COON CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
Request for Board Action

MEETING DATE: October 14, 2013
AGENDA NUMBER: 11
ITEM: Adoption of the 2013-2023 Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan

POLICY IMPACT: Policy
FISCAL IMPACT: Budgeted

REQUEST
Adopt the plan

BACKGROUND
Minnesota Statute 103B.231 Subd. 10 (c ) requires the District adopt and implement its Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan within 120 days after approval by the Board of Water and Soil Resources.

A watershed district may implement its approved plan and approved capital improvement program by resolution of the majority of the board of managers and without respect to the provisions of chapter 103D requiring the managers to wait upon petitions for projects, to submit projects for review by the Board of Water and Soil Resources, and to limit the cost and purposes of projects.

ISSUES/CONCERNS
Review and Comment: The Board approved the Draft Plan for review and comment at its December, 2012 meeting. Official comment period was from January through March 2013.

Public Hearing: The public hearing on the comments and changes was held April 22, 2013

BWSR Approval: The Board of Water and Soil Resources approved the Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan August 29, 2013

Corrections and Ready for Posting: Since August 29, 2013 staff have conducted the final editing and cleanup of the plan, removing underlines and striking cross outs. The plan is now ready for posting to the District’s web site.
OPTIONS
As noted, Minnesota Statute 103B.231 Subd. 10 (c) allows the District 120 days to adopt the approved plan.

RECOMMENDATION
Adopt the following resolution

RESOLUTION ADOPTING COON CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the Coon Creek Watershed District (District) is a metropolitan watershed district and watershed management organization subject to the requirements of the Metropolitan Surface Water Management Act, Minnesota Statutes sections 103B.201-.251; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes section 103B.231 and accompanying Minnesota Rules Chapter 8410 the District has prepared a revised Watershed Management Plan, comprehensively establishing for the next ten years its water resource goals, objectives and strategies within the District; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes section 103B.231 (7) the District has submitted the Plan for review and comment to the required governmental units and agencies; and

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2013 the District held a public hearing on the Plan as required under Minnesota Statutes section 103B.231 (7)(c), and on June 4, 2013 submitted the Plan to the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources for final review and approval as provided under Minnesota Statutes section 103B.231 (9); and

WHEREAS, on August 29, 2013 the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources by order approved the Coon Creek Watershed District’s Watershed Management Plan dated 2013-2023, concluding it is in conformance with the requirements of Minnesota Statutes sections 103B.201-.251; and

WHEREAS, under Minnesota Statutes section 103B.231 (10) the District is required to adopt and implement this Plan within 120 days of the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources’ approval order.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Coon Creek Watershed District Board of Managers in accordance with Minnesota Statutes section 103B.231 (10) adopts the attached Coon Creek Watershed District Watershed Management Plan dated 2013-2023, and will implement it as provided under law.