COON CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
Request for Board Action

MEETING DATE: June 23, 2014
AGENDA NUMBER: 20
ITEM: Potential No Wake Zone on Crooked Lake

POLICY IMPACT: Discussion
FISCAL IMPACT: Budgeted

REQUEST
Provide assistance to the City of Andover and City of Coon Rapids in the establishment of a “No Wake” restriction on Crooked Lake.

BACKGROUND
As a result of record rainfall, an increased number of calls have been received by District and City staff regarding high water on the Ham and Crooked lakes about the authority to establish a “No Wake” zone. Crooked Lake lakeshore residents have expressed concerns about “wakeboarders” creating large wakes that create property damage during times of high water.

CCWD and City staff inspected the Crooked Lake outlet and the structure was discharging and functioning properly.

Staff inspected the properties lakeshore residents with property damage concerns. No damage was observed during inspections; however if lake levels would rise the likelihood for damage to occur is likely without wake restrictions.

The District does not have the statutory authority to establish “No Wake” restrictions. The City of Andover and City of Coon Rapids have the authority to establish this restriction. Both of these cities will be providing information to their respective city councils to evaluate approval of “No Wake” restrictions. District staff is working to provide both cities with an elevation where property damage is likely to occur. This elevation could be used as the elevation to “trigger” wake restrictions.

ISSUES/CONCERNS
Water Quality: If Crooked Lake water elevations continue to rise, property damage and water quality degradation are likely to occur without “No Wake” restrictions.

OPTIONS
1. The Cities of Andover and Coon Rapids have the ability to approve “No Wake” restrictions through an emergency 30-day “No Wake” restriction recently
approved by MN DNR Commissioner. This would be an enforceable wake restriction.

2. The City of Andover has the ability to establish a voluntary “No Wake” restriction however this would not be an enforceable restriction.

RECOMMENDATION
Approve collaboration with City staff to pursue an emergency 30-day “No Wake” restriction on Crooked Lake.