



Capitol Region Watershed District

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February 14, 2024
Community Advisory
Committee
Approved

Community Advisory Committee Meeting Wednesday, February 14, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

CAC Members Present:

Mike Trojan, (remote)
Barbara Hall, (remote)
Richard Weil, (remote)
Mary Lilly, (remote)
Bob Simonet, (remote)
Steve Duerre, (remote)

Others Present:

Mark Doneux, CRWD Staff (remote)
Belinda Armstead, CRWD Staff, (remote)
Anna Eleria, CRWD Staff, (remote)
Joe Collins, CRWD Board, (remote)
Sarah Wein, CRWD Staff, (remote)

CAC Members Absent:

Andrew Montain, (excused)
Tom Elko, (unexcused)
Gwen Willems, (excused)
Mike MacDonald, (excused)
Michelle Ulrich, (excused)

I. Welcome, Announcements, and Updates

Ms. Lilly opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and asked for any announcements or updates. There were none.

II. Public Comment for Issues Not on the Agenda

Ms. Lilly asked for comments that were not on the agenda. There were none.

III. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Lilly asked for comments or corrections to the agenda. Mr. Doneux asked that a debrief on the Watershed Awards Ceremony be added to the agenda.

CAC Motion 24-004: *To approve the CAC February 14, 2024, Agenda as amended.*

Weil/Simonet
Unanimously approved.

IV. Approval of Minutes

- A) Approval of the *January 10, 2024, CAC Meeting Minutes*

CAC Motion 24-005: *Approve the January 10, 2024, CAC Meeting Minutes.*

Duerre/Trojan
Unanimously approved.

V. District Initiatives for Review, Comment, and Recommendations

- A) Review Chloride Management Plan Project Charter and Request for Qualifications (Wein)

Ms. Wein reported on the Chloride Management Plan Project Charter and Request for Qualifications. CRWD has seen an increase in chloride concentrations in area lakes, primarily due to road salt, and has identified a need for a Chloride Management Plan to prevent and reduce chloride pollution in CRWD water bodies. Staff intend to initiate a Request for Qualifications to select a consultant to work with them in developing the plan. The plan is expected to be finalized by December 2024.

For informational purposes only. No motion was requested.

VI. CAC Initiatives

- A) CAC Reinvigoration Project (Armstead)

Ms. Armstead reported on the CAC Reinvigoration Project. The CAC is a group of interested CRWD residents who meet monthly to hear about District issues and projects, advise and assist the Board of Managers, and serve as a communications link between residents and the Board. Attendance at the CAC meeting and participation in other activities have been declining recently, so it is thought that the CAC needs a refresher. The current makeup of the CAC is primarily older Caucasians, which does not reflect the makeup of the District. Recruiting additional members to the CAC is desired, which will better reflect the district's diversity and provide new energy to assist CRWD in its initiatives. To help meet these goals, staff have prepared a draft of the CAC Reinvigoration Project, which Ms. Armstead presented to the CAC and asked for questions and comments.

For informational purposes only. No motion was requested.

- B) Debrief on Watershed Awards Ceremony (Armstead)

Ms. Armstead asked for comments from CAC members who had attended the CRWD Watershed Awards Ceremony on February 1, 2024. All responses were positive, and members were very impressed with this year's Award Winners. They all seemed very deserving, enthusiastic, and appreciative that their efforts had been

recognized. Ms. Armstead mentioned they would try to have the CAC play a more significant role in next year's ceremony.

VII. Project and Program Updates

There were none.

VIII. CAC Observer Update

Mr. Simonet attended the 2/7/2024 CRWD Board Meeting. He reported on a permit for Ramsey County Environmental Services. The county is proposing building a new Environmental Services Center on county land and requested a variance from TSS requirements. The Board approved the variance with four conditions.

IX. Discussion

A) New & Old Issues
There were none.

B) CAC Observer for February 21, 2024, Board of Managers Meeting

Ms. Hall volunteered to attend the February 21 meeting.

C) CAC Observer for March 7, 2024. Board of Managers Meeting.

No volunteers for the March 7 meeting. Attend if you can.

X. Adjourn

CAC Motion 24-006: *To adjourn the February 14, 2024, CAC Meeting.*

Simonet/Hall
Unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.
Respectfully submitted, Steven Duerre