look like after it is constructed. Mr. Fossum concluded with the next steps for the project, project budget, and project schedule.

Mr. Fossum said the City of St. Paul is in the process of finalizing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for final design of the Trillium Site. The City anticipates having a consultant on board by April 1, 2012 to start the final design. Mr. Fossum said based on discussions with Parks and Recreation staff, it was deemed desirable to move forward with a few final design tasks that are directly related to the water features of the site. Mr. Fossum reviewed a scope of work which includes a full build-out of the Hydrologic and Hydraulic model and more detailed designs of the stormwater management facilities that are proposed for the site. The additional work requested also includes loading analysis on and along the Met Council's sanitary sewer interceptor. This will be critical in determining how much, if any, fill can be placed in the Met Council's easement on the eastern side of the Trillium Site.

The committee thanked Mr. Fossum for his presentation.

## **Staff and Program Updates**

### **Trout Brook Interceptor – 35 E Reconstruction Project Update**

Mr. Fossum said as part of MnDOT's I-35E/Cayuga Reconstruction Project, CRWD and MnDOT have agreed to a realignment layout for the Trout Brook Storm Sewer Interceptor (TBI) that will avoid conflicts with the new I-35E bridge piers. The new TBI alignment will involve abandoning 630 feet of existing TBI from Station 54+70 to 61+00 and replacing it with 830 feet of new TBI. In addition, it will include a new TBI railroad crossing. CRWD will design and construct the new TBI alignment section with MnDOT fully reimbursing CRWD for all design, engineering and construction related costs. Mr. Fossum said the 830 foot section of TBI includes a new crossing under BNSF railroad tracks, the connections to the exiting TBI and the sections outside of the railroad tracks. Mr. Fossum added that staff was told by BNSF that the construction of the crossing on the railroad tracks needs to be completed in 24 hours during Labor Day weekend.

### **Rules Update**

Mr. Fossum noted that Forrest Kelley provided the committee with a Rules update at the last meeting. Since that meeting there has been a lot of discussion with the District Board, Staff and City of St. Paul staff. Mr. Fossum stated that the City of St. Paul has concerns with two elements of the Rule revisions; lowering the disturbance threshold and the regulations of incidental wetlands.

Manager Jones said the City of St. Paul staff present during these discussions included the Directors of Public Works, Safety and Inspections, Parks and Recreation, Planning and Economic Development and the Mayor's office. Manager Jones since the last CAC meeting the Board agreed to remove the revisions to the permit threshold, requirements to collect sureties on public projects and eliminate existing authority to regulate incidental wetlands but proceed with the remaining revisions. Manager Jones explained that the City's main objection is economic. David Arbeit asked if there was equal objection to both provisions. Manager Jones said yes. Mr. Arbeit asked if there was any objection from the other Cities in the CRWD. Mr. Fossum said Steve Kummer, who works for both the City of Roseville and the City of Maplewood recommended not lowering the threshold but he did not comment on the wetland rule. Mr. Fossum said the Board of Managers will authorize distribution of the draft CRWD Rule amendment for a 45-day review and comment period at the February 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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Bill Barton said he understands working with the City but asked if there is a compromise between 10,000 sf and an acre. Manager Jones said he agrees completely and with more discussion he hopes there is a compromise.

David Arbeit clarified his understanding of the way the incidental wetland rule is currently written.

Bill Barton moved that the CAC recommend that the District maintain their position on regulating incidental wetlands and seek a compromise on a less aggressive number for reducing the disturbance threshold. Ms. Reider suggested an alternative recommendation.

Ms. Reider asked if the District does remove the rules first proposed, will it be another year. Mr. Fossum said the District can initiate the Rule amendment process as necessary but it has typically been considered on an annual basis.

Manager Jones said the Board appreciates the CAC's opinions and input and whatever the CAC does suggest helps guide the Board.

Mr. Barton said he is a member of the CAC because of the District's mission and stands by his original recommendation.

**Motion 12-02-03 Motion:** CAC recommends that the District maintain their position on regulating incidental wetlands and seek a compromise on a less aggressive number for reducing the disturbance threshold.

Barton/Byrne  
4 approved  
5 against

Ms. Reider noted that the motion failed.

Mr. Arbeit proposed that the Board keep the existing language for incidental wetlands.

**CAC 12-02-04 Motion:** *CAC supports the current practice of regulating incidental wetlands and recommends that the existing language not be changed.*

Arbeit/Duerre  
Byrne opposed  
Motion passed 8-1

Mr. Arbeit said the committee previously agreed unanimously that a lower threshold was appropriate but never took formal action on the wetland provisions.

Mr. Arbeit suggested the CAC recommend that the Board continues to support reducing the disturbance threshold to 10,000 sf of land but defer any changes to the Rules until next year. Mr. Byrne noted that recommendation is already on the record from the January meeting. Mr. Fossum said Forrest Kelley will be at the March CAC meeting to present and discuss the formal draft Rules.

## **District Logo Update**

### **A) Visual Identity Update, Charles Ross**

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Mr. Fossum said the preferred logo design option #1, “A River Runs Through It,” is undergoing minor revisions and it will be brought to the Board again in March for approval.

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

Manager Jones reviewed recent Board actions including: Trillium Water Resource Feature Design Report, Beth Wentzel, InterFluve. The Board approved a Grant Agreement Policy, authorized two Full-Time Temporary seasonal positions, approved a preliminary agreement for the TBI Realignment Engineering with MnDOT and approved TBI Realignment Project Engineering Agreement with Barr Engineering.

### **Discussion - New & Old Issues**

No Discussion

### **March 14, 2012 Agenda Overview**

**Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm by consensus.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Nelson