

Project Name	Brown's Creek Watershed District Watershed Management Plan Update	Date	09-06-2024
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Regarding	Issue Update – Stormwater Management; Stream Management; Education, Outreach and Stewardship; and Recreation		

Background

To complete the Watershed Management Plan (WMP) Update, staff are reviewing Issues with watershed partners (Citizen Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Committee), and reviewing plans and work completed over the past 10 years to identify updates to the Issues, Goals, and Implementation Actions that will guide the next 10 years of work. Since the last WMP Update to the Board in July 2024, the project team has advanced work in the following ways.

- **Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting – August 12th, 2024**
Staff met with the CAC to gather input on the Issues of Education, Outreach and Stewardship, and Recreation. *Minutes from the CAC meeting are included as an attachment to this memo.*
- **Technical Advisory Committee Meeting – August 20th, 2024**
Staff met with the TAC to gather input on the Issues of Stormwater Management, and Stream Management. *Minutes from the TAC meeting are included as an attachment to this memo.*
- **Internal Issue Review – September 4th, 2024**
EOR staff conducted an internal review of Stormwater Management and Stream Management, consulting with staff involved in planning and implementation projects relevant to these Issues.
- **Issue Review Session – September 5th, 2024**
Staff met internally to review the updates to Stormwater Management; Stream Management; Education, Outreach and Stewardship; and Recreation in advance of the September 11th, 2024 Board meeting. *A copy of the redlined WMP Update reflecting proposed changes to the Plan is included as an attachment to this memo, see Sections 3.1.1, 3.1.3, 3.1.12, and 3.1.13.*
- **Coordinated Plan Review**
Staff are in the process of finalizing a review of Plans updated in the past 10 years that impact how Goals and Implementation Items are established for the WMP Update. *A memo of these Plans will be shared ahead of a future Board meeting.*

Submittal Materials / Instructions

As a reminder, we will be reviewing the following issue categories at the September Board meeting:

- Stormwater Runoff Management
- Stream Management
- Recreation
- Education, Outreach and Stewardship

Attached to this memorandum, you will find the following materials which we are asking you to review in advance of next week's Board meeting:

1. **Section 1.7 Summary of Issues, Goals and Strategies** – This section has been included to demonstrate how we are proposing to address climate change and DEI in the Watershed Management Plan.
2. **Stormwater Runoff Management** (Track Changes version) – Review the *General Issue Statement, Relevance to the District, Sub-Issue Areas, and Policies and Goals*. IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES HAVE NOT BEEN UPDATED so don't spend time reviewing this content. We will come back to this at a later date.
3. **Stream Management** (Track Changes version) – Same comments as above.
4. **Recreation** (Track Changes version)– Same comments as above.
5. **Education, Outreach and Stewardship** (Track Changes version) – Same comments as above.
6. **Stormwater Runoff Management** (Clean version)
7. **Stream Management** (Clean version)
8. **Recreation** (Clean version)
9. **Education, Outreach and Stewardship** (Clean version)

For next week's discussion, we are asking the Board if they are comfortable with the content developed to date. This content is still subject to change and may be modified based on what we learn over the coming months. We are looking for you to tell us if the changes made to the document are in line with what you think the BCWD should be doing for the next 10 years. With this in mind, please think about the following questions as you review each of these documents:

- **What do you like about this content?** (Education, Outreach and Stewardship, Recreation, Stream Management, Stormwater Runoff Management)
- **What concerns do you have with the content?** (Education, Outreach and Stewardship, Recreation, Stream Management, Stormwater Runoff Management)
- **What doesn't make sense? Where would you like more education on a topic or aspect of this issue?**

Be prepared – We will ask you to answer these questions during our meeting.

Areas of Board of Manager Decision

As stated above, the revised sections of the Plan are provided for initial review and reaction to understand whether new directions for these Issues align with the Board's comfort level. As the WMP Update progresses to review other Issues, interrelationships between Issues may result in changes to the Issues presented. The Board will have further opportunity to refine and sign-off on the characterization of these Issues.

We ask that the Board review the four Issue sections of Stormwater Management; Stream Management; Education, Outreach and Stewardship; and Recreation to provide input and direction on:

- General Issue Statement
- Relevance to the District

- Sub-Issue Areas
- Policies
- Goals

Implementation Items will require further investigation and refinement, and do not require review at this time. Through the review of the following Issues within the Plan, staff request the Board provide direction on the following aspects of the Plan:

Stormwater Management

- What role should the BCWD play in drought management which is a predicted outcome due to climate change (e.g. native landscapes, lower irrigation surfaces)?

Stream Management

- The goal for *E.Coli* is a placeholder for later. EOR will make a presentation on *E. coli* at an upcoming meeting so the Board can provide direction on how it wants to proceed with this pollutant in the next 10 years.

Education, Outreach and Stewardship

- *NEW Sub-Issues* – Business Community, HOA, and Youth Education and Outreach as distinct from other forms of Education and Outreach.
 - To what extent does the Board want to prioritize various streams of education and outreach to these groups?

Recreation

- Reframed the Issue away from “underutilization” of resources, given limited public access within the watershed. Shifted focus to ensuring improved watershed resources are not negatively impacted/degraded by the desire for recreational opportunities (protecting the BCWD’s investments).
- Revised Implementation Items focusing on developing a greater understanding of where and how people are using watershed resources to identify areas of higher activity, gaps, and opportunities for the District to incorporate co-benefits through its projects.
- What purposes do you feel are within the Recreation mandate of the District?
 - Should the BCWD take a more active role in providing public access to the District’s resources?
 - Should there be a greater emphasis on indirect public health outcomes from improved natural resources?