

MEMORANDUM

To: MCWD Citizens Advisory Committee
From: Becky Christopher, Lead Planner & Project Manager, and Michael Hayman, Planner & Project Manager
Date: April 7, 2017
Re: 2017 Water Resources Management Plan (Comprehensive Plan) Update

Purpose:

On April 12, 2017, MCWD planning staff will present an update on the development of the District's 2017 Water Resources Management Plan (Comprehensive Plan).

Background:

The Minnehaha Creek Watershed District is currently in the process of updating its comprehensive plan and has continued to use the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) to provide input and direction during the planning, engagement and drafting phases.

Central themes of the 2017 Plan include partnership and collaboration. The District believes it will most successfully accomplish its mission by working with our partners to align water resource management efforts with community priorities in mind, creating added value for both land and water.

In order to strengthen the Plan and provide for enhanced coordination, in December of 2016, we hosted a series of subwatershed meetings to gather input from communities throughout the watershed. The enthusiasm and the depth of local knowledge that was provided was very helpful as the District works towards its goal of increased integration of regional clean water objectives with local plans and priorities. This valuable information directly influenced the general posture of the subwatershed plans within the Plan, and informed other more immediate opportunities for collaboration.

At the April 12, 2017 CAC meeting, prior to the draft 2017 Plan being released for 60 day comment, District staff wants to meet with the CAC to review the structure of the plan and collect additional input. Staff will provide a presentation and draft material, and collect preliminary feedback from the CAC that will inform our process as we advance to public release.

If there are any questions in advance of the meeting please contact Becky Christopher (bchristopher@minnehahacreek.org, 952-641-4512) or Michael Hayman (mhayman@minnehahacreek.org, 952-471-8226).