

From: Jordan, Michelle (BWSR) <Michelle.Jordan@state.mn.us>
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2023 8:00 AM
To: Matthew Kocian <MKocian@ricecreek.org>

Good morning, Matt,

I am writing in response to the July 20, 2023 submittal of proposed changes to the Rice Creek Watershed District (RCWD) Watershed Management Plan (Plan). The email submittal indicated the intent to follow the minor plan amendment procedure as defined in MN Rules 8410.0140 Subp.2. As per the rule, the proposed plan amendment was sent to the plan review authorities and the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) for a minimum 30-day review period.

Comments were received from five entities. The Metropolitan Council and the Minnesota Department of Agriculture both had no comments on the proposed minor amendment and thanked RCWD for the opportunity to review. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources thanked RCWD for their efforts to address water quality in Centerville lake and creativity in evaluating multiple funding sources for lake management, and asked to be informed if/when an in-lake alum treatment is contracted. The Cities of Blaine and Roseville also responded to the request for comments and stated they had no comments.

No county board has filed an objection to the amendments with BWSR during the comment period, and the amendments are not necessary to make the plan consistent with an approved and adopted county groundwater plan. The RCWD plans to hold a public meeting on the proposed plan amendment in accordance with the rule requirements on August 23, 2023.

In reviewing this information, BWSR agrees that these revisions constitute a minor plan amendment in accordance with MN Rules 8410.0140 Subp.2.

We commend the RCWD for maintaining a current watershed management plan. Once the RCWD completes the public hearing and adopts the changes, please distribute the final amendment in the form of replacement pages for the Plan in accordance with MN Rules Subp's. 4 and 5. Refer to the Metro Plan Review Roster on the BWSR website for the plan format review agencies have requested.

Please consider this email the official BWSR response and retain it for your records. If you have any follow-up questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

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Good afternoon Michelle and Metro Plan Review Authorities,

The Rice Creek Watershed District (RCWD) is initiating a **minor amendment** to our Watershed Management Plan (WMP). Pursuant to MN Statute 103B.231 Subd 11, MN Rule 8410.0140 Subp 2,

and the procedure described in our WMP, we are sending the proposed changes to you for review. Proposed changes are attached. Our full WMP may be found here:

<https://www.ricecreek.org/2020wmp> The proposed changes are:

1. Updating our list of Board of Managers to reflect recent changes. This is found on page 1-6 of the WMP, with changes shown in red in the attached document.
2. Updating language in Section 4.3, Capital Improvement Projects. Specifically, we are updating language in Section 4.3.10 Anoka Chain of Lakes Water Management Project, found on page 4-29 of the WMP. The purpose of these changes is to incorporate information from recently completed diagnostic studies on Centerville Lake. The updated language adds specificity regarding pollutant sources to Centerville Lake, and clarity regarding the District's priority in implementing a project to mitigate the pollutant sources. The minor change to Table 4.3 (pg. 4.38) adds the possibility of a new funding source for this CIP. However, this amendment does not alter existing levies or budgets. The 'recently completed diagnostic studies on Centerville Lake' are also being added to the WMP as a new appendix (Appendix J). All redline changes and the new appendix are included as attachments.

Please send comments on the proposed amendment to the RCWD Board, c/o Matt Kocian, at the address below, or via email (preferred) at mkocian@ricecreek.org. Let me know if you have questions, or require additional information on the proposed minor amendment.

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