

December 19, 2017

Michael Kinney, Administrator
Comfort Lake Forest Lake Watershed District
44 Lake Street South, Suite A
Forest Lake, MN 55025

RE: 2017 Comfort Lake Forest Lake Watershed District Watershed Management Plan Amendment (Minor)

Dear Mr. Kinney:

The Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) received on November 8, 2017 documentation of proposed changes to the Comfort Lake Forest Lake Watershed District (CLFLWD) Watershed Management Plan (Plan) submitted in accordance with the minor amendment process defined in MN Rules 8410.0140 Sup.2. The CLFLWD also sent the minor amendment documentation to plan review authorities requesting review and comment by December 18, 2017. The Plan amendment includes the following:

- The general intent of the amendment is to incorporate new projects that have been identified through diagnostic work, and to modify formatting so that the Plan more closely aligns with the annual budget.
- Progress evaluation metrics were added for district programs in Section 4 – Implementation.
- Figure 1 - Location map and Figure 6 – CLFLWD Lake Management Districts were updated to include the recent boundary change with the Rice Creek Watershed District.

MNDNR and Metropolitan Council reviewed the amendment and indicated that they had no comments for consideration. BWSR staff provided a comment regarding the local plan approval date for City of Forest Lake which CLFLWD has agreed to address. No objections to the proposed amendment have been filed by either Chisago or Washington Counties. The amendment is not necessary to make the plan consistent with the Washington County Groundwater Plan. The CLFLWD has scheduled a public hearing for the proposed amendment on January 25, 2018. **BWSR agrees that these revisions constitute a minor plan amendment in accordance with MN Rules 8410.0140 Sup.2.**

We commend the CLFLWD for maintaining a current watershed management plan. Once the District completes the public hearing and adopts the changes, please distribute the final amendment in the form of replacement pages for the Plan in accordance with 8410.140 Subp's. 4 and 5. Refer to the Metro Plan Review Roster found on the BWSR website for the plan format review agencies have requested. Feel free to contact me with any questions at 651-332-0786.

Sincerely,



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Board Conservationist
Board of Water and Soil Resources

cc: Kevin Bigalke, BWSR (via email)
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