



LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

Executive Summary for Action

Lower Minnesota River Watershed District Board of Managers Meeting
Wednesday, April 15, 2020

Agenda Item

Item 6. D. - Watershed Management Plan

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Summary

LMRWD staff is working on the online permit application on the website. It should go public this week. In the meantime, staff is preparing a notice to the cities about the permit and timing for cities to adopt official controls that conform to the LMRWD Watershed Management Plan.

At this time no city has complied with the provision by the LMRWD that official controls be in place by May 1, 2020. Bloomington was the closest to being in compliance and had intended to have official controls in place by the deadline. Because of the Stay Home Minnesota order by Governor Walz, the City postponed its public hearing, which was scheduled for March 16, 2020. The city is waiting until they are able to hold an in-person hearing, before adopting official controls. Several other cities have asked for an extension, so they are aware of the District's timeline.

At the March meeting of the LMRWD Board of Managers staff had intended to speak to the Board about an extension and recommend that no extension be granted, since the cities have had 18 months to adopt official controls. At this time, staff would recommend that the Board extend the period to September 1, 2020 (which is 6 months from February 19), with the provision that the cities provide the District with its plans bring official controls into conformance.

If at the end of the extension there are still cities that have not adopted official controls, the LMRWD has options as explained in the March 2020 Executive Summary for this item.

Attachments

No attachments

Recommended Action

Authorize an extension to September 1, 2020 to allow cities to bring official controls into compliance with the LMRWD