



August 25, 2015

Michael Kinney, Administrator
Comfort Lake Forest Lake Watershed District
44 Lake Street South, Suite A
Forest Lake, MN 55025

RE: Comfort Lake Forest Lake Watershed District Watershed Management Plan Amendment (Minor)

Dear Mr. Kinney:

The Board of Water and Soil Resources (Board) on July 22, 2015 received documentation of proposed changes to the Comfort Lake Forest Lake Watershed District (CLFLWD) Watershed Management Plan (Plan) submitted in accordance with the minor amendment process defined in MN Rules 8410.0140 Sup.2. The CLFLWD also sent the minor amendment documentation to plan review authorities for review and comment. The Plan amendment includes the following:

- The intent of the amendment is to establish the process under which the CLFLWD will acquire and manage lands or land rights for conservation purposes, support of capital projects and related purposes including public education and recreation. The amendment also incorporates the "Land Acquisition and Management" activity into the CLFLWD's Implementation Program with a proposed annual cost of \$75,000.

No comments were received from the plan review authorities and no objections to the proposed amendment have been filed by either Chisago or Washington Counties. The amendment is not necessary to make the plan consistent with the Washington County Groundwater Plan. Board Staff has reviewed and agreed that these revisions are consistent with the CLFLWD goals, policies, and implementation priorities in the plan, and therefore constitute a minor plan amendment. The CLFLWD has scheduled a public hearing for the proposed amendment on August 27, 2015. Board staff has no other comments.

We commend the CLFLWD for maintaining a current watershed management plan. Once the District adopts the changes, please print and forward them in the form of replacement pages for the Plan to all plan review authorities and stakeholders in accordance with 8410.140 Subp. 5. Feel free to contact me with any questions at 651-332-0786.

Sincerely,

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Board Conservationist
Board of Water and Soil Resources

cc: Jim Haertel, BWSR (via email)
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