

# Memorandum



**To:** New Hope City Council  
**From:** Kirk McDonald, City Manager  
**Date:** July 10, 2013  
**Subject:** Medicine Lake Road and DeCola Ponds Flood Mitigation Study

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Listed below is a brief recap of the events that have taken place over the last year regarding this issue.

1. Golden Valley completed initial study with Barr Engineering.
2. Study presented at May 7, 2012, joint meeting of three city councils.

Recommendation to proceed with cooperative agreement for Phase II study, with cost share based on percentage of area in each city that is tributary to the area, as follows:

Golden Valley	50%	\$58,000
New Hope	27%	31,784
Crystal	23%	<u>26,216</u>
Total		\$116,000

3. New Hope approved cooperative agreement on July 23, 2012.
4. Crystal did not approve agreement.
5. New Hope, along with Golden Valley, submitted request to Bassett Creek Watershed for dispute resolution on August 22, 2012.
6. Crystal requested a meeting between the mayors, city managers and public works staff to try and work out differences before the dispute resolution proceeded. The three cities met on September 27, 2012, at Golden Valley City Hall.
7. Crystal City Council discussed matter at their October 11 work session. They requested that study share costs potentially be based on runoff volume from each city. Barr Engineering performed that analysis with the following results:

	<u>New calculation</u>	<u>Original calculation</u>
Golden Valley	46%	50%
New Hope	31%	27%
Crystal	23%	23%

Based on this type of calculation Crystal's contribution remains the same, Golden Valley's decreases, and New Hope's increases.

8. Crystal again reviewed the revised calculations and is not supportive of participating in the study.
9. The Crystal City Council discussed the issue at their work session of May 7, 2013, and responded they would contribute \$11,000 towards the study (\$15,216 less than the original portion of their cost).
10. New Hope and Golden Valley see no option except to proceed with dispute resolution process.

The Phase II study will not obligate any city to future capital improvements; it will identify long-term solutions for land use planning, etc. that the cities can take into consideration.

The original cost of the study (7/17/12) was \$116,000. With the delay in the approval process, an updated cost estimate has been provided for the study (4/11/13) in the amount of \$136,000.

cc: Guy Johnson, Director of Public Works  
Pat Crough, Bassett Creek Alternate Representative