

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

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**To:** Board of Managers  
**From:** Mike Kinney  
**Subject:** CR50 Iron Enhanced Sand Filter Easement

**Date:** December 9, 2021

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**Background/Discussion**

At the September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Board Meeting, staff presented the appraisal for the easement on the property identified as a suitable location for the Washington Judicial Ditch 6 (WJD6) Iron Enhanced Sand Filter (IESF) project. In closed session, the Board authorized payment for the easement up to the amount indicated in the appraisal.

Since this time, staff have been working with the landowners to reach an agreement on the final terms of the easement. Staff would like to discuss progress toward this effort with the Board. The Minnesota Open Meeting Law allows the board to convene in closed session to discuss the financial aspects of the offer for the District's easement purchase.

As a reminder, the objective of the WDJ6 IESF project will be to remove and prevent approximately 80 pounds of phosphorus from this subwatershed from entering Forest Lake's east basin (a.k.a, 3<sup>rd</sup> Lake). Water would be pumped from this ditch system into several settling basins with filter media that contain iron filings and sand. Dissolved phosphorus in the water is bound to the iron filings when allowed to filter thru these beds.

**Proposed Motion:** Manager \_\_\_\_\_ moves to convene in closed session to discuss the terms of the easement for the CR 50 IESF parcel (PID: 23.032.21.44.0002). Seconded by Manager \_\_\_\_\_.