



MEMORANDUM

To: MCWD Board of Managers

From: James Wisker

Date: September 9, 2019

Re: **Item 4.3 – Lake Minnetonka Conservation District AIS Master Plan Update**

Purpose:

At the September 12, 2019 Operations and Programs Committee (OPC) Meeting, staff will provide a brief overview of the Lake Minnetonka Conservation District's (LMCD) efforts to develop a Lake Minnetonka Vegetation and Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Master Plan.

Staff will review the goals of the planning effort, the process for developing the plan, the current status of the work, and MCWD's involvement to date.

Background:

In June 2019 the LMCD initiated a planning process for developing a Lake Minnetonka Vegetation and AIS Master Plan. As outlined at a [June 18, 2019 Public Meeting](#), the purpose of the Master Plan is to:

- Provide baseline of information lake-wide and bay specific
- Identify measures to prevent, detect, respond, and manage vegetation
- Share information for unified efficient approach
- Identify any gaps in system in process
- Identify funding opportunities and resources
- Review harvesting program and alternatives

The LMCD has identified the following as being important sources of input into the planning process:

- Businesses and Lake Service Providers
- Cities
- Hennepin County Environmental Services
- Lake Minnetonka Association
- Lake Improvement Districts
- Minnehaha Creek Watershed District
- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
- Residents and Recreationalists
- Three Rivers Park District
- United States Geological Survey

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- University of MN Fisheries and Wildlife
- University of MN Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center

A subset of these stakeholders participated in a first Technical Advisory Group (TAG) meeting on July 15, 2019, where discussion focused on the goals of the planning effort and the process that was expected to unfold in 2019.

September 12, 2019 OPC:

At the September 12, 2019 OPC Staff will provide an overview of the goals of the planning effort, the process for developing the plan, the current status of the work, and MCWD's involvement to date.

If there are questions in advance of the meeting, please contact James Wisker at 952-641-4509 or Jwisker@minnehahacreek.org

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