

Technical Advisory Committee

June 11, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

- Andover
 - Dave Berkowitz, Director of Public Works/City Engineer
 - Jason Law, Assistant City Engineer
 - Sumner Naess, Civil Engineer
- Anoka County Highways
 - Rebecca Haug, Environmental Project Manager
- Blaine
 - Megan Hedstrom, Water Resources Coordinator
- Board of Water and Soil Resources
 - Josh Norman, Board Conservationist
- Coon Creek Watershed District
 - Jon Janke, District Administrator
 - 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)
 - Tom Benike, Guest (Stantec)
 - Michael Frett, Guest (Stantec)
 - Kalene Kobs, Guest (Stantec)
- Coon Rapids
 - Brooke Schultz, Water Resource Specialist
- Department of Natural Resources
 - Ryan Toot, Area Hydrologist
- Fridley
 - Jim Kosluchar, City Engineer/Public Works Director
- Ham Lake
 - Dave Krugler, City Engineer

Absent: Anoka Conservation District, City of Columbus, City of Spring Lake Park, Department of Health, Department of Transportation

1. Announcements

Staffing Updates

Jon Janke announced that David Petry recently joined CCWD as the District's new Project Manager and will be working with many TAC member agencies on future District projects.

Jon also welcomed Sumner Naess, who recently joined the City of Andover as a Civil Engineer. TAC members participated in a brief roundtable introduction.

Jon shared that Anneka Munsell will be serving as the new Minnesota Department of Health contact for the TAC following Abby Shea's transition to a different role within MDH.

2. Management Situation

Hydrology

Tyler Thompson provided a brief hydrology update. Conditions are generally good, though precipitation has been below average and Anoka County is now classified as abnormally dry. Water levels and flows are somewhat low, but storage capacity remains available across the landscape.

Legislative Update

Jon Janke shared that the legislative session ended in mid-May with limited action on water-related issues. Staff will continue monitoring and preparing for future sessions.

3. Concerns

District Rules Update

Erin Margl provided an update on the District rule revision process. Comments received from TAC members were reviewed by District staff, and revised rule language and comment responses were posted for TAC review. TAC members were given an opportunity to ask questions or provide final feedback before the revised rules are brought to the Board of Managers to authorize the formal public comment process.

Plumbing Code – Stormwater Reuse

Jon Janke provided an update on concerns related to potential Plumbing Board action affecting stormwater reuse. The issue appears to center on public health and safety concerns associated with non-potable stormwater in irrigation or stormwater reuse systems.

TAC members discussed concerns that uncertainty around potential rule changes could delay current projects and discourage future stormwater reuse BMPs. There was also discussion about the need for better coordination with

the stormwater community before any rule changes are advanced. Staff will continue monitoring the issue.

Districtwide SWAT Water Quality Model

Justine Dauphinais introduced the Districtwide SWAT Water Quality Model. Michael Frett and Tom Benike from Stantec presented the model results and TMDL evaluation.

The model uses updated monitoring data to better identify pollutant sources, loading patterns, and reduction needs across the District. Jon Janke noted that the model will help refine future project planning so improvements are better targeted toward measurable water quality outcomes.

4. Briefs

FEMA Anoka County Kickoff 6/30

Jon Janke provided a brief update on the upcoming FEMA Anoka County kickoff meeting. Jon noted that the effort appears related to the broader HUC 8 mapping process, but focused on portions of Anoka County not already covered by prior work with CCWD, RCWD, MWMO, and similar organizations. Based on current understanding, this separate effort is not expected to delay or impact CCWD's ongoing FEMA mapping work.

CCWD Board Vacancy

Jon Janke provided a brief update on the CCWD Board of Managers appointment process. Jon shared that one board member was reappointed and one seat remains vacant after no applications were received for that seat. Anoka County is expected to initiate another call for applications, and TAC members were encouraged to share the opportunity within their communities.

MN TOPO2 & 2nd Gen LiDAR

Jon Janke provided an update that MN TOPO2 is now live and supports viewing the second generation LiDAR data that has been available for some time. Jon noted that MN TOPO2 can generate one-foot contours, but they are calculated on the fly and users should exercise caution. State issued one-foot contours are expected later this summer and will provide a more consistent dataset across users.

Met Council – Local Water Plans

Jon Janke provided a brief update on the Metropolitan Council local water plan update process. Met Council has initiated the process with updates anticipated by the end of 2028, and the work will include stormwater, drinking water, and wastewater components. Jon noted that CCWD is

working to align its local water plan update requirements with the Met Council process to reduce duplication of effort. Cities were encouraged to plan accordingly, especially if they anticipate using consultants for this work.

MS4 Annual Report Update

Justine Dauphinais shared that MPCA has announced there will be no MS4 annual reporting again this year because the state reporting software is not yet available. Permittees are still expected to document the information they would have reported and may be asked to submit past reporting information once the system is available. Justine noted concerns about maintaining records over multiple years, especially with staff turnover.

5. Other Water Management Concerns

Dave Berkowitz shared that Andover's new pedestrian bridge over Coon Creek is now open. The project had been in development for several years and is a significant addition for the community.

Rebecca Haug shared that she participates on the Minnesota Water Quality Board and invited TAC members to send any relevant topics or issues her way.

Justine Dauphinais shared that Anoka Conservation District received funding for septic system work related to pathogen reduction.

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