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Meeting of Technical Advisory Committee AGENDA

January 11, 2017

1. Approve Agenda.*
2. Approve Minutes of October 12, 2016 TAC meeting.*
3. Old Business. *These items were discussed at prior TAC meetings with a goal to move them forward.*
 - a. Model Manure Management Ordinance.
 - 1) Facilitate transition from agricultural to rural residential land use.
 - 2) What BMPs should be used when animals are present?
 - 3) How are load reduction credits quantified?
 - b. Buffer inspection/enforcement requirements.
 - 1) *The JPA does not give the Commission permission to perform inspections, unless requested by the member cities, and grants the Commission no enforcement authority, excepting when serving as the LGU for the WCA. These duties could be assumed by the Commission through a Memorandum of Understanding with each individual city. Staff has prepared a draft MoU* (Item A) apprising the cities that this service is available.*
 - 2) *In discussing the Hy-Vee project the developer's engineer requested an interpretation of the Commission's 25-foot average/10-foot minimum for a buffer when a retaining wall is used to minimize wetland impacts. Would the Commission still require a 10-foot minimum below the retaining wall, thus impacting more wetlands, or would it accept an area to be mitigated elsewhere on the parcel? Item B* provides one perspective regarding this application.*
 - c. Measuring phosphorus reductions from land conversion.
 - d. Commission rules pertaining to filtration infiltration and abstraction during stormwater management review. *Staff was directed to draft a comprehensive list of sequencing guidelines. A minor plan amendment may be required to revise this language. Item C* is Ramsey-Washington Watershed District's Rule C, which includes more formal sequencing requirements.*
 - e. Cost share Policy.
 - 1) At the October 12, 2016 TAC meeting the following action was approved: *Subwatershed assessments shall be identified in areas outside of the MUSA, be supported by the City in which the SWA is located, be undertaken at the discretion of the Commission, should have a \$15,000 maximum cap (grant or Commission funding), and the cost should be shared by the City at a 20% match. Staff was directed to draft a minor plan amendment if necessary.*
 - 2) However, Appendix G of the Third Generation Plan includes the following language under the heading TMDL Implementation: *The Commission will share 50% of the cost of*

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feasibility studies and subwatershed assessments. Again, a minor plan amendment may be required to revise this language to match the intent of the action above.

f. **Prioritizing special projects other than SWAs.**

A list of criteria identified by other watershed organizations includes the following: (Item 15 was added by the Elm Creek TAC.)

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| 1) Total cost | 2) On priority list (CIP?) - Developed by whom? |
| 3) Total impacted area | 4) City request |
| 5) No. of impacted cities | 6) Commission-derived schedule |
| 7) Load reductions | 8) Included in Operating Budget |
| 9) Timing of project | 10) Grant opportunity |
| 11) In city's CIP | 12) Result of regulatory mandate. |
| 13) Multiple benefits | 14) Go beyond city management activities |
| 15) Potential load reduction | |

4. **New Business.**

- a. Call for additions/revision to Commission's CIP. *A copy of the current CIP is attached.**
- b. Call for 2017 CIPs.

5. **Other Business.**

- a. Next TAC meeting _____.

Enclosure provided*

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