



Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works

Date: March 20, 2012

To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee

Subject: **Revised Mississippi Watershed Management Organization Joint and Cooperative Agreement**

Recommendation:

The proper City officers are authorized to execute the Joint and Cooperative Agreement for the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization

Previous Actions:

- April 1, 2011: Resolution 2011R-137, authorizing execution of the Mississippi Watershed management Organization Joint and Cooperative Agreement
- May 3, 2002: Resolution 2002R-154, approving the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization Joint and Cooperative Agreement Changes

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Reviews

Permanent Review Committee (PRC):	Not applicable
Civil Rights Approval	Not applicable
Policy Review Group (PRG):	Not applicable

Financial Impact

No financial impact
Action is within the Business Plan

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification: Not applicable
City Goals: A Safe Place To Call Home -- quality of life; a healthy environment; the city's infrastructure will be well-maintained. Enriched Environment -- plentiful green spaces; lakes, rivers and the soil and air will be clean. A Premier Destination -- the country will see Minneapolis as a national treasure.
Comprehensive Plan: Consistent
Zoning Code: Not applicable

Background/Supporting Information

Currently the five members of the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization (MWMO) are the Cities of Minneapolis, Lauderdale, Saint Anthony Village, and Saint Paul, and the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board. The organization was formerly known as the Middle Mississippi River Watershed Management Organization.

The joint and cooperative agreement (Agreement) is being updated at the request of the cities of Fridley, Columbia Heights, and Hilltop to join the MWMO because a watershed management organization to which they have belonged in the past, the Six Cities Watershed Management Organization, has dissolved. There is no new fiscal impact to existing members. The new Agreement will replace previous agreements, executed in 1985, 1997 and 2002 and 2011. There will be a total of seven commissioners: one representing each of the five current members, one representing the City of Fridley, and one representing both the cities of Columbia Heights and Hilltop.

The agreement is also being revised to remove the section of the agreement pertaining to the ability to request members to contribute to the MWMO operating budget (Article V, Sub. 1 of the agreement), because all of the MWMO's administrative, program and project funds are provided for by levy under the authority of Minnesota Statutes, Sections 275.066 (21), 103B.211 and 103B.241, and therefore the section is being removed.

Attachment: Map

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