



MEMORANDUM

Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District

Date: January 9, 2026

To: CLFLWD Board of Managers

From: Mike Kinney, District Administrator

Subject: Timm's Marina EAW



Background/Discussion:

The Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District (CLFLWD) Board of Managers directed staff to provide the managers with the Forest Lake materials on Timm's Marina to complement the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) at the January 8, 2026, board meeting. Additionally, staff and EOR were to review those materials and the EAW and then provide the board with a summary of comments/issues.

The City of Forest Lake opened the 30-day EAW comment period on January 6, 2026, and will accept written comments through February 5, 2026. The initial suggested comments are attached.

Recommended Motion:

Manager _____ moves to authorize the District Administrator to submit the attached EAW comments to the City of Forest Lake. Seconded by Manager _____.

Attached

Comments -Timm's Marina Environmental Assessment Worksheet



CLFLWD Staff and EOR Suggested Comments

Comments on Timm's Marina EAW

1. Table 7-3 states to adapt to potential impacts of increased boat traffic on the average annual temperature of Forest Lake the boat traffic increases within the project area will be tracked to determine if a significant increases results from the proposed project. It is unclear how the increase will be measured, who is responsible for the tracking, and how a significant increase is determined.
2. Table 7-3 states to adapt to the potential increased shoreline erosion due to proposed increases in boat traffic, a no wake zone will be enacted in the project area. It is unclear what the extent of the no wake zone encompasses. Please consider opportunities to improve/restore native shoreline to mitigate some of these potential impacts.
3. In Table 8-1, the footnote should include If the City of Forest Lake variance requests are not approved and the parking areas must be paved, the CLFLWD rules may be triggered based on the proposed conditions. Thus, any design and location of stormwater BMPs will also need to be approved by CLFLWD as well as the City of Forest Lake.
4. Please address if the added parking/traffic on turf areas is going to increase erosion potential.
5. Table 9.1 should include CLFLWD permit rules 2, 3, and 7.
6. Section 11 should also consider the impact of additional boat traffic on shoreline erosion on the lake not just within the no wake zones.
7. Section 12, there is a wetland delineation on record but it is not included in section 12.a.i.

8. Section 12.a.i. includes an incomplete list of the aquatic invasive species. It should also list Common Carp, Curly Leaf Pondweed and Purple Loosestrife.
9. Section 12.b.iv.2 should also consider the impact of additional boat activity on the lake on the surface water impacts and shoreline erosion. The EAW should also explicitly discuss how the project will change the number or type of watercraft on any water body, including current and projected watercraft usage. Simply stating the change in boat slips does not address this required discussion. The discussion should include the impact on the lake carrying capacity of Forest Lake.
10. Section 14, consider reiterating the opportunity for the proposed project to use marina operation/use policies to aid watershed goals of AIS prevention efforts at lake access sites.

Additional Comments

1. The proposed addition of 72 boat slips has the potential to increase boat activity above the lake carrying capacity for Forest Lake.