

Subject: Technical Advisory Committee		
Client: Lower Minnesota River Watershed District	Project No:	97278
Project: 5 th Generation Watershed Plan	Meeting Location:	Chaska Community Center
Meeting Date: January 28, 2009	Notes by:	D. Murphy

ATTENDEES

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) - Attendance roster attached

Larry Samstad, LMRWD Manager
Terry Schwalbe, LMRWD Staff
Joan Ellis, LMRWD Staff

Della Young, HDR
Dan Murphy, HDR

TOPICS DISCUSSED

- 1) Welcome and Introduction
- 2) Overview of LMRWD – Terry Schwalbe

An overview of the District including resources within the District, issues important to LMRWD Board of Managers and Staff, and past and ongoing projects data was presented.

- 3) Review of Process – Della Young

The 5th Generation Plan process was reviewed with emphasis placed on the role of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).

- 4) Brainstorming – Facilitated by Della Young

Ground Rules developed by the TAC

- 1) Spelling doesn't count.
- 2) Use a darker marker.
- 3) One person talking at a time.
- 4) Respect others opinions.
- 5) Everyone participate.
- 6) Turn cell phones ringers off or set to vibrate.

Below are questions that were posed to the TAC with responses following.

1. “When you hear ‘Lower Minnesota River Watershed District’ what ideas come to mind?”

- floodplain
- fens
- dredging
- floodplain lakes
- impaired river
- erosion
- another level of government
- political rather than hydrological boundary
- quarry lakes

2. “What does the LMRWD do (Not what they should do)? “

- administer dredge disposal sites
- partner with other organizations for monitoring
- partner with cities for erosion and stream bank stabilization projects
- acquire dredge material sites
- protect and manage the resources as is necessary to control

The TAC was then asked the primary workshop question: “What issues/items should Lower Minnesota River Watershed District Address Over the Next 10 Years?”. TAC members, divided into groups of approximately four to six people, brainstormed a list of ten issues/items per group. The entire group then reconvened to categorize all the issues/items each group listed and vote on the importance of each category. The results of this brainstorming session are attached.

Two summary questions were asked to the entire TAC once the brainstorming session was finished. The questions are listed below with TAC responses following.

1. “What challenges will the District face in addressing the issues/items listed in the brainstorming session?”

- since many of the issues/items listed occur upstream or outside of the District, the District needs to show these polluters what is happening within the District and use a ‘bully pulpit’ approach to make changes
- the District has many issues that they do not have a major role in or not enough control to resolve and they need to determine their role and how they will implement solutions

2. “What is the TAC excited about regarding the 5th Generation Plan process?”

- excited to be in the early part of plan but have concerns about how much will actually be used in actual preparation of plan

Other Items

- Terry Schwalbe, mentioned he would like to see specific issues/ projects from the TAC because they are important to get in the implementation plan
- Brad Wozney, BWSR, asked how much public participation be implemented in the plan process

ACTION/NOTES

TAC meetings will be held on February 25, 2009 and March 18, 2009 from 11 – 1:30pm. **Please note the second meeting date has been changed to March 11, 2009.**

TAC is asked to think about issues/items from the brainstorming session and how committed they are to the planning process.

HDR will be sending out the meeting summary and requesting additional input before the next meeting.

Lower Minnesota River Watershed District - 5th Generation Watershed Management Plan

TAC Workshop
January 28, 2009
Attendance Sheet

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What issues/Items Should Lower Minnesota River Watershed District Address Over The Next 10 Years?

TAC Meeting #1 (1/28/09) Brainstorming Results

<i>Category</i>	Rules and Regulation	Protection and Restoration of Water Quality	Channel Maintenance	Over-arching Program	Partnering and Coordination	Resource Management	Assessment Inventory and Monitoring	Education and Outreach
<i>Total Votes</i>	0	19	17	10	22	20	5	15
<i>Issues/Items</i>	Consider stronger regulatory control	Explore restoration areas	Develop beneficial usage of dredge material	How important is the 9' Channel to objectives?	How to coordinate with other entities	Water Quantity Management	Natural resources inventories coordination	Water education
	Address impaired and un-impaired Waters Lake Pepin TMDL implementation Clean Up Coleman Lake Evaluate cause of gully problems Non-degradation planning assistance Minnesota River impairments Determine Role in TMDL Process Address upstream sediment sources Provide incentives/programs to deal with non-point sources pollution Water quality trading	Manage channel	Create a robust capital improvement program	Leverage existing public land managers	Mainstem bank stabilization	Continued investigation of sedimentation of river	Coordinate education / develop education plan	
		Manage sediment	Establish attainable goals	Boundaries set at immediate inflows	Recreational opportunities	Continue or expand water monitoring	Public education	
		Find other dredge material sites		Build partnerships	Protect-Preserve-Enhance Connectivity for Wildlife	Monitoring	Public awareness recognition of resources and coordinate with others	
		Removing dredge material from placement sites		Coordinate with upstream entities	Assess and manage water quality in floodplain lakes		Implement an education program cooperatively with partners	
				Actively engage TAC and CAC throughout plan development and implementation	Determine role in trout stream management			
					Fen protection			
					Determine role in fen management			