## memo



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Project Name | Brown's Creek Watershed District Watershed Management Plan

Update

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Regarding | Issue Update - Ecological Health, Wetland Management

## 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 November 2024, the project team has advanced work in the following ways.

Completion of the Wetland Inventory

Feedback received from the CAC and TAC on Ecological Health and Wetland Management issues were included in the November 2024 Board packet.

## Submittal Materials / Instructions

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

- Ecological Health
- Wetland Management

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. **Ecological Health** (Track Changes version) Review the *General Issue Statement, Relevance* to the District, Sub-Issue Areas, and Policies and Goals. You may review the Implementation Items as well, however these will not be the focus of the conversation.
- 2. **Wetland Management** (Track Changes version) Same comments as above.
- 3. **Ecological Health** (Clean version)
- 4. **Wetland Management** (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?
- What concerns do you have with the content?
- 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 three Issue sections of Ecological Health and Wetland Management to provide input and direction on:

- General Issue Statement
- Relevance to the District
- Sub-Issue Areas
- Policies
- Goals