



APPROVED Capitol Region Watershed District

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Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting Wednesday May 12, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.

CAC Members Present:

David Arbeit, Bill Barton, James Cotner, Steve Duerre, Karen Eckman, Paul Kammuehler, Michael MacDonald, Ole Olmanson, Shirley A. Reider, Michelle Ulrich, Jerry Wagner

Members absent with notice:

Janna Caywood

Others Present:

CRWD Manager Mike Thienes
Bob Fossum, CRWD Staff
Dawn Nelson, CRWD Staff

Welcome, Announcements, and Updates

Paul Kammuehler opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m. with 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. Kammuehler asked for additions or changes to the Agenda. There were no additions or changes to the Agenda.

CAC 10-05-01 Motion: To approve the CAC May 12, 2010 agenda as provided.

Arbeit/Reider

Unanimously approved

Approval of the April 14, 2010 CAC Minutes

Mr. Kammuehler asked for additions or changes to the *April 14, 2010 CAC Minutes*. There were no additions or changes to the minutes.

CAC 10-05-02 Motion: To approve the CAC April 14, 2010 CAC Minutes as provided.

Reider/Eckman

Unanimously approved

Items for Review and Comment Requested by the Board of Managers

Trout Brook/MS4 SWPPP (Fossum)

Mr. Fossum explained that because CRWD owns and operates the Trout Brook Interceptor Sewer (TBI), the District is a regulated operator of a small municipal separated storm sewer system (MS4). The Capitol Region Watershed District is required to prepare and submit, by June 30th, an annual report of activities and accomplishments associated with its stormwater pollution prevention program (SWPPP). In addition, CRWD must solicit public comment on the SWPPP and hold an annual public meeting to present the SWPPP activities known as best management practices (BMPs) and the accomplishments made each year. Mr. Fossum noted that the May 19th Board meeting will be the public meeting for the SWPPP. Announcements of the public meeting were published in the Saint Paul Pioneer Press. The public comment period is from April 26 – May 25, 2010. Information about the Trout Brook storm sewer system, the SWPPP, and general stormwater information is available on the CRWD website. Mr. Fossum said staff have not received any comments so far. Mr. Fossum explained that the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program is a comprehensive and solid management tool for improving water quality. Mr. Fossum said the Trout

Brook Stormwater is considered an MS4 and a state discharge system. The goals are to reduce discharge of pollutants; protect and improve water quality and comply with water quality requirements of the Clean Water Act. Mr. Fossum said the SWPPP has Six Minimum Control Measures (MCM); public education and outreach; public involvement and participation; illicit discharge detection and elimination; construction site runoff control; post-construction stormwater management and pollution prevention/good housekeeping. Mr. Fossum said the public education and outreach minimum control measure for 2009 included visiting 7 schools and reaching out to over 450 students. Mr. Fossum said the District has continued partnerships with WaterShed Partners and Blue Thumb. Mr. Fossum said new activities planned for 2010 include developing and implementing a communications campaign that will target single family homeowners in a small subwatershed of District 14 in St. Paul as well as the entire watershed to change personal behaviors that impact water quality. Staff will also do additional monitoring of indicator parameters. The MPCA will conduct a Stormwater permit audit. Mr. Fossum said staff will request approval of the SWPPP Annual Report at the next Board meeting. The Committee thanked Mr. Fossum for his presentation.

2010 Watershed Management Plan 45-day comment and review (Fossum)

Mr. Fossum said at the March 25th special board meeting the Managers authorized distribution of the 2nd 45-day draft 2010 Watershed Management Plan to the required review agencies; CAC, TAC, and the Community Group. The 45-day comment period is April 7 through May 21, 2010. Mr. Fossum explained that the goal tonight is to discuss the committee's comments and gain consensus on the Committee's comments to be forwarded to the Board. Mr. Fossum briefly discussed the major changes in the 45-day draft 2010 Watershed Management Plan.

CAC 10-05-03 Motion: *The CRWD CAC supports the March 25, 2010 draft plan as written.*

Reider/Arbeit

Unanimously approved

Discussion

June 9 CAC Tour, 5:30 – 9:00 PM

The committee discussed a list of possible sites to visit on the tour.

Aquatic Invasive Species Resolution, Bill Barton

Bill Barton said he has been communicating with Manager Mike Thienes to create an appropriate resolution for the committee. Administrator Doneux suggested the following motion via email, "The CAC asks that the Board of Managers of the Capitol Region Watershed District request the State Department of Natural Resources along with the appropriate federal agencies including the Mississippi River Basin Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species to provide details of plans and future actions to stop, prevent, control or mitigate the negative water quality impacts of aquatic invasive species (AIS). Those AIS would include Asian carp, zebra mussels, etc." There was discussion on the scope of the motion and the following motion was made.

