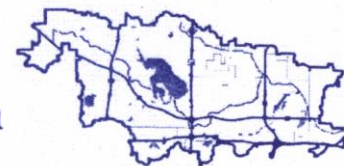


# Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission

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## Memorandum

**To:** Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission  
**From:** Technical Advisory Committee  
**Subject:** November 5, 2009, Meeting  
**Date:** November 9, 2009  
**Project:** 23/27-051 2009

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met on November 5, 2009. The following TAC members, city representatives, and staff attended the meeting:

City	TAC Members/Alternates	Other City Representatives
Crystal	Tom Mathisen	Pauline Langsdorf, Commissioner
Golden Valley	Jeannine Clancy	Jeff Oliver
Medicine Lake	Vacant position	
Minneapolis	Absent	
Minnetonka	Absent	Liz Stout
New Hope	Guy Johnson	
Plymouth	Bob Moberg	Derek Asche
Robbinsdale	Absent	
St. Louis Park	Absent	
BCWMC Staff	Len Kremer	

Also in attendance were Jack Frost (Metropolitan Council), and Joel Settles, Hennepin County Environmental Services.

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) directed staff to forward the following recommendations to the Commission for its consideration. This memorandum presents TAC recommendations regarding 1) inclusion of Hennepin County's in the group of participants in the TMDL categorical waste load allocations, 2) the review of the Medicine Lake TMDL, and 3) maintenance of watershed projects.

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## **1. Hennepin County Participation in the Categorical Waste Load Allocation for TMDLs.**

Joel Settles, Hennepin County Department of Environmental Services indicated that he was surprised when he saw some of the draft TMDL reports with individual waste load allocations for Hennepin County. Mr. Settles indicated that the County would prefer to be part of the categorical waste load allocation and that they would participate with the group in the implementation of BMPs. He indicated that County road construction is subject to the City and Commission review processes and that the County would implement whatever BMPs that they can on their ROW, but that there are usually significant space limitations. TAC members indicated that the Commission asked the MPCA to give Hennepin County an individual waste load allocation because an agreement between the County and the Commission was not in place. However, it had also been agreed that if an acceptable agreement could be reached with Hennepin County, the County would likely be welcome to join the categorical waste load allocation group. It was agreed that if an acceptable agreement could be reached in the near future, all of the draft TMDLs could be changed during the review process to include Hennepin County in the categorical waste load allocation. Mr. Settles indicated that he would discuss the possible development of an agreement with other County staff; if they agree that an agreement is possible, he would inform the Commission of this development.

### **Recommendation**

- The TAC recommends that the Commission develop the basis for an agreement with Hennepin County to include Hennepin County as a member of the categorical waste load allocation group; this would allow Hennepin County to participate in the implementation of water quality improvement measures required as part of the TMDL program.

## **2. Comments on the Medicine Lake TMDL**

Staff informed the TAC that the MPCA had indicated that the recently issued draft Medicine Lake TMDL report was incomplete and that they will issue a complete "Review Draft" sometime during the week of November 9. TAC members raised several issues that will likely require comments depending on the presentation of those issues in the new "review draft". The TAC indicated that they do want to comment on the Medicine Lake TMDL, but if a new version of the report is going to be issued, they should base their comments on the latest report. It was indicated that there were comments at both the stakeholders meeting and the public meeting that warranted changes in the first version of the TMDL report. The TAC indicated that because the discussion of this issue would likely take most of the January TAC meeting and the discussion regarding the maintenance of Commission projects would not be completed at this meeting, the Commission should decide if they want the TAC to hold a special meeting to discuss either the Medicine Lake TMDL or the maintenance issue.

### **Recommendation**

- The TAC recommends that the Commission review the need for a special TAC meeting to review the Medicine Lake TMDL report and/or the maintenance of Commission projects.

### **3. Maintenance of Commission Projects**

The TAC noted that the maintenance issue was complex and that the discussion of the issue would likely need most of a full TAC meeting. After a discussion of ideas related to the issue, it was recommended that the Commission should decide if the discussion of this issue could wait until some future TAC meeting, or if the Commission wanted the TAC to hold a special meeting to discuss maintenance of Commission projects.

### **Recommendation**

- The TAC recommends that the Commission discuss if the consideration of this issue can wait for a future TAC meeting or if the TAC should schedule a special meeting to consider this issue and prepare its recommendations.