

CAC Meeting

June 7, 2016

Agenda and Notes

5:00 – 6:30 PM

- Update on CLFLWSD activities
 - Construction has officially started on the Hilo Lane Stormwater Retrofit Project.
 - The Moody Lake Wetland Rehabilitation and Forest Lake Wetland Treatment Basin Projects were ordered at a Special Board Meeting on June 2nd.
 - Mike S. described District boat launch upgrades including compost bins and pavement stencils. All upgrades will be completed by the end of June.

- Update on Forest Lake School District water quality improvement projects
 - Mike K. provided an update on his recent meeting with the Forest Lake School District regarding potential collaboration with CLFLWD and RCWD on stormwater reuse projects. The School District Engineer seems receptive to the idea of collaboration, knowing that the Watershed Districts may help fund the activity. Several schools in the area (high school, middle school, etc.) may be interested in implementing projects. Mike K. plans to meet with RCWD next Monday (6/13) to discuss this further.

- Continue discussion on Master Education/Communication Program for WSD
 - CLFLWD staff recently met with Angie H. to discuss education and outreach activities. They compiled a spreadsheet that lists all current activities and who is responsible for each. An estimation of the number of hours required for each activity will be assigned so that the spreadsheet can be referenced when drafting the 2017 budget.
 - Mike K. mentioned the idea of planning a tour of District activities and projects. This tour can be attended by Board members, the general public, etc.
 - The CLFLWD is working on a contract with Warner Nature Center to send area kids for fieldtrips. We are looking to fund bus scholarships, as transportation to

Warner is one of the primary factors limiting student engagement in Warner activities.

- Jerry G. expressed his continued interest in reaching out to Forest Lake High School, specifically Mike Miron, about collaborating on lessons related to aquatic invasive species.
- Mike S. mentioned that he has been in contact with one of the St. Croix Master Watershed Stewards candidates who is interested in pairing with the CLFLWD for her capstone project. She is interested in organizing a water-themed scavenger hunt for children around the Forest Lake area. District staff are working with her to brainstorm ideas.
- After looking through the spreadsheet prepared by District staff and EMWREP, the group discussed potential line item additions to the 2017 CLFLWD budget. The group agreed that budgeting for Warner Nature Center fieldtrips would be a good idea. Other ideas were introduced but none were discussed in detail.
- The CAC talked about developing a shoreline owner tools and rules handbook that can be distributed to new homeowners in the District. The handbook would cover issues such as aquatic invasive species and shoreline management. CLFLWD staff have been working on the handbook. Jack M., who is a candidate for the St. Croix Master Watershed Stewards program, said that the development and distribution of the handbook would be a great capstone project for him. He intends to move forward on the project with help from District staff.

- Upcoming WSD board meetings and attendance
 - June 14, 2016 – Special Board Meeting at CLFLWD office at 3:00 pm
 - June 16, 2016 – Regular Board Meeting at Forest Lake City Hall at 6:30 pm

- Other discussion topics
 - The meeting attendees agreed to continue meeting at 5:00 pm