COON CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
Request for Board Action

MEETING DATE: January 28, 2019
AGENDA NUMBER: 8
ITEM: Water Education Grant – Groundwater Video production

POLICY IMPACT: Policy
FISCAL IMPACT: Budgeted

REQUEST
Review Water Education grant application and award grant of $500 towards production of a video on groundwater, led by the Anoka County Outreach Collaboration of which CCWD is a partner.

BACKGROUND
In September 2018 the Board budgeted $3500 for Water Education grants. The Board had originally approved the Activity Description for Water Education projects in December 2007.

On 1/23/19 Emily Johnson, Public Outreach and Engagement Coordinator for the new Anoka County Water Resources Outreach Collaborative, applied for a $500 Water Education grant to help fund the production of a short video “showcasing how groundwater interacts with surface waters, how it is used by humans, how it can be contaminated by our actions, and what actions can be taken to protect it.”

ISSUES/CONCERNS:
The decline of upper-level groundwater aquifers and their impact on our surface waters came out as one of the Top Three Priorities in our 2013-2023 Comprehensive Plan. We have seen and are very satisfied with the work of the consultant, Jill Zimmerman, who was used for a previously CCWD-funded video by the city of Fridley on rain garden maintenance in 2014.

Criteria:

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<th>Available Funds</th>
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<td>Request</td>
<td>$500</td>
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<td>Balance</td>
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<th>Eligibility</th>
<th>Agency is located within the District</th>
<th>Will provide a tool for visualizing a priority topic that is invisible, groundwater.</th>
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<td>Eligible Expenses</td>
<td>The project is eligible.</td>
<td>Payment to consultant.</td>
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**Evaluation Criteria**

Priority will be given to proposals which:

1. Information to the public and decision-makers regarding water resources

2. Opportunities for the public to participate or volunteer in water quality activities

3. Educational opportunities for K-12 children concerning water quality

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1. Yes, can be used for councils, boards, commissions & other citizens.

2. Possibly; focus is on groundwater and ways to prevent contamination.

3. Yes, could be used by teachers.

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**RECOMMENDATION**

Approve Water Education grant application for funding of $500 Water Education grant to fund production of a video about groundwater.