



October 20, 2025

Mississippi Watershed Management Organization  
Attn: Dan Kalmon, Senior Planner  
2522 Marshall Street NE  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55418-3329

**RE: Mississippi Watershed Management Organization – Watershed Management Plan Amendment (Minor)**

Dear Dan Kalmon:

On September 16, 2025, the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) received documentation of proposed changes to the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization’s (MWMO) Water Management Plan (Plan) submitted in accordance with the minor amendment process defined in MN Rules 8410.0140 Sup.2. MWMO also sent the minor amendment documentation to plan review authorities for the required 30-day review and comment period, which ended on October 17, 2025.

The Plan amendment updates local water plan content requirements, updates current 5-year capital improvement plan (CIP) and incorporates MWMO’s Equity Strategic Action Plan (ESAP).

The Anoka Conservation District and Shingle Creek and West Mississippi Watershed Commissions reviewed the proposed amendment. The theme of those comments supported partnerships and collaboration. The City of Minneapolis encouraged further community engagement specific to the ESAP. The Metropolitan Council reviewed and had suggestions for consistent terminology, to include references to the Met Council’s planning handbook, to incorporate CIP funding source information, and showed support for the MWMO’s ESAP. Ramsey County was interested learning if the MWMO’s had a cost share policy for partner organizations. The Rice Creek Watershed District reinforced the importance of regional chloride reduction, appreciated the CIP description and updated table and the addition of the ESAP, and looks forward to collaboration. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) provided reminders about potential project permits through the DNR, recommended the inclusion of an additional CIP project, and noted a typographic error, while stating that the proposed CIP aligns well with DNR goals. The City of Lauderdale, the University of Minnesota – Planning, Space, and Real Estate, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, and the Capitol Region Watershed District also reviewed the proposed amendment and had no comments.

The Hennepin County Board has not filed an objection to the amendments with BWSR during the comment period. MWMO held a public meeting on the proposed plan amendment in accordance with the rule requirements on September 9, 2025. No comments were received.

**In reviewing this information, BWSR agrees that this revision constitutes a minor plan amendment in accordance with MN Rules 8410.0140 Subp.2.**

BWSR commends the MWMO for maintaining a current watershed management plan as it leads to greater transparency and demonstrates a commitment to the implementation process. BWSR recommends that any completed projects be kept in the Plan for progress evaluation and transparency. Also, please consider general

acknowledgment of MWMOs pursuit and/or receipt of state funds as a potential funding source. Once the MWMO Board of Commissioners adopts the changes, please forward it in the form of replacement pages to the Plan to all plan review authorities and plan holders in accordance with 8410.140 Subps. 4 & 5. Refer to the Metro Plan Review Roster, found on the BWSR website, for the plan format that review agencies have requested (BWSR only requires electronic copies/link to the updated pages). We appreciate the opportunity to comment and please contact me with any questions at 651-308-6956.

Sincerely,



Jen Dullum  
Board Conservationist

Cc: Reid Christianson, MDA (via email)  
Abby Shea, MDH (via email)  
Megan Moore, MnDNR (via email)  
Katie Kowalczyk, MnDOT (via email)  
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