



## MEMORANDUM

Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District

**Date:** May 4, 2023  
**To:** CLFLWD Board of Managers  
**From:** Mike Kinney, District Administrator  
**Subject:** Blue Water Science Service Agreement Update -  
Comfort Lake Point Intercept Survey



**District Wide**

### Background/Discussion

The Comfort Lakes Association (CLA) is requesting the District contract Blue Water Science to perform a point intercept (PI) survey on Comfort Lake by June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. The District schedules point intercept surveys for its major lakes on a 5 -year rotation, and Comfort Lake isn't due for another until 2024. The 2023 Blue Water Science service agreement was approved by the Board at the January 26, 2023, meeting. The 2023 AIS Prevention & Management Plan was approved by the Board at the March 9, 2023, meeting. Neither the service agreement nor the plan included a point-intercept survey on Comfort Lake. Currently, Blue Water Science is scheduled to perform a less expensive meandering survey that is standard for most years.

Per their 2022 whole-lake Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM) treatment permit/grant, the CLA is required by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to submit a PI survey report to fulfill their reporting requirements. This PI survey was not included in the approved Blue Water Science service agreement. It would cost the District an additional \$900 for Blue Water Science to do a point-intercept survey instead of the planned meander survey. This additional expense is not in the 2023 budget. If the CLA were to contract with Blue Water Science for a point-intercept survey on their own, the cost would be \$2,700.

Staff have laid out three options for the Board to consider and are requesting direction from the Board on how to proceed with this request.

### Motions for Consideration

Manager \_\_\_\_\_ moves to...

1. Perform a budget transfer of \$900 from Comfort Lake's (3-004-D) Lake Association Grant Program line item to cover the additional expenses of a point intercept survey.
2. Request the CLA submit a formal Lake Association Grant Program application requesting \$900 in grant funds to cover the additional expenses of a point intercept survey.
3. Ask the CLA to cover the \$900 in additional expenses to upgrade the District's scheduled meandering survey to a point intercept survey.

Seconded by Manager \_\_\_\_\_.