REQUEST
Adopt resolution removing the District from HF 2271 and SF 2140.

BACKGROUND
On November 24, 2015 Staff met with members of the County Board of Commissioners to discuss concerns about the District’s involvement with HF 2271 & SF 2140. The County was very concerned about the proposed legislation.

There are two identical versions of the bill (House and Senate):

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ISSUES/CONCERNS
No District Authorization or Position on Bills: A review of the District’s minutes and Board packets from December 2014 through June 2015 indicates that the District Board has neither discussed nor authorized any kind of action on legislation.

Author Representative Newton: At the Workshop December 9, Representative Newton indicated that introduction of the Legislation had the objective of acting as a place holder in the bill and that at present the bill had a very low chance of passage.

OPTIONS
1. **Remove District from HF 2271 & SF 2140**: The District neither sought, requested or approved inclusion in these bills.

2. **Contact Authors to Explore Modifying Described Project to not include County Land**: This option is intended to preserve the “outside funding” aspect of being included in a State Bond Sale.
A bill for an act
relating to capital investment; appropriating money for an office and meeting
room facility for the Coon Creek Watershed District in Anoka County;
authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
Section 1. COON CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT; BOND
APPROPRIATION.

Subdivision 1. Appropriation.
$2,000,000 is appropriated from the bond proceeds fund to the
commissioner of employment and economic development for a grant to the
Coon Creek Watershed District to predesign, design, construct, furnish,
and equip a LEED-certified learning center with a community and
public meeting room on land owned by and to be leased from Anoka
County. This appropriation is not available until the commissioner of
management and budget determines that at least an equal amount is
committed to the project from nonstate sources.

Subd. 2. Bond sale.
To provide the money appropriated in this section from the bond proceeds
fund, the commissioner of management and budget shall sell and issue
bonds of the state in an amount up to $2,000,000 in the manner, upon the
terms, and with the effect prescribed by Minnesota Statutes, sections
16A.631 to 16A.675, and by the Minnesota Constitution, article XI,
sections 4 to 7.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final
enactment.