



## Capitol Region Watershed District

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**June 17, 2026**  
**Board Meeting**  
V. Action Item  
Approved

**Regular Board Meeting** of the Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD) Board of Managers, for  
**Wednesday, June 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**

### MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to Order of Board Meeting (*President Joe Collins*)

A) Attendance

**Managers**

Mary Texer  
Hawona Sullivan Janzen  
Shawn Mazanec  
Joe Collins  
Rick Sanders

**Staff Present**

Anna Eleria  
Bob Fossum  
Lydia Treichel  
Rachel Funke

**Public Attendees**

**Other Attendees**

President Collins asked if there were Board members for the motions and seconds necessary to introduce the agenda items identified by CRWD staff for this meeting. Managers Mazanec and Sanders volunteered.

B) Review, Amendments, and Approval of the Agenda.

An additional item was added to the agenda. Item VI. B) McMurray Project Updates will be presented by Administrator Eleria.

**Motion 26-101:** *Approve the Agenda of June 3, 2026, Meeting.*

Mazanec/Sanders  
Unanimously Approved

II. Public Comment – None.

III. Permit Applications and Program Updates

A) 19-021, Como Park Animal Hospital - Closure (Stephan)

This permit was issued for construction of a new animal hospital building and parking lot near the intersection of Larpenteur Ave. and Dale St. in Roseville. Stormwater treatment is provided by an underground sand filtration system. Work is complete, the site is stable, and the stormwater treatment practice has been confirmed functional. \$4,400 of surety was collected for this project. There were no surety deductions due to inspection charges. \$4,400 of the surety is available for return.

**Motion 26-102:** *Approve \$4,400 surety return and Certificate of Completion for permit #19-021, Como Park Animal Hospital.*

Mazanec/Sanders  
Unanimously Approved

B) Other Permit Updates (Hosch)

There were no other permit updates.

IV. Special Reports

A) Watershed Management Plan Mid-Plan Review (Funke)

CRWD's 2021-2030 Watershed Management Plan (WMP) guides its actions in a coordinated, thoughtful, and effective manner over a 10-year span. In alignment with WMP Goal O-3, Ensure that high value and multiple benefits are derived from funds spent on District projects and programs through planning, adaptive management and biannual evaluation of progress, CRWD completed a mid-plan review in 2026 to assess its progress toward WMP goals and implementation activities in years 2021-2025 of plan implementation. This review informs Staff, Board, and CAC on which goals, projects, and programs to focus on in the next 5 years and provides insight on whether adjustments need to be made to current implementation activities, schedules, and budgets.

The mid-plan review shows significant progress has been made toward achieving WMP goals and implementation activities. Water Resources Project Manager Rachel Funke shared results of the review with the Board at the meeting. About 70% of implementation activities are completed or in progress, while some may not occur in the next 5 years due to shifting priorities from partners. 70% of goals and subgoals are also met and completed, with the others in progress. The budget came in 20% lower than anticipated, so there is no need to amend the plan or adjust the budget. Overall, the findings of the mid-plan review show that the CRWD is adapting effectively to changing conditions, making steady progress toward long-term outcomes, and is well-positioned to achieve its goals by 2030. The report recommends focusing resources on a targeted set of implementation activities and goals for 2026–2030 tied to continuing implementation of water quality improvement Capital Improvement Projects, especially in our lakes and target subwatersheds, furthering communications and engagement, advancing facility management activities, and expanding regulatory support.

The Board had suggestions about wording choice and what notable activities to include. In general, the Board thought the review was thorough and well-done, and thanked staff for their work on it.

**Motion 26-103:** *Accept the WMP 2021-2025 Mid-Plan Review.*

Mazanec/Sanders  
Unanimously Approved

V. Action Items

A) Approve Minutes of May 20, 2026, Regular Board Meeting (Fossum)

**Motion 26-104:** *Approve the May 20, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes.*

Mazanec/Sanders  
Unanimously Approved

B) Approve Partial Accounts Payable and Receivable for May 2026 (Dalit)

**Motion 26-105:** *Approve a partial May 2026 accounts payable and direct Board Treasurer and President to endorse and disperse checks for these payments.*

Mazanec/Sanders  
Unanimously Approved

**Motion 26-106:** *Authorize the Administrator to issue electronic payments for May US Bank and Menards credit card payments.*

Mazanec/Sanders  
Unanimously Approved

VI. Unfinished Business

A) 2027 Budget Development Schedule (Fossum)

Each year, CRWD Board of Managers must establish a plan of work for the upcoming year, establish a budget based upon the work plan as well as adopt and certify a levy for the budget. The development process of the 2027 work plan and Budget was started at the Board meeting. Deputy Administrator Bob Fossum reviewed the process of developing CRWD's annual work plan and budget. Fossum ended by reviewing the proposed 2027 Work Plan and Budget Schedule. Manager Collins asked if partners of CRWD are expecting an increase in costs. Saint Paul Parks and Rec stated that the recently passed MN State Bonding Bill including funding for some City Park Projects, but CRWD staff will reach out to partners about this topic.

