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Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Project Title: Long Lake Creek Corridor Improvement Project - Phase II

Comment Deadline: October 1, 2014

Project Description: The Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) is proposing to restore the previously ditched channel of Long Lake Creek to an orientation similar to its historical meandering alignment, and restore a decommissioned wastewater treatment pond into a mixed type wetland. Implementation of the project will result in improvements to stream geomorphology, increased habitat, restored wetland and ecological functions, and increased floodplain storage. The creek restoration falls under criteria requiring a mandatory EAW.

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Project Title: Elk River Wastewater Treatment Expansion and Improvements

Project Description: The city of Elk River (City) is proposing to expand and upgrade the City's existing municipal wastewater treatment facility (WWTF) to increase the design average wet weather design flow of the WWTF from 2.2 million gallons to 4.54 million gallons per day. The project will also increase treatment capability to meet discharge limits for 5-day carbonaceous biochemical demand, suspended solids and phosphorus. The WWTF will continue to

discharge to the Mississippi River. That reach of the Mississippi River is a designated Outstanding Resource Value Water (ORVW), requiring that the mass effluent limits for 5-day carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand and total suspended solids continue to be frozen at the level of mass limits in effect on the November 5, 1984, ORVW designation date. Proposed work includes construction of a new extended aeration tank, conversion of the existing primary clarifiers to anaerobic tanks for biological phosphorus removal, removal of existing trickling filters, and construction of a new extended aeration activated sludge basin to be operated in series or parallel. Other construction work includes removal of the existing final clarifier sludge wet well, construction of a new activated sludge/waste activated sludge lift station and building, and the addition of chlorination and dechlorination equipment. The existing anaerobic digesters and biosolid storage tanks will be converted to aerobic digesters and storage. The liquid biosolids at the WWTF will be run through a screw press to produce a cake product, then either applied to the City's existing permitted land application sites or disposed of at a landfill.

A copy of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet will be posted on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency website, at the following: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/news/eaw/index.html>. Written comments on the EAW should be submitted to Nancy Drach. A copy of the EAW may also be obtained by contacting Beth Tegdesch at 651-757-2100.

In addition to the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW), the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System/State Disposal System (NPDES/SDS) Permit will also be available for public comment beginning September 2, 2014. The contact person for the NPDES/SDS Permit is Robin Novotny at 218-316-3851.

RGU: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

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Project Title: Slip 2 Capping and Shallowing

Project Description: The proposed project involves capping legacy contaminants with clean dredged material and the subsequently shallowing of Slip 2 from its current average depth of 20 feet to a new depth range of 5 to 10 feet. This action will provide a protective cap of clean dredged material over contaminated sediments, while also providing stability to the remaining dock walls associated with Pier B and the City of Duluth Bayfront Park.

RGU: City of Duluth

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Project Title: South Branch Cascade Creek Stream Restoration

Project Description: Olmsted County, Rochester, and the MnDNR are proposing a stream restoration on 7,300 feet of the South Branch of Cascade Creek in Olmsted County to address

concerns regarding the turbidity impairment, increased downstream sedimentation, marginal aquatic biological communities, and flood protection issues. The restoration will follow Natural Channel Design methodology.

RGU: City of Rochester

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EAW Need Decision

The noted responsible governmental unit has made a decision regarding the need for an EAW in response to a citizen's petition.

- CD Corp, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (Positive Declaration)

EIS Need Decisions

The noted responsible governmental unit has determined the following project does not require preparation of an EIS. The dates given are, respectively, the date of the determination and the date the EAW notice was published in the EQB Monitor.

- Saint Peter Heritage Preservation Commission, Building Demotion (214 South Minnesota Avenue) August 7, 2014 (July 7, 2014)
- Minnesota Department of Administration, Minnesota Security Hospital Expansion and Renovation, July 8, 2014 (February 3, 2014)

Notices

Notice of Public Comment on Minnesota Forest Resources Council's Southeast Landscape Plan: A Regional Plan to Guide Sustainable Forest Management

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Minnesota Forest Resources Council (MFRC) is seeking comment on the draft Southeast Landscape Plan.

Electronic versions of the draft plan and other relevant documents are available on the MFRC website: <http://mn.gov/frc>. Please follow the link on the home page.

The draft Southeast Landscape Plan provides cross-ownership recommendations for long-term forest sustainability in the Southeast region which covers Dodge, Fillmore, Freeborn, Goodhue, Houston, Le Sueur, Mower, Olmsted, Rice, Steele, Wabasha, Waseca and Winona counties. Comments on the draft plan are due on Friday September 12, 2014.

If you have any questions about this document or would like more information, please contact Amanda Kueper, MFRC Landscape Forester: 500 Lafayette Rd, St. Paul, MN 55155; (651) 259-5281; amanda.kueper@state.mn.us.