

Technical Advisory Committee

August 13, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

- Andover
 - Dave Berkowitz, Director of Public Works/City Engineer
 - Kameron Kytonen, Natural Resources Technician
- Anoka Conservation District
 - Chris Lord, Administrator
- Anoka County Highways
 - Rebecca Haug, Environmental Project Manager
 - Jared Langer, MN Sea Grant Fellow
- Blaine
 - Megan Hedstrom, Water Resources Coordinator
- Board of Water and Soil Resources
 - Josh Norman, Board Conservationist
- Coon Creek Watershed District
 - Jon Janke, District Administrator
 - Erik Bye, Planning Coordinator
 - Erin Margl, Watershed Development Coordinator
 - Abbey Lee, Watershed Development Manager
 - Jessica Lindemyer, Engagement Coordinator
 - 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
- Department of Transportation
 - Katie Kowalczyk, Metro Water Resources Engineer
- Fridley
 - Jim Kosluchar, City Engineer/Public Works Director
- Ham Lake
 - Dave Krugler, City Engineer
- Spring Lake Park
 - George Linngren, Public Works Director

Absent: City of Columbus, Department of Health

1. Announcements

Water Quality Cost Share Program

Justine Dauphinais reminded the Committee that the next deadline for Water Quality Cost Share applications is Friday, September 11th.

Other

Jon Janke introduced David Petry as the District's Water Restoration and Protection Coordinator. David briefly introduced himself, sharing that his background is in stream ecology, construction management, and project management.

Rebecca Haug introduced ACHD's Sea Grant Fellow, Jared Langer. Jared will be focusing on ditches outside of the watershed, monarch habitat monitoring, and assisting with ACHD's MS4 requirements.

Dave Berkowitz shared that Jason Baumunk has taken over the role as Fire Chief for the City of Andover, leaving his position as Parks and Streets Operations Manager vacant.

Ryan Toot announced that the DNR has hired Bella Radler as a Hydrologist within the Ecological and Water Resources Division. She will be working within the South District of Region 3 and will be reviewing Water Supply Plans.

Erik Bye shared that the Minnesota Department of Health has released the draft 2026 Source Water Assessment Report for Minneapolis Public Works Water Treatment & Distribution Services.

2. Management Situation

Hydrology

Tyler Thompson provided a brief hydrology update. Conditions are dry with growing season precipitation levels 50% below average for this time of year.

Other

Jon Janke inquired if anyone had heard an update on the release of the new MS4 Permit. Rebecca Haug shared that the last she heard, it was still slated for release late this summer or fall.

3. Concerns

Plumbing Board Stormwater Reuse Update

Jon Janke provided an update on the Plumbing Board's consideration of adopting Chapter 15 of the National Plumbing Code as it relates to stormwater reuse. Implementation of the Chapter 15 language pertaining to stormwater reuse has the potential to restrict future water quality projects and retroactively affect existing stormwater reuse projects. Several entities and organizations across the state submitted comments to the Plumbing Board and spoke against the adoption at a meeting on June 23rd. Since that time, the Plumbing Board has decided to move forward with portions of the Chapter 15 language, but excluded the section related to stormwater reuse. The Plumbing Board has asked the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) to look into stormwater reuse through the stormwater manual, looking for additional resources and information. For the moment, no decision has been made on reuse, but the uncertainty remains. This uncertainty makes planning for reuse projects more difficult and has made grant funding for such projects uncertain.

Rebecca Haug shared that the task force that originally assessed stormwater reuse as an option is being reconvened. Interested individuals should reach out to the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH). Minnesota Cities Stormwater Coalition (MSCS) is very involved and will be part of future stormwater reuse discussions along with the City of Woodbury and City of Waconia.

Justine Dauphinais shared that she received an email from the MPCA stating that they are forming a stormwater task force to update the technical guidance on stormwater reuse in the stormwater manual.

4. Briefs

CCWD 2027 Budget

Jon Janke gave a presentation on the District's current draft budget for 2027. Jon shared that the total budget sits at \$9.9M, which includes a levy of \$6.8M. This is a 1.6% decrease from 2026. The major factors impacting the 2027 budget include changes in project timing and readiness, updated grant and funding assumptions, and one-time facility and equipment costs.

Jon provided information on a few highlights from the budget, including the water quality cost-share program, Happy Acres Park stormwater improvements, Pleasure Creek pond outlet modifications, lifecycle and replacement cost study, Coon Creek restoration implementation analysis, and H&H model upgrade evaluation.

The 2027 budget remains preliminary. TAC members are encouraged to submit any comments they may have by Wednesday, August 19th. The Board

is scheduled to consider ordering the public hearing on August 24th.

Ryan Toot expressed interest in learning more about the Pleasure Creek Outlet Modification. David Petry indicated that he would reach out to schedule a meeting.

Chloride Reduction Initiatives

Justine Dauphinais provided an overview of the purpose of the Water Quality Cost Share Program, highlighting the recent addition of the 'Smart Salting' category. Projects and practices that reduce chloride pollution to District receiving waters, including groundwater, are eligible for the Smart Salting category. Proposals must result in benefits above-and-beyond any requirements and existing/baseline winter maintenance practices. Record-keeping improvements increasing eligible pollutant reduction credits and/or facilitation program evaluation and improvement planning are also eligible.

Justine shared information on low salt design practices, referencing Bolton & Menk's recent presentation at the Anoka County MS4 partner meeting. Various examples of low salt design pilot projects were shared, including Richfield's custom low salt design fact sheets for developers and Hopkins' sustainable building policy integration.

David Petry shared that Ramsey County is working to draft low salt design ordinances that can be adopted by their cities.

Rebecca Haug shared that the September Anoka County MS4 partner meeting will include a presentation from the City of Bloomington. Anoka County Highways intends to submit a cost share grant application for the development of a GIS model of salt demand and will be inviting all cities to participate, especially city planners.

FEMA Review Council Report Update & HUC 8 Update

Erik Bye provided a summary of the recently released FEMA Review Council Report. Highlights of this report include a continued push to reduce administrative overhead to streamline function, a push to move more responsibility to the state and local levels, an increase to the threshold for disaster public assistance, and incentivizing mitigation and preparedness measures. Erik shared that recently proposed bills have included many of these recommendations.

Erik shared that the DNR has been providing periodic updates on the HU8 mapping process. The CCWD portion of Anoka County is scheduled for its Flood Risk Review meeting in late 2026. This meeting will be preceded by the meeting regarding RCWD's portion of Anoka County. The meeting date for the northern portion of Anoka County is yet to be determined but will likely

occur in 2027.

WBIF Recap and FY27 Kickoff

Justine Dauphinais provided an overview of the Watershed Based Implementation Funding (WBIF) process and a recap of previously funded activities before moving into the kickoff process for FY27.

The kickoff process for FY27 includes the selection of a facilitator, voting representatives, and agreement on the decision-making criteria that will be used.

- Justine Dauphinais was selected as the facilitator.
- Jon Janke (CCWD), Chris Lord (ACD), Rachel Workin (Fridley), and Kameron Kytonen (Andover) were selected as the voting representatives.
- Tiered majority vote was selected for the decision-making process. This is the same process the group has used in past years to make WBIF decisions.

Next steps in the WBIF process include the submission of proposals and scheduling of the official Convene Meeting.

Atlas 15 Update

In April 2015 we received word that the precipitation data from the Feds would be distributed. For Minnesota, they plan to release Atlas 15 by September 2026. Upon release, there will be an opportunity for review and comment. Depending on what the data looks like, Atlas 15 may impact local management and modeling strategies.

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/>