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To: Pioneer-Sarah Creek Commissioners
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Subject: Public Meeting – Minor Plan Amendment

At their June 15, 2017 meeting, the Pioneer-Sarah Creek Watershed Management Commission approved a motion to move forward with a Minor Plan Amendment to its Third Generation Watershed Management Plan to revise the Capital Improvement Program as follows (highlighting added):

Table F.1. Capital Improvement Program

Year	Project	Project Name	Total Cost	Comm Share	Potential funding Sources
2016	GR-3	Dance Hall Creek BMPs	200,000	10,000	PSC, Greenfield, grants
	GR-4	Feedlot improvements: Dance Hall Creek	35,000	1,750	PSC, Greenfield, grants
	GR-9	Buffer strips: Dance Hall Creek	35,000	1,750	PSC, Greenfield, grants
	GR-11	Control carp population: Lake Sarah	10,000	500	PSC, Greenfield, DNR, grants
	GR-11	Control carp population: other lakes	10,000	500	PSC, Greenfield, DNR, grants
	IN-3	Lake Sarah curlyleaf pondweed treatment	32,000	3,200	PSC, Independence, Greenfield, lake assn
	IN-4	Gully restorations: GS50 (design)	120,000	12,000	PSC, Independence, grants completed 2016 \$25,000
	ME-4	Lake Ardmore neighborhood projects	80,000	8,000	PSC, Medina, grants
		<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>\$522,000</i>	<i>\$37,700</i>	
2019-2020	ME-5	Sediment sampling in Lake Independence	18,500	1,850	PSC, Medina, Independence, 3 Rivers
	IN-8	Sediment sampling in Lake Sarah	12,000	1,200	PSC, Independence, Greenfield
	IN-9	Shoreline restoration – Sarah and Independence	125,000	12,500	PSC, Independence, Medina, Greenfield, property owners, grants
	GR-4	Feedlot improvements	35,000	1,750	PSC, Greenfield, grants
	IN-2	Hydrologic restorations GS50 (install)	520,000 200,000	52,000 20,000	PSC, Independence, Medina, TRPD, grants
	ME-6	Tomahawk Trail wetland project	230,000	23,000	PSC, Medina, grants
		<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>\$940,500</i> \$620,500	<i>\$92,300</i> \$60,300	

IN-4 Gully Restorations

Reduce direct flows and anchor gullies that have occurred near the lake primarily near Baker Regional Park, priority project GS 50, as identified in the Lake Independence and Sarah Subwatershed Assessment. This project would complete field work and design for the proposed improvement. *\$120,000 total cost comm. share \$12,000 in 2016 COMPLETED 2016 \$25,000*

IN-2 Hydrologic Restorations

Restore hydrology to drained wetlands by adding box inlets to existing culverts as identified in the Lake Independence and Sarah Subwatershed Assessment, priority is GS50. *\$200,000 total cost comm. share \$20,000 in 2019*

The amendment would revise project **IN-2 Hydrologic Restorations** to update the estimated costs of the design and construction phases of the Baker Campground Ravine project. In the CIP those costs are estimated to be \$200,000, with the Commission's share being \$20,000. The project would be undertaken in 2018 and 2019, assuming sufficient grant funding can be secured to support the project.

At this time the remaining projects on the CIP are unchanged.

A feasibility report (project IN-4 in the CIP) was completed in 2016. As a result of that report, the estimated costs for project IN-2 have been increased to \$520,000. This increase necessitates a minor amendment to the Third Generation Plan since it exceeds the 125% cost ceiling approved by the Commission in its Third Generation Plan. . The City of Medina has also been added as a potential funding source. *Adoption of the Minor Plan Amendment does not mean that the Commission has approved this project.*

The Notice of this Public Meeting is attached. As required by MN Statutes, Section 103B, the proposed amendment was transmitted to the state reviewing agencies and Hennepin County for their review and comment. Comments were requested by July 18, 2017.

Hennepin County will be undertaking a parallel process of review and public hearing.

COMMISSION ACTION

The purpose of the public meeting is to present the proposed amendment and to take comment from the member cities and the public. The purpose of the public meeting is NOT to approve going forward with this project. The recommended order of business is as follows:

1. Suspend regular meeting
2. Staff report
3. Commission discussion
4. Open public meeting
5. Take comments from member cities
6. Take comments from public
7. Close public meeting
8. Commission discussion
9. Consider approving Resolution 2017-01
10. Resume regular meeting

COMMENTS RECEIVED THROUGH 10:00 AM, JULY 14, 2017

The **Metropolitan Council** has no comments on the Pioneer-Sarah Creek Watershed Management Commission's proposed minor plan amendment regarding revisions to the Commission's Third Generation Watershed Management Plan CIP.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The Technical Advisory Committee has reviewed the proposed revision to the Capital Improvement Program and found it to be consistent with the Commission's requirements. At their June 15, 2017 meeting the Commission approved the revision and directed Staff to move forward with a Minor Plan Amendment. Staff recommends that the Commission approve the amendment and adopt Resolution 2017-01. The Resolution will be effective upon approval of the amendment by the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners.