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Mississippi Watershed Management Organization Announces Additional Changes in Response to COVID-19

Public Meetings Canceled, Building Closed, Staff Directed to Work from Home

MINNEAPOLIS — In accordance with state and federal guidance around the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak, the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization (MWMO) has announced the following operational changes:

- The MWMO's office and interpretive facility will be locked and closed to all non-essential personnel beginning at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 27 and continuing through 8 a.m. on Monday, April 13.

- MWMO staff are being directed to work from home and avoid unnecessary in-person contact. During this time, the best way to reach MWMO staff will be through email.

- No public meetings will be allowed in the MWMO building, effective immediately until 8 a.m. on Monday, May 4.

These changes are designed to reflect Executive Order 20-20 from Gov. Tim Walz, directing all Minnesotans to stay home in order to help prevent community spread of COVID-19.

“Preserving the health of the public and our employees is our top priority,” said MWMO Executive Director Doug Snyder. “We are committed to taking the appropriate steps to prevent the potential spread of the coronavirus in our communities.”

Updates will be posted on the MWMO website at mwmo.org.

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More Information

For updated information on the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak, including illness prevention tips and public health response, please visit the following websites:

- U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Minnesota Department of Health
- Hennepin County

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About the MWMO

The MWMO is a public organization that partners to protect and improve water and habitat in our urban watershed. We invest in people and infrastructure to support clean water, and provide knowledge, scientific data and expertise to help manage our vital water resources. mwmo.org

About the MWMO Stormwater Park and Learning Center

Located on the shoreline of the Mississippi River in Northeast Minneapolis, the MWMO's Stormwater Park and Learning Center serves as both an office space for MWMO staff as well as an interpretive center and community meeting space. The MWMO allows partners and environmental organizations to reserve its classrooms for meetings and workshops.