B) McMurray Field Project Update

Administrator Eleria gave the Board an update on the McMurray Field Project. The project is out to bid for the next four weeks, and approval from the Board will likely be sought at the July 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Construction is slotted to begin after Labor Day. Except for the lingering stormwater reuse component, the project has received conditional approval by the City of St. Paul Site Plan Review Committee. The stormwater reuse components are being reviewed and evaluated against the plumbing code. CRWD has indicated we do not believe the plumbing code is applicable to the stormwater reuse components of the project. Three alternative options have been presented by City of St. Paul Building official, but none are viable. CRWD staff sent a risk management

document that helps address real and perceived public health risk concerns. The City of Saint Paul has indicated an answer will be provided within a week, but that timeline may fluctuate.

Additionally, Administrator Eleria gave the Board updated information about the proposed changes to the State Plumbing Code. The MN Plumbing Board is within the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry. However, for the upcoming rule change, it includes language that makes the reuse of collected stormwater for irrigation not allowed. If this new rule were to be adopted, it would have large implications for the work of CRWD and other water management organizations and municipalities in Minnesota, as well as environmental drawbacks. Eleria said that CRWD has been quick to spread the word to other organizations and communities, none of which had any prior knowledge of this proposed change. CRWD staff have submitted a resolution to Minnesota Watersheds, participated in coalition meetings, distributed talking points, and reached out to state agencies like the MN Pollution Control Agency and the MN Department of Health. There is a need to raise voices in opposition to the plumbing board's proposed rules. Eleria credited staff for their work on this subject, and the Board thanked staff for their efforts.

Board Managers discussed other large-scale projects around the Metro that include stormwater reuse and asked if there were protocols for testing for pollutants in the water before it gets reused for irrigation. Managers also talked about the difference between rainwater and stormwater reuse, in addition to suggesting that CRWD could provide visuals so those not in the stormwater industry can understand the process. While things are constantly evolving on this matter, CRWD intends to stay optimistic and continue spreading the word. The Board will receive updates as they are available.

## VII. General Information

### A) Board of Managers' Updates

Many Board members attended WaterFest, an event organized by the Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District last Saturday. The event was very well organized, and managers were able to meet the new Director of the Ramsey County Soil and Water Conservation District Director, Justin Townsend. Manager Mazanec also relayed Minnesota Watersheds updates to the Board and staff.

There was a Smart Salting webinar put on by the Ramsey County League of Local Government that most of the Board members attended. The Board's feedback from the webinar included that there were good ideas for how to combat chloride pollution and helpful information.

Next Saturday, Manager Sanders is participating in a Juneteenth celebration at Central Park in Roseville. He will be volunteering at a history table.

Manager Sullivan Janzen reported to the rest of the managers that the CAC meeting in May did not have a quorum. Sullivan Janzen also mentioned she will be sharing a poem she wrote at a celebration for Prince next Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>.

B) Administrator's Update

Administrator Eleria thanked the Board members for attending the Open House and Ice Cream Social last Wednesday. The event was a huge success with over 300 attendees, of which nearly half were new to CRWD. Eleria encouraged the Board to attend the last We Are Water event that is happening on Saturday evening from 6-9PM, titled "Aquasonos: Community Listening" by artist Dameun Strange.

CRWD and City of Saint Paul staff have been receiving inquiries about a fish die-off in Como Lake that was first observed by CRWD staff last week. The fish die-off is located by the Como Pavilion area and is determined to likely be due to low oxygen levels from the rapid rise in temperature over the last week. Lake Nokomis has also experienced this type of issue. CRWD has provided a statement on social media. Board managers asked if there was a way to oxygenate the lake, and what would happen with the dead fish. Solutions to oxygenate lakes are notoriously unreliable and rarely solve the problem. Typically, fish are left in the lake to decompose but the MN Department of Natural Resources will make the final call.

Deputy Administrator Fossum will be leading a tour of Highland Bridge in July for the Ramsey County League of Local Government. Board members will receive an email with instructions on how to register.

VIII. Next Meetings

- A) Wednesday, June 10, 2026 – 5:30 p.m. – CAC Meeting (In Person) – Manager Texer will attend
- B) Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – 6:00 p.m. – Board Meeting

IX. Adjournment

**Motion 26-107:** *Adjournment of the June 3, 2026, Regular Board Meeting at 7:26 PM.*

Mazanec/Sanders  
Unanimously Approved

Respectfully submitted,  
Lydia Treichel