COON CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
Request for Board Action

MEETING DATE: July 23, 2012
AGENDA NUMBER: 10
ITEM: Update on The Lakes

POLICY IMPACT: Discussion
FISCAL IMPACT: n/a

REQUEST

BACKGROUND
At the July 9 meeting the Board asked for an update on The Lakes (implementation of their Lake Management Plan, enforcement of their rule, administration of the Homeowners association as it relates to water management.)

Staff worked with Blaine city staff to prepare this report. The majority of the information comes from the City of Blaine.

ISSUES/CONCERNS
Number of Complaints: Not many calls have been received by either the city of Blaine or CCWD (N = 6) so far this year regarding alleged violations of shoreline buffers or related items at The Lakes of Radisson.

There have been a couple of questions we had regarding activities observed by staff that were directed to Mike Leimer at Community Development. One of these was excavation through a large berm along Lakes Parkway to build a swimming pool in a backyard. Both the CCWD and Blaine became aware of the work. Significant amounts of mud were tracked onto the parkway and the City shut down operations until they provided inlet protection and cleaned the street. When the City called Mike L. on this, he was very terse, already knew about it and seemed agitated that I was calling. That is frequently the reception our calls receive.

Types of Complaints: Most complaints that come to city hall are related to activity on the water, docks, fishing habits, use of power ice augers in the winter – all things that do need to be addressed by the Master Assoc. but not many shoreland items this year. Most of the complaints to the District have been about the Master association being unresponsive to complaints about uneven & unfair administration of the regulations.

The city beach has been the object of some concern by a handful of residents but that does not relate to the shoreland questions and is a city matter. This spring the city did receive quite a few calls from landscapers asking questions about the buffer and alterations. They seemed to be aware of the regulations but had customers pressing for projects that were
not necessarily in line with the management plan. I explained generally what was allowed but directed them to Mike L. for specifics and a permit.

Jim Hafner and Tim Kelly met separately with a resident in early July day who had concerns about the vanishing buffers and illegal shoreline alterations. He has tried talking to the Master Association and to Mike Leimer but just gets the run around. He is frustrated and was looking for suggestions. Both advised him to talk to his neighbors and seek support of the other neighborhood associations or seek legal council. Hafner added a formal recommendation to bring all the local associations together and stand in unison against the Master Assoc.

Blaine continues to monitor the waters at Sunset Bay near the city beach and park. CCWD monitors the outlet of the Lakes at Raddisson road

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<td>Continue to be within the safe standards for deep lakes even though this is a shallow basin.</td>
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<td>E.coli</td>
<td>Numbers appear a little higher consistently this year but still not close to closing the beach. In fact, the cumulative geometric mean is around 10 for the season so far. High single sample readings (45 to 98) are likely a result of the high temperatures and lack of recent rain events.</td>
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<td>Temperature</td>
<td>Water temps have been in the mid-80’s in recent weeks (June/July)</td>
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<td>Initially low (4 foot range) at the start of the season, went as deep as 10 feet around Memorial Day, dropped to 8 feet a month ago and last week was back in the 4 to 5 foot range, all seemingly normal for the conditions this year.</td>
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<td>Aquatic vegetation</td>
<td>Is filling in, a sign that the basins are maturing but not to the point of being problematic.</td>
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<td>Conclusion</td>
<td>All in all, the water quality has remained quite good with no real trends either up or down</td>
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OPTIONS
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RECOMMENDATION
Receive report