COON CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
Informational Board Item

MEETING DATE: July 22, 2019
AGENDA NUMBER: 18
ITEM: Official Newspapers Merging

FISCAL IMPACT: Budgeted
POLICY IMPACT: Policy

REQUEST
None - Informational only

BACKGROUND
As a local unit of government, the District is required to publish printed legal notices in a designated Official Newspaper. According to MN Statute 103B.227, the newspaper shall be “a newspaper of general circulation in the watershed management organization area.”
(https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=103B.227)

On January 14, 2019, the Board approved Resolution 19-02 adopting ABC newspapers, the publisher of the Anoka Union Herald and Blaine-Spring Lake Park Life, plus the Fridley Sun Focus as the newspapers where legal notices pertaining to the Coon Creek Watershed District business are published to ensure broad coverage to District constituents.

On July 15, 2019, the District was informed by email that the Blaine-Spring Lake Park Life and Fridley Sun Focus newspapers have merged. They are now called, “The Life.”

We have at minimum two public hearing notices each year: the upcoming Budget Hearing for two weeks and the June NPDES Hearing for our Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for four weeks.

ISSUES & CONCERNS
None. There should be a minor cost savings because of publishing public notices in two newspapers instead of three.