COON CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
Request for Board Action

MEETING DATE: October 8, 2018
AGENDA NUMBER: 11
ITEM: Approve Coon Rapids Local Water Plan

AGENDA: Policy

ACTION REQUESTED
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BACKGROUND
At the August 27 meeting the Board of managers tabled the Local Water Plan for the City of Coon Rapids with seven stipulations

1. Inclusion in the executive Summary of the problems and issues and the City’s general strategies to address them.

2. Clarify whether any assessment of the adequacy of available storage has been assessed or is planned.

3. An addition to Section 4.2 that the Metro Chloride TMDL lists Pleasure Creek, Sand Creek, and Springbrook Creek as High Risk Streams having at least one chloride concentration value within 10% of exceeding the water quality standard. It should note the chloride management corrective actions the city will be taking to reduce chloride and prevent any further degradation. The plan does note in section 4.11.4 that elevated chloride concentrations generally are a current and developing issue and the city will continue to take salt management BMPs, and has included a water quality policy goal of implementing a salt management plan.

4. Clarify whether the City’s stormwater ordinance requires that all permits, including watershed district review, be completed prior to any construction or issuance of a local permit.

5. Specify what defines a major plan amendment, and how the City’s process is consistent with Policy 4.7, Certification and Approval of Local Water Management Plans Section 1.10 (Appendix E of the CCWD Management Plan). The plan should also note that it will be updated as necessary in response to updates to the watershed plan.

6. Table 2.3 Impaired Waters should note the currency of the impaired waters list. Is it the 2018 draft 303(d) list, the proposed 2016 303(d) list.

7. Section 2.3.6 should note that the Metro Chloride TMDL lists Pleasure Creek, Sand Creek, and Springbrook Creek as High Risk Streams having at least one chloride

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concentration value within 10% of exceeding the water quality standard. Impaired and high risk waters are of top priority for chloride reduction efforts.

The City has resubmitted the plan with corrections September 10 and addressed the concerns listed above

ISSUES/CONCERNS

PRIOR DECISIONS
7/16/18: Received plan for required 60 day review

8/27/18: Board of managers tabled Plan with 7 stipulations

OPTIONS
1. Approve Plan: Not advised. The plan submitted has been left intentionally general to provide the city with the maximum amount of flexibility and ability to adapt and adjust to the ever changing political, legislative and financial environments that the city perceives.

2. Table Plan: The plan could be tabled pending a redrafting of the plan and addressing the issues and concerns discussed in this staff report.

3. Deny Plan: Not Advised. The District could deny the plan, forcing the City of Andover to essentially start over at least with the planning process. This would be the most expensive and least constructive option for the City and would be wholly inconsistent with District actions in the past.

RECOMMENDATION
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