



# LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

## Executive Summary for Action

Lower Minnesota River Watershed District Board of Managers

Meeting Wednesday, April 16, 2025

### Agenda Item

**Item 5. E. - Authorize execution of Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Metropolitan Council and the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District for monitoring of Dean Lake under the Community Assisted Monitoring Program**

### Prepared By

Linda Loomis, Administrator

### Summary

The City of Shakopee and the LMRWD have agreed to share the cost of a CAMP (Community-Assisted Monitoring Program) volunteer to help us monitor lake health. CAMP is a program managed by the Metropolitan Council, who picks-up and tests water samples collected by volunteers. The waterbody which will be sampled is Dean Lake.

This type of information is vital to understanding ongoing lake health, and is used locally by the county, cities, and watershed organizations to help make informed decisions about water quality management.

Volunteers monitor a specific site on a lake on a regular basis from mid-April through mid-October. Data collected includes a surface water sample, water temperature and clarity, and general weather and lake conditions.

Requirements for volunteers include:

- Attend a Met Council-led training
- Commit to monitoring once every two to four weeks from mid-April through October
- Collect data (monitoring kit provided)
- Keep water samples frozen at all times
- Supply your own boat or have access to a boat (does not need to be motorized)

Check out this 3-minute video from Metropolitan Council to learn more and see what volunteers do: [The Met Council's Community-Assisted Monitoring Program \(CAMP\)](#)

The City of Shakopee will manage the volunteer and keep the samples frozen until they are picked up for testing.

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Since the cost of the volunteer is being shared, MCES would like to establish separate agreements with each party. Funding for this program is available from the 2025 LMRWD monitoring budget. Victoria Ranua is the volunteer.

**Attachments**

- Letter from Metropolitan Council to LMRWD dated April 4, 2025
- Metropolitan Council Contract No. 25R007Q – Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Metropolitan Council and the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District

**Recommended Action**

Motion to approve Metropolitan Council Contract No. 25R007Q and authorize execution



April 4, 2025

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Re: CAMP Agreement – Lower Minnesota River Watershed District  
Metropolitan Council Contract Number 25R007Q  
Contract Transmittal

Dear Linda Loomis,

Attached to the transmitting e-mail, please find a PDF copy of Contract 25R007Q for Community Assisted Lake Monitoring Program (CAMP) for the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District. Please obtain the necessary signatures and return the agreement via email to [Christine.hedman@metc.state.mn](mailto:Christine.hedman@metc.state.mn).

Upon receipt of the Adobe Signed contract, Metropolitan Council will execute the contract and return a copy to you.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Brian Johnson, Principal Environmental Scientist, Water Resources, at [Brian.Johnson@metc.state.mn.us](mailto:Brian.Johnson@metc.state.mn.us) and 651-602-8743.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christy Hedman".

Christy Hedman  
Procurement

cc: Brian Johnson, Environmental Services Project Manager

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE  
METROPOLITAN COUNCIL AND THE  
LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT**

**THIS AGREEMENT** is made and entered into by and between the Metropolitan Council (the "Council") and the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District (the "Watershed"), each acting by and through its duly authorized officers.

THE ABOVE-NAMED PARTIES hereby agree as follows:

**I. GENERAL SCOPE OF AGREEMENT**

The Council and the Watershed agree to undertake a volunteer lake monitoring study in order to provide an economical method of broadening the water quality database on lakes in the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area.

**II. SPECIFIC SCOPE OF SERVICES**

**2.01 Lake Monitoring Program.** The Watershed and the Council agree to jointly undertake a volunteer lake monitoring program as specified below:

- a. General Purposes of Program. The volunteer lake monitoring program involves the use of volunteers to monitor lakes in the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area. The volunteers will collect surface water samples which will be analyzed for total phosphorus (TP), total Kjeldahl nitrogen (TKN), and chlorophyll-a (CLA). In addition, the volunteers will measure surface water temperature, water transparency, and fill out a monitoring form that describes the lake and weather conditions at the time of the monitoring event. Lakes will be visited from April through October of 2025 (the "Monitoring Period") for the number of times and at the approximate intervals specified in paragraph (b) below. Each lake will be sampled at the location as indicated on the site location map provided by the Council. The Council will arrange for chemical analysis of the samples either through its own laboratory or an outside laboratory.
- b. Specific Lakes Involved. The following lakes and specific lake site(s) listed below will be involved in the Council's Community-Assisted Lake Monitoring Program (CAMP) in 2025.

Lake name	DNR ID#	Number of monitoring events	Approximate monitoring interval	Quantity of new kits
Dean (participation fee 50% cost share with the City of Shakopee)	70-0074	8 to 14	Biweekly	0

**2.02 Watershed Responsibilities.** The Watershed agrees that it will have sole responsibility for:

- a. Recruiting volunteers (who have access to a boat) to monitor the lakes the Watershed wishes to involve in the program as listed in section 2.01(b) above.
- b. Providing the Council and/or volunteers with needed lake information such as lake bathymetric maps and access locations.
- c. Paying for the laboratory analysis cost of the samples collected by volunteers which cost is included in the amounts specified in Article III below.
- d. Ensuring that the volunteers participate in the training program and follow CAMP methods and procedures.
- e. Ensuring that the volunteers fill out a monitoring form during each monitoring event.
- f. Picking up the samples and the lake monitoring forms from their volunteers and delivering those items to the Watershed's central storage location. The Watershed will be responsible for providing the central storage location. The central storage location can be a Council facility, but the Watershed will be required to deliver the samples and monitoring forms to this facility. The samples are required always to be frozen.
- g. Storing its volunteers' samples until picked up by Council staff. The samples are required always to be frozen.
- h. Maintaining, storing, and restocking its monitoring kits.
- i. Delivering and picking up its monitoring kits to and from their volunteers.

