

**MEMORANDUM**  
**Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District**

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**To:** Board of Managers **Date:** March 10, 2021  
**From:** Mike Kinney  
**Subject:** Clean Water Fund Grant O&M Assurance

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**Background/Discussion**

Staff is currently working with the Board of Water and Soil Resources to complete the grant work plan and project assurances for the FY21 Clean Water Fund grant project – Little Comfort Lake Phosphorus Reduction Projects. The work plan for our other FY21 CWF grant project, Bone Lake NE Wetland Restoration, has been submitted and is under review. The District is required to submit project assurances for CWF projects. For the Little Comfort Lake grant, our BWSR Board Conservationist has advised that this entails a board motion and an agreement.

The proposed motion below simply states the District’s intention explicitly. It does not commit to anything the District was not already planning to do.

Staff and legal counsel are working on a more detailed assurance agreement for the alum treatment portion of the Little Comfort grant. This is a new requirement (it was not required for our Moody and Shields Lakes alum treatment grants). More information will be brought to the March 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. In the meantime, BWSR recommends we pass the motion below.

The work plan submittal deadline is March 15<sup>th</sup>, but CLFLWD can continue working on the project assurances between now and the grant agreement execution deadline of April 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Recommended Action**

Proposed motion: Manager \_\_\_\_\_ moves to approve the following pledge:

- The District pledges to incorporate into its Operations & Maintenance Program the projects implemented under Clean Water Fund grant C21-6176 Little Comfort Lake Phosphorus Reduction Implementation, upon project completion.
- Projects include East Wetland Impoundment, Channel Restorations and Alum Treatment.
- Over the next 10-year period, the District budgets an average of \$20,000 per year for annual recurring O&M (code 3010B) and unplanned major maintenance (code 3010C).
- Project effective lifespans are 25 years.

Seconded by Manager \_\_\_\_\_.