



MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

DATE: 2/05/2013
CONSENT
ITEM #: 4
MOTION Consent Agenda

AGENDA ITEM: Approve EMWREP Agreement

SUBMITTED BY: Alyssa MacLeod, Taxpayer Relations and Communications Coordinator

REVIEWED BY: Dean Zuleger, City Administrator
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SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUESTED: As part of the Consent Agenda, the City Council is requested to consider approval of agreement between Washington Conservation District and Members of the 2013-2015 East Metro Water Resource Education Program.

STAFF REPORT: The City of Lake Elmo joined the East Metro Water Resource Education Program in 2007 and continued participation in 2009. Members of the program include Washington County, several watershed organizations and a number of cities partially or wholly within Washington County. These entities have partnered in an effort to collaborate in efficiently and effectively educating the citizens of the Twin Cities east metro area about water resource, storm water, and groundwater management in order to improve water quality. These educational services are a requirement of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System / State Disposal System (NPDES/SDS) General Permit administered by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA).

Continued membership in the program will provide for the continued delivery of the following types of educational services: Coordinate and implement East Metro Water Resource Education Program including presentations, workshops, in-field training, demonstration projects, and published materials; maintain web-based educational material; prepare annual education report (which meets MS4 requirements). These efforts are coordinated with “watershed partners” in an effort to minimize overlap and maximize effectiveness in educating the public.

BUDGET IMPACT: The annual contribution amount for the City of Lake Elmo is \$2,225 (Partner contributions will be reviewed and adjusted on an annual basis, as needed). The annual contribution for 2012 was \$2,217.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council approve the agreement between Washington Conservation District and Members of the 2013-2015 East Metro Water Resource Education Program. No specific motion is needed as this is recommended to be part of the overall approval of the *Consent Agenda*.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 2013-2015 agreement between Washington Conservation District and Members of the East Metro Water Resource Education Program.