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Subject: State Review Agencies and BWSR LSC-CWMP 90-day Comments

Tiffany,

Attached for your files are the 90-day comments from the State Review Agencies, including Metropolitan Council. BWSR comments are listed below. In general the review agencies were complimentary of the LSC-CWMP, noting that their 60-day comments had been sufficiently addressed and recommending that BWSR approve the LSC-CWMP.

The one Metropolitan Council comment correctly noted that the Metropolitan Council should be added to the list of review agencies on page 110 third paragraph, that are notified and asked to provide comments for a proposed plan amendment. I apologize for not catching that in my 60-day comments, please make that revision.

The one comment that BWSR has is that on page 77 in the implementation Table 5-1 Part-D Item No. 54 for completion of Subwatershed project targeting analysis the column identifying the "additional external funds needed" indicates \$0.00 needed and a surplus of \$420,000, is apparently an error. After discussing the issue with Craig Mell (Chisago SWCD) it appears the error is a result of some one-time local funds that were previously spent in Washington County that will not be available going forward. The biennial budget numbers are correct. Please review and correct as appropriate the "Additional External Funds Needed" and the associated Table 5-1, Part D: Grand Totals on page 79.

During our review we also noted some minor typos which I will send to you and your plan writer Laura for consideration in making the corrections.

On behalf of BWSR I would like to express our thanks to the LSC partners, staff and especially your Plan Writer Laura Jester (Keystone Waters) for the excellent job they did in developing the plan and in soliciting and responding to the significant number of 60-day comments received from the Plan's stakeholders.

The next step will be for the BWSR Central Region to consider at their Tuesday October 13, 2020 committee meeting, a recommendation of approval for consideration by the full BWSR Board at its Wednesday October 28, 2020 meeting. As we have previously discussed the LSC will make a short presentation at the Central Region Committee meeting on the planning process and the plan highlights and then field any questions the committee might have. I will also be in the meeting to present the BWSR staff recommendations and will assist in answering questions if needed.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about these comments or the next step in the plan approval process.

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