



LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

Executive Summary for Action

Lower Minnesota River Watershed District Board of Managers Meeting

Wednesday July 17, 2019

Agenda Item

Item 4. E. - Receive and file letter from the City of Eagan regarding Draft Rules

Prepared By

Linda Loomis, Administrator

Summary

The LMRWD received the attached letter from the City of Eagan regarding the Draft Rule.. The Board should receive and file the letter

Attachments

Letter from the City of Eagan dated Jul 3, 2019

Recommended Action

Motion to receive and file letter from the City of Eagan



July 3, 2019

Linda Loomis
Administrator, Lower Minnesota River Watershed District
Naiad Consulting, LLC
6677 Olson Memorial Highway
Golden Valley, MN 55427

Re: Lower Minnesota River Watershed District Draft Rules

Dear Linda,

In late April, the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District (LMRWD) first notified cities it had developed draft rules. These regulations would give the LMRWD authority to obtain municipal compliance with its watershed management plan, to provide a mechanism to verify compliance of local ordinances with LMRWD standards, and to provide for compliance audits.

Two weeks later, the LMRWD met with city representatives to present and discuss the draft rules and to convey plans for a formal public review through the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) at the end of July/early August. City of Eagan staff was unable to attend this meeting.

Then, the LMRWD requested review and comments on the draft rules, first within a week (by June 7) and then by June 28, after several cities requested more time to understand fully the potential impacts of the draft rules.

Concerns, questions, and uncertainties remained about the draft rules' potential impacts after several conversations among cities. Representatives wanted more time to review and discuss the draft rules within their communities.

Last evening, the Eagan City Council unanimously approved a request for a 90-day extension to review and understand fully the potential impacts of the draft rules.

Sincerely,

Russ Matthys, P.E.
Public Works Director

Cc: Jill Hutmacher, Community Development Director
Eric Macbeth, Water Resources Manager
Steve Christopher, BWSR
Della Young, Young Environmental Consult. Group, LLC
John Kolb, Rinke Noonan