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# Capitol Region Watershed District

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**Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, March 14, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.**

**CAC Members Present:**

David Arbeit, Bill Barton,  
Janna Caywood, Steve Duerre,  
Wade Johnson, Ted McCaslin,  
Michael Trojan, Gwen  
Willems

**Members absent with notice:**

Pat Byrne, Shirley Reider,  
Michelle Ulrich

**Others Present:**

Joe Collins, CRWD Manager  
Seitu Jones, CRWD Manager  
Mark Doneux, Administrator  
Bob Fossum, CRWD Staff  
Dawn Nelson, CRWD Staff  
Forrest Kelley, CRWD Staff  
Anne Hunt, Environmental Policy  
Director, Mayor's Office

**Welcome, Announcements, and Updates**

Ted McCaslin 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**

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

**CAC 12-03-01 Motion:** *To approve the CAC March 14, 2012 agenda as provided.*

Duerre/Arbeit

Unanimously approved

**Approval of the February 8, 2012 CAC Minutes**

Mr. McCaslin asked for additions or changes to the February 8, 2012 CAC Minutes. There were no additions or changes to the Minutes.

**CAC 12-03-02 Motion:** *To approve the CAC February 8, 2012 CAC Minutes as provided.*

Duerre/Arbeit

Unanimously approved

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

**Draft Rule Review, Forrest Kelley**

Forrest Kelley provided an update on the CRWD draft Rule amendment and the amendment process timeline. Mr. Kelley explained that the public comment period started on February 17, 2012. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met on March 13, 2012 to discuss the proposed rule revisions. The deadline for comments is April 2, 2012 and a public hearing is set for March 21, 2012 during the regular meeting of the Managers. Mr. Kelley noted that there are a few significant changes to the Rules since his update last month to the CAC that do not show up as revisions in the current draft. Mr. Kelley said the Rule revision language to change the land disturbance threshold to 10,000 square feet for Stormwater and Erosion Control permits

has been removed. The regulations of incidental wetlands language was removed to more closely reference the State Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) Rules.

Mr. Kelley stated that based on input from TAC members and direction from the CRWD Board of Managers, the proposed rule amendments do not include revisions to the permit threshold or requirements to collect sureties on public projects, and eliminates existing authority to regulate incidental wetlands. Mr. Kelley went over the remaining revisions noting they are clarifications to existing procedures and policies.

David Arbeit said he appreciates District Board and staff for proposing the 10,000 Square Foot Threshold issue because it has promoted a very important discussion.

Mr. Kelley said staff will compile the written comments received and present draft responses at the April 18, 2012 Board Meeting.

The committee thanked Mr. Kelley for his update.

**CAC 12-03-03 Motion:** *Upon reviewing the proposed Rule revisions, the committee recommends that the Board adopt the proposed Rules as provided.*

Duerre/Trojan

Unanimously approved

#### **IV. Special Reports – Villa Park Preliminary Design Report, Bob Fossum**

Mr. Fossum presented a Villa Park Wetland Preliminary Design Report provided by HDR Engineering, Inc. Mr. Fossum said the first portion of the data collection effort was the Natural Resources Inventory. That report was put together to compile plant lists and observe animal species. The next component was a sedimentation survey to determine the extent of the soft accumulated sediment in relation to the harder underlying “native” or original bottom material. Sediment pollutant analysis was used to analyze pollutants present in sediment to identify dredged material disposal options, permitting requirements, feasible sediment removal and placement alternatives

Mr. Fossum explained the dredging and excavation methods. Mr. Fossum said the recommendation is to dredge in the summertime with a small hydraulic, cutterhead dredge. A small, portable dredge will allow for minimizing environmental impacts, provide easy access for deployment in wet cells, and the operational capability in shallow water. Mr. Fossum said it could be completed in 24 weeks from April to October 2013 and completed in two phases.

Mr. Fossum said resident concerns are snapping turtles may be present in the dredging area, unpleasant odors during dewatering and project activities could pose a hazard to neighborhood residents. Mr. Fossum said the snapping turtles could be captured and relocated prior to construction.

Mr. Fossum said the next step in moving the project forward is getting the report to the City of Roseville and meet to discuss financing. Mr. Fossum said there needs to be a discussion in the next couple of months before the 2013 budget process begins.

The committee thanked Mr. Fossum for his presentation.

**CAC 12-03-04 Motion:** *The committee recommends supports the Villa Park Wetland Restoration Project.*

Barton/Trojan

Unanimously approved

## **Staff and Program Updates**

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

Administrator Doneux said as part of MnDOT's I-35E/Cayuga Reconstruction Project, CRWD and MnDOT 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. Administrator Doneux 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. Administrator Doneux added that staff were told by BNSF that the construction of the crossing on the railroad tracks needs to be completed in 24 hours during Labor Day weekend.

Administrator Doneux explained that a letter from District Attorney James Mogen was sent to MNDOT to reiterate the District's desire to have a Utility Agreement for constructing the TBI realignment. Ms. Eleria asked Mr. Mogen if he had any additional information. Mr. Mogen said he has not received a response from MNDOT yet but he expects one in 10 days or so. Manager Collins clarified with Mr. Mogen that his proposal is an agreement to outline the issues. Mr. Mogen said yes. The Board thanked Anna and Jim for the update.

### **District Logo Update**

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

Administrator Doneux 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 said Manager Mary Texer will attend the next 3 CAC meetings.

Manager Collins said he wanted to reiterate the importance of the CAC and that the Board appreciates the committees comments.

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

No Discussion

### **April 11, 2012 Agenda Overview**

**Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm by consensus.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Nelson