CAC 10-05-04 Motion:

"Therefore be it resolved The Capitol Region Watershed District Citizen's Advisory Committee recommends that the Executive Board of the Capitol Region Watershed District, via letters, request State and Federal Officials and Agencies to identify actions necessary to ensure halting the spread of invasive Asian carp above Mississippi River Lock & Dam #2 (Hastings). Suggested governmental entities are: White House Council on Environmental Quality, US EPA, US FWS, US ACOE, MN EQB, MN PCA, MN DNR, MN BWSR."

Barton/Reider

Unanimously approved

Staff and Program Updates

Central Corridor Light Rail Transit

Mr. Fossum said CRWD received a permit application for the CCLRT project. Mr. Fossum said the permit application was deemed incomplete and a letter was sent March 26, 2010 identifying the submittal items required to complete the permit review. Mr. Fossum said Metropolitan Council has requested CRWD to consider granting volume reduction credits above and beyond the storage volume provided within the BMP based on the capacity of the soils to infiltrate stormwater. Mr. Fossum noted that the submittal includes calculations of contributing drainage areas that are outside the University Avenue or adjacent Right of Way. Mr. Fossum said the application includes the Operation and Maintenance Facility. This portion of the project is not considered linear, and is not eligible for cost cap consideration. Mr. Fossum reminded the committee that Capitol Region Watershed District was awarded a \$665,000 grant from the Board of Water and Soil Resources.

Como TMDL total maximum daily load

Mr. Fossum explained that the approved 2010 Watershed Management Plan Workplan includes a task to convert the Como Lake Strategic Management Plan into a Total Maximum Daily Load Plan (TMDL). Mr. Fossum noted that at the July 1, 2009 Board meeting the Managers reviewed a draft Como Lake TMDL and authorized distribution to the appropriate partners. Mr. Fossum said staff distributed the first draft of the Como Lake TMDL to the regulated MS4s for their review in late January of 2010. On February 17th, a meeting of all the MS4s was held to review the draft TMDL. Mr. Fossum explained that minor revisions were made and a second draft of the Como Lake TMDL was distributed for review by the MS4s.

Crosby Lake Watershed Management Plan

Mr. Fossum said Capitol Region Watershed District is required to prepare a work plan for the development of the Crosby Lake Management Plan. Mr. Fossum noted that the District received a Clean Water Assistance Grant from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) for \$50,000. The MPCA has provided CRWD a guidance document for preparing a project work plan. The work plan is defined as a comprehensive document that specifies goals and objectives of a project, how and when the work will be done and who is responsible for doing it, what the cost of the work will be, and how the resulting data will be managed so that the goals of the project are met. Mr. Fossum explained that District staff has prepared a draft work plan for the Crosby Lake Management Plan and submitted it to MPCA for approval. Mr. Fossum noted that the draft plan is also being reviewed by Saint Paul and other local contributing sponsors for the project. Mr. Fossum asked for a volunteer to be a part of the CLMP engineer review committee. Shirley Reider volunteered.

Draft St. Paul NPDES Permit

Mr. Fossum said Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) plans to reissue the City of Saint Paul's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit, which was first issued in December 2000. The MS4 permit requires the City of Saint Paul to develop, implement and enforce a Stormwater Management Program to reduce the discharge of pollutants to the maximum extent practicable, protect water quality, and satisfy the appropriate water quality requirements of the Clean Water Act. Mr. Fossum said the public comment period for the City of Saint Paul's draft reissued permit extends from April 9, 2010 to May 8, 2010. Mr. Fossum said MPCA has made several modifications to the existing City of Saint Paul MS4 permit including new requirements for addressing non-degradation of water quality and impaired waters and revised requirements for monitoring and illicit discharge detection and elimination. Mr. Fossum said CRWD staff has comprehensively reviewed the draft permit and utilized as guides in the review EPA's Compliance Inspection Report of the City's Stormwater Management Program, which was completed in January 2010, and the MS4 Permit Improvement Guide published by EPA in April 2010. CRWD staff has prepared a comment letter and memo to submit to MPCA. The letter from CRWD Board of Managers outlines the significant, overarching issues and comments on the permit while the memo from CRWD staff describe in detail the issues and recommendations for improving the permit.

Board of Managers and CAC Observer Update

Manager Thienes reviewed recent Board actions including; approving comments on the City of St. Paul's Draft NPDES Permit, approved an agreement with Met Council for CCLRT BMPs. The Board heard a presentation on the 2009 Monitoring Program by Matt Loyas. The Board authorized distribution of the Draft Cleveland Randolph Groundwater Study and acknowledged Ramsey County Attorney David MacMillan for his years of dedication.

Discussion - New & Old Issues

June 9, 2010 Agenda Overview

June meeting – a tour of District Projects 5:30 – 9:00 pm.

Adjourn – 8:58 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Nelson