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Environmental Impact Statement Need Decisions

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

- Becker County, Cormorant Township Gravel Mine S1/2 of NW 1/4, Section 29, 8-18-15 (6-22-15)
- Rice Creek Watershed District, Middle Rice Creek Restoration Project, 8-26-15 (7-6-15)

Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Comment Deadline: October 28, 2015

Project Title: Fargo-Moorhead Flood Risk Management Project

Project Description: The proposed Project would create a 30-mile long diversion channel on the west side of the Fargo-Moorhead urban area. Two control structures (i.e., dams) with tieback embankments would span the Wild Rice River (North Dakota) and Red River (North Dakota and Minnesota). An upstream area would be used as a staging (or flood storage) area. During high flows, a portion of the flow from upstream rivers and streams would be routed through the diversion channel, reducing peak flows through Fargo- Moorhead. The two control structures would be operated when needed to store additional water in the staging area, thereby further reducing peak flows through the metro. Water in the staging would be released later, as flows decline.

The Project requires construction of a Class I dam, the Red River dam. The Red River is bordered by both North Dakota and Minnesota. In Minnesota, there is a Mandatory EIS for Class I Dams (MN Rules part 4410.4400, subpart 18). The rule designates the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MNDNR) as the Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU) for environmental review (an EIS) of this Project.

RGU: Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

The MDNR will accept written comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) during the public review and comment period, which begins on September 14, 2015 and will end October 28, 2015.

A copy of the DEIS is available for public review at:

- DNR Library, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155
- DNR Northwest Region, 2220 Bemidji Ave. Bemidji, MN 56601
- Minneapolis Central Library, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401, Government Documents, 2nd Floor
- Moorhead Public Library, 118 5th St S, Moorhead, MN 56560
- Fergus Falls Public Library, 205 E. Hampden, Fergus Falls, MN 56537
- Fargo Public Library Downtown, 102 3rd Street North, Fargo, ND 58102

The DEIS is also posted on the DNR's website at:

http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/input/environmentalreview/fm_flood_risk/index.html

(Click on "Public Input", then select "Fargo-Moorhead Flood Risk Management Project" from the scroll- down list under "Environmental Review").

Additional copies may be requested by calling (651) 259-5168.

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Written comments may also be sent by fax to 651-296-1811

Environmental Assessment

Comment Deadline: October 14, 2015

Project Title: Interstate 35E MnPASS Extension Project

Project Description: The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) is proposing a project in the cities of Lino Lake, White Bear Township, White Bear Lake, Vadnais Heights and Little Canada to extend the MnPASS Lane from Highway 36 to County Road J. The scope of the project is to construct a new MnPASS lane in the northbound direction from County Road 96 to County Road J by converting the inside grass median to an additional lane. A wide shoulder for both northbound and southbound I-35E, currently under construction with the Goose Lake Road Bridge Project, will be repurposed into a MnPASS Lane between County Road 96 and County Road E. The existing inside southbound lane on I-35E will be restriped to

a MnPASS Lane from County Road E to Highway 36. The project is also proposing eight noise barriers and a water quality system. The Environmental Assessment (EA) describes the proposed project, impacts, and mitigation.

Copies of the Environmental Assessment are available for public viewing on the project website: mndot.gov/metro/projects/i35vadnaisheights and during business hours at the following locations:

- Anoka County Library, Circle Pines Branch, 100 Civic Heights Circle, Circle Pines, MN 55014
- Ramsey County Library, Shoreview Branch, 4570 North Victoria Street, Shoreview MN 55126
- Ramsey County Library, Roseville Branch, 2180 N. Hamline Avenue, Roseville, MN 55113
- Ramsey County Library, Maplewood Branch, 3025 Southlawn Drive, Maplewood, MN 55109
- Ramsey County Library, White Bear Lake Branch, 2150 2nd Street, White Bear Lake, MN 55110
- Minneapolis Public Library, Technical & Science Division, Government Docs., 2nd Floor, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401
- MnDOT Library, 395 John Ireland Boulevard, St. Paul, MN 55155
- MnDOT Metro District Water's Edge Building Lobby, 1500 W. County Road B2, Roseville, MN 55113

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