



## Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission

### MEMO

To: Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commissioners  
From: Technical Advisory Committee  
Date: December 2, 2019

**RE: Report on 10/4/19 and 11/25/19 TAC Meeting**

#### TAC Members and Others Attending Meetings:

Mark Ray, Crystal (TAC Chair)  
Drew Chirpich, Golden Valley  
Erick Francis, St. Louis Park  
Richard McCoy/Marta Roser, Robbinsdale  
Sarah Schweiger, Minnetonka

Chris LaBounty/Ben Scharenbroich, Plymouth  
Liz Stout/Shane Missaghi, Minneapolis  
Megan Hedstrom, New Hope  
Jim de Lambert, TAC Liaison  
Laura Jester, Administrator  
Karen Chandler, Greg Wilson, Meg Rattei, Commission Engineers

#### 1. Review BCWMC Water Monitoring Program

At the October TAC meeting, the group received a [presentation](#) on the BCWMC's current water monitoring program, the history of the program, and information on the monitoring programs of some other watersheds. They then developed a list of goals and objectives for the BCWMC monitoring program and then prioritized the importance of those goals as high, medium, or low.

At the November meeting, the TAC reviewed how the BCWMC water monitoring program aligns with or meets the goals and objectives considered a high or medium priority. In some areas, gaps were identified where the current program does not fully meet the goal, and in other cases the program exceeds the goal. The group then discussed potential changes that can or should be considered for the monitoring program. They considered the questions: where there are gaps, what can or should the BCWMC do differently to remove the gap and meet the requirements or goals; and where the program exceeds the requirements or goals, are there activities the BCWMC should discontinue?

Since cost is an important factor in decisions to change the monitoring program, the TAC is waiting for cost information before making recommendations to the Commission. Recommendations are expected to be presented to the Commission at their February meeting.

#### 2. Report on City Ordinance Updates

At the October TAC meeting, Administrator Jester reviewed the list of ordinances and buffer requirements members cities are required to enforce for compliance with the watershed management plan. She then gathered updates via email from each city on ordinance status and presented that information to the Commission at their November meeting.

### 3. Report on Flood Control Project Maintenance Work

At the October TAC meeting, the Commission Engineer reminded members about upcoming inspections by the Commission Engineer on flood control structures and the importance of completing the required maintenance and completing/submitting the maintenance record.

### 4. 2022 – 2026 Capital Improvement Program List

At the November TAC meeting, Administrator Jester asked members to be thinking about capital projects that should be considered for the 2022 – 2026 list or projects that are currently on the list that should be removed or moved to a different year. She noted that an early 2020 TAC meeting will be scheduled to review the 5-year CIP list and any new projects to be considered. She reminded members to score potential projects with the new CIP scoring matrix and to use the pollutant hotspot map when appropriate.

### 5. Salt Smart Cards

At the November TAC meeting, Administrator Jester asked members to take a stack of the new “salt smart” education cards for residents to take from their city halls. She noted the idea behind the cards was for residents to give them to businesses that clearly use too much salt. She also noted a second card to be used with businesses that are already using the correct amount of salt.

### 6. City Ordinance Assistance Needs

At the November TAC meeting, Administrator Jester asked how the Commission could assist cities with development and adoption of ordinances to comply with the watershed management plan. Members requested assistance with the wetland protection ordinance. The Commission Engineer will gather draft ordinance language for cities to use. Administrator Jester also noted that commission staff or commissioners could be utilized to relay information to city councils or others about the intent and importance of the ordinances.