



MEMORANDUM

Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District

Date: April 20, 2023
To: CLFLWD Board of Managers
From: Mike Kinney, District Administrator
Subject: Forest Lake Curly-Leaf Pondweed Treatment Contract



Forest Lake
Management District

Background/Discussion

The District's budget includes funds to perform curly-leaf pondweed treatments on five lakes in 2023 – Moody, Bone, Shields, Forest, and Comfort. Staff sought out proposals from several aquatic invasive species (AIS) treatment firms for curly-leaf pondweed (CLP) this year. We received quotes from Lake Management Inc. and PLM Lake & Land Management. Of the two quotes, Lake Management Inc. quoted the lower price per acre for Diquat treatment.

Lake Management has performed the District's curly-leaf pondweed treatments for the past several years. PLM has performed the District's flowering rush treatments since 2014. Each company has a history of performing effective control and would be capable of handling the proposed curly-leaf pondweed treatments this year.

Blue Water Science will be performing the curly-leaf delineations over the next few weeks and will send the maps to the District as soon as possible thereafter. Once delineations are complete, they will be submitted to the Department of Natural Resources as part of the permit requirements. As a reminder, Moody Lake is a Natural Environment Lake, therefore Blue Water Science will perform pre and post treatment point intercept surveys to remain compliant with the DNR's variance permit.

Staff recommends that the Board authorize the Administrator to execute a service agreement with Lake Management for the treatment of curly-leaf pondweed on Forest Lake, which is likely to exceed \$20,000. Curly-leaf treatments for Moody, Bone, Shields, and Comfort Lakes will not exceed \$20,000 and are within the administrator's contracting authority.

Recommended Motion

Proposed Motion: Manager _____ moves to authorize the Administrator, on advice of counsel, to enter into a contract with Lake Management Inc. for treatment of curly-leaf pondweed on Forest Lake in an amount not to exceed \$35,000. Seconded by Manager _____.