



MEMORANDUM

Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District

Date: February 16, 2026
To: CLFLWD Board of Managers
From: Mike Kinney, District Administrator
Subject: 2026 AIS Treatment Service Contract



District Wide

Background/Discussion:

[The Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District \(CLFLWD\) budget](#) includes Curly-leaf pondweed (CLP) delineations on four lakes in 2026 – Bone, Shields, Comfort, and Forest Lakes. Additionally, funds for CLP treatment were included in the 2026 aquatic invasive species (AIS) budget for Bone, Shields, Comfort, and Forest Lakes. Curly-leaf pondweed treatments are only expected to exceed the administrator’s contracting authority of \$20,000 on Forest Lake.

Staff received proposals from several AIS treatment firms: Lake Management Inc. (LMI), PLM Lake & Land Management Corp (PLM), and Solitude Lake Management (SLM). In a Request for Quotes process, under the Data Practices Act, until the board has awarded a contract, only the names of firms and their quotes are public. Any information in the submittals that may be useful to the board other than this is going to be provided to the managers outside of the meeting packet, because the information is non-public under the Data Practices Act. Additionally, staff met with the MN DNR February 20, 2026 to discuss CLP control. While Diquat is the preferred treatment due to cost, its use is restricted until mid-June by DNR Fisheries due to stocking of susceptible walleye. Therefore, Flumioxazin is preferred.

CLFLWD has contracted work with all three companies. LMI has performed the District’s curly-leaf pondweed treatments for the past several years, PLM has treated Flowering Rush of Forest Lake, and SLM conducted the Forest Lake Alum treatments. Final treatment acres and associated cost will be determined by Blue Water Science surveys, usually conducted in April, on Forest, Bone, Comfort, Shields.

Staff recommend that the Board authorize the Administrator to execute a service agreement with LMI for the treatment of Curly-leaf pondweed on Forest Lake if quotes exceed \$20,000. LMI provided the most detailed quote, has a comparative cost per parts per million, and have successfully treated CLP in CLFLWD in recent years. It is expected Bone Shields, & Comfort Lake, Curly-leaf pondweed treatments will not exceed \$20,000 and are within the administrator’s contracting authority.

Recommended Action



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Proposed Motion: Manager _____ moves to authorize the Administrator, on advice of counsel, to enter into a contract with _____ for treatment of Curly-leaf pondweed on Forest Lake in an amount not to exceed \$30,000. Seconded by Manager _____.

Attached

Herbicide Applicator Quotes 2026