

Project Name | BCWD Watershed Management Plan Update**Date** | 5/8/2026**To / Contact info** | BCWD Board of Managers**Cc / Contact info** | Karen Kill <kkill@mnwcd.org>
Camilla Correll <ccorrell@eorinc.com>**From / Contact info** | Alexander Furneaux <afurneaux@eorinc.com>**Regarding** | 2027-2036 Watershed Management Plan
Formal Plan Review Process – Response to Comments

Background

On Wednesday February 18th, 2026 the BCWD initiated the statutory 60-day watershed management plan review and comment process by sending the draft plan to state review agencies, Metropolitan Council, Washington County, member communities and adjacent watershed management organizations. The comment period ended on Monday April 20th, 2026.

Update

The BCWD received comments from the following entities:

1. Board of Water and Soil Resources
2. City of Oak Park Heights
3. City of Stillwater
4. Metropolitan Council
5. Minnesota Department of Health
6. Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
7. Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
8. Rice Creek Watershed District
9. Valley Branch Watershed District
10. Washington County – Public Health and Environment
11. Washington County – Public Works

All in all, the BCWD received a total of 120 comments. These comments, the date they were received and a proposed response to comments are provided in the attached table. As this table indicates, quite a few of the comments received are compliments on the process the District took to develop the plan and on the plan format and content. Some comments prompted consideration by the managers of substantive changes to the plan, and such changes are discussed in the proposed response included in the table.

Next Steps

At the May 13th Board Meeting, the BCWD Board of Managers will review the response to comments document and consider authorizing the administrator to finalize and issue the proposed responses and schedule the public hearing on the plan for the regular June meeting.

At the regularly scheduled board meeting on June 10, BCWD will hold a public hearing on the 2027-2036 Watershed Management Plan. The public hearing is an opportunity for interested parties to learn about and comment on the 2027-2036 Watershed Management Plan.

Board Action

Authorize the administrator to finalize and issue the proposed responses to comments, and duly notice the public hearing on the plan for the regular June meeting.