Technical Advisory Committee
February 12, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

- Andover
  - Dave Berkowitz, Public Works Director/City Engineer
  - Kameron Kytonen, Natural Resources Technician
  - Jason Law, Assistant City Engineer
- Anoka County Highways
  - Rebecca Haug, Environmental Project Manager
- Blaine
  - Megan Hedstrom, Water Resources Coordinator
- Board of Water & Soil Resources
  - Josh Norman, Board Conservationist
- Coon Creek Watershed District
  - Jon Janke, District Administrator
  - Jessica Lindemyer, Engagement Coordinator
  - Erin Margl, Watershed Development Coordinator
  - Abbey Lee, Watershed Development Manager
  - Justine Dauphinais, Water Quality Coordinator
  - Tyler Thompson, Operations and Maintenance Coordinator
  - Eileen Weigel, District Engineer (Stantec)
- Coon Rapids
  - Mark Hansen, City Engineer
  - Tim Himmer, Public Works Director
- Department of Natural Resources
  - Ryan Toot, Area Hydrologist
- Fridley
  - Jim Kosluchar, City Engineer/Public Works Director
- Ham Lake
  - Dave Krugler, City Engineer
- Spring Lake Park
  - George Linngren, Public Works Director

Absent: Anoka Conservation District, Columbus, Department of Health, Department of Transportation

1. Announcements

Jon Janke introduced Josh Norman as the area's new Board Conservationist. TAC members welcomed Josh and briefly introduced themselves.

Justine Dauphinais shared the details for the upcoming Minnesota Stormwater Pond Research and Practice Symposium. Scheduled for March 31st to April 1st, this first-of-its-kind symposium is intended to bring together urban stormwater pond practitioners, professionals, policy leaders, and researchers from public and private sectors. The event will provide an opportunity to examine the state of the use of stormwater ponds as a practice, discuss the science we know and the uncertainties we have, increase awareness of recent and current research efforts, and identify future research priorities and collaboration opportunities. More information and the registration link can be found on the TAC Resource Webpage.

2. Management Situation

Hydrology

Tyler Thompson provided the TAC with a brief update on recent weather and hydrology. Headwaters are currently frozen over, but staff are still observing open water and flow lower in the watershed. Based on current snowpack, the watershed is in good shape for spring, flood predictions are low.

Legislative Update

Jon Janke noted that the legislature convenes on Tuesday. This legislative session is anticipated to be highly volatile with lots of posturing due to the upcoming elections in the fall. The Minnesota Association of Watersheds will have their 'Day at the Capitol' on March 3rd. The League of Minnesota is scheduled to have their 'Day at the Capitol' on March 11th.

3. Concerns

MS4 Permit Reissuance

Jon Janke opened the floor to discussion regarding proposed feedback on the draft MS4 permit.

Rebecca Haug shared that Anoka County Highways will be providing feedback related to:

- Firefighting foams: Management and enforcement should be left to the fire departments, not the stormwater utility
- PFAS: Request for more clarifying language related to PFAS
- Definitions: Some of the definitions in the draft permit are in conflict with the definitions provided in the Construction Stormwater Permit.

Jim Kosluchar inquired about the section on legal easements and access

agreements for stormwater BMPs and how that language may impact existing BMPs, especially those that were established many years ago.

Jim also noted concerns regarding the restrictions on purchasing products with PFAS, stating that it would be nearly impossible to administer given the wide range of products purchased across all departments and via subcontractors.

There was general discussion on the topic of water quality credit trading, how it might be used, and apprehension around the proposed timelines.

Justine Dauphinais shared that she has received confirmation from the MPCA that they will be posting all of the comments received during this initial comment period. District staff will review the posted comments and compare them to the revised permit language to determine what the MPCA addressed and what they did not.

4. Briefs

FEMA Engineering Methods Notification 620 Letter – Anoka County

Jon Janke summarized the FEMA notification letter received by municipalities in Anoka County. In a nutshell, this letter notifies city staff that FEMA will complete the HUC 8 process on a regional basis. Coon Creek Watershed District and Rice Creek Watershed District have completed the HUC 8 process for our respective areas, however the process still needs to be completed for the rest of the County. This letter serves as a notification that the process is happening and the methods they are using. No action is needed.

Dave Berkowitz stated that Andover plans to reach out to FEMA, asking to be included in the process. Dave Krugler also plans to reach out to FEMA.

The official publication date for these maps is anticipated for 2031.

Met Council Local Water Plan Update

Jon Janke shared that the Metropolitan Council has announced that they are initiating an update for all local water plans to be consistent with Met Council by December 31, 2028. CCWD recently completed an update of our Comprehensive Plan, which also requires local water plans to be updated. As such, we hope to align timelines with Met Council so that local water plans can incorporate changes from both organizations at one time, rather than going through two separate update processes.

Subwatershed Annual Check-Ins

Erik Bye, CCWD Planning Coordinator, will be reaching out shortly to schedule the 2026 subwatershed check-ins.

5. **Other Water Management Concerns**

   None.

All handouts, materials, and presentations for this meeting can be found on the TAC Resource Webpage: https://www.cooncreekwd.org/tac/