



LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

Executive Summary for Action

Lower Minnesota River Watershed District Board of Managers Meeting

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Agenda Item

Item 7. B. - Metro-area Watershed Based Funding Pilot Program

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Summary

Every Metro-area county must submit its plan to BWSR by June 30th. This is an update about what has been happening with this program in each of the counties:

Carver: Carver County is planning to allocate money based on the original discussion. Money would be allocated based on a 50/50 split between area and market value. This means the LMRWD can expect to get \$25,472. The group is planning to meet again on April 26th to finalize the plan and wants the watershed districts to identify the project or projects they intend to fund. The LMRWD is planning to submit the East Chaska Creek project.

Dakota: Dakota County is also planning to allocate money according to the initial meeting. The LMRWD will receive \$65,450. The LMRWD is planning to submit the Dakota Fen Stewardship project.

Hennepin Hennepin County is still undecided and is contemplating undertaking a county-wide chloride project. The convening group would like to take a percentage off the top to use for chloride education and investigation. The Hennepin County watershed organizations that are in the MN River basin are still planning to work together and put all money received from Hennepin County into a pool to fund a cost share program that would allow cities and other (like School Districts) to buy new equipment that would lead to less chloride use.

Scott Scott County is planning to fund one large county-wide project and then allocate the remaining money to each watershed based with a base share of \$75,000 and then the rest divided between the watershed organizations on a 50/50 split between area and market value. So the LMRWD would receive \$146,550. The LMRWD does not have any projects in its current CIP in Scott County, so the District would plan to submit a project with either the city of Savage or the city of Shakopee and identify it as a Cost Share project. Savage has a project that would be a good fit in the Eagle Creek sub-watershed. The Storm Sewer system drains through a series of ponds ending in a shallow pond that outflows to Eagle Creek. The city is concerned because the final pond is very shallow and has a large surface area, causing the water to warm up rapidly before it then flows to Eagle Creek. The project would be to undertake a feasibility study to determine if there is a possibility to re-use the storm water for irrigation of a park with active ball fields and to also address the Fecal Coliform impairment of Eagle Creek.

The county-wide project looks like it will be related to chloride. The initial phase would be to evaluate chloride use across the county to see what chloride management is already being done, develop a goal for the county and then develop a plan to reach the goal.

Attachments

No attachments

Recommended Action

No action recommended