**2.03 Council Responsibilities.** The Council agrees that it will:

- a. Organize the survey.
- b. Provide training for the volunteers.
- c. Pick up the samples and lake monitoring forms from the Watershed's central storage location and deliver them to the laboratory at approximately 2-month intervals starting in June.
- d. Review the results of the monitoring data.
- e. Prepare a final report containing the physical, chemical, and biological data obtained during the Monitoring Period and a brief analysis of the data.
- f. Provide quality control by collecting lake samples from random lakes involved in the volunteer program. The resulting parameter values will then be compared to the volunteers' results to determine if any problems exist involving the volunteer's monitoring activities and what should be done to correct the problem.
- g. Provide and deliver to the Watershed the expendable monitoring items (e.g. sample containers, labels, filters, aluminum sheets, zip-style plastic bags, and lake monitoring forms). The expendable monitoring items will be delivered in the weeks preceding the start of the monitoring season. The cost of the expendable monitoring items is included in the annual participation fee.

**III. COMPENSATION; METHOD OF PAYMENT**

**3.01 Payment to Council.** For all labor performed and reimbursable expenses incurred by the Council under this agreement during the Monitoring Period, the Watershed agrees to pay the Council the following amounts per lake site listed in section 2.01(b). The participation fee will be billed based on the quantity of monitoring events actually monitored or sampled.

<b>Number of Monitoring events</b>	<b>Participation Fee (excludes monitoring equipment)</b>
8 to 14	\$760
1 to 7	\$380
0	\$0

For lake sites requiring monitoring equipment, the cost for a kit of monitoring equipment is \$225 per kit.

**3.02 Payment Schedule.** Payment of the total amount owing to the Council by the Watershed shall be made within 30 days of the date of the invoice. An invoice specifying the amount owed by the Watershed will be sent under separate cover after the end of the monitoring period.

**3.03 Additional Analyses.** The total amount specified in paragraph 3.01 does not include the cost of any additional analyses requested by the Watershed, such as analysis of bottom samples. The Council will carry out any such additional analyses at the request of the Watershed and subject to the availability of Council resources for carrying out such analyses. The Council will bill the Watershed after the end of the Monitoring Period for any such additional analyses at the Council's actual cost, and the Watershed will promptly reimburse the Council for any such costs billed. The costs for additional analyses are provided in Exhibit A.

**3.04 Replacement of Durable Equipment.** The total amount specified in paragraph 3.01 does not include the cost of replacing durable monitoring equipment, such as thermometers, Secchi disks, filter holders, hand pumps, graduated cylinders, sampling jugs, forceps, and tote boxes. The Council will provide and deliver durable monitoring equipment that needs replacement upon request from the Watershed. The Council will bill the Watershed for any such replaced durable monitoring equipment at the Council's actual cost, and the Watershed will promptly reimburse the Council for any such costs billed.

#### **IV. GENERAL CONDITIONS**

**4.01 Period of Performance.** The services of the Council will commence on April 1, 2025, and will terminate on March 31, 2026, or following work completion and payment, whichever occurs first.

**4.02 Amendments.** The terms of this agreement may be changed only by mutual agreement of the parties. Such changes will be effective only on the execution of written amendment(s) signed by duly authorized officers of the parties to this agreement.

**4.03 Watershed Personnel.** Linda Loomis, or such other person as may be designated in writing by the Watershed, will serve as the Watershed's representative and will assume primary responsibility for coordinating all services with the Council.

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952-204-9691

**4.04 Council's Contract Manager.** The Council's Contract Manager for purposes of administration of this agreement is Brian Johnson, or successor, or such other person as may be designated in writing by the Council. The Council's Contract Manager will be responsible for coordinating services under this agreement. However, nothing in this agreement will be deemed to authorize the Contract Manager to execute amendments to this agreement on behalf of the Council.

Brian Johnson, or successor  
Metropolitan Council  
2400 Childs Road  
St. Paul, MN 55106  
651-602-8743

**4.05 Equal Employment Opportunity; Affirmative Action.** The Council and the Watershed agree to comply with all applicable laws relating to nondiscrimination and affirmative action. In particular, the Council and the Watershed agree not to discriminate against any employee, applicant for employment, or participant in this study because of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, membership or activity in a local commission, disability, sexual orientation, or age; and further agree to take action to assure that applicants and employees are treated equally with respect to all aspects of employment, including rates of pay, selection for training, and other forms of compensation.

**4.06 Liability.** Each party to this agreement shall be liable for the acts and omissions of itself and its officers, employees, and agents, to the extent authorized by law. Neither party shall be liable for the acts or omissions of the other party or the other party's officers, employees or agents. Nothing in this agreement shall be deemed to be a waiver by either party of any applicable immunities or limits of liability including, without limitation, Minnesota Statutes, chapter 466 (Municipal Tort Claims).

**4.07 Copyright.** No reports or documents produced in whole or in part under this agreement will be the subject of an application for copyright by or on behalf of the Council or Watershed.

**4.08 Termination of Agreement.** The Council and the Watershed will both have the right to terminate this agreement at any time and for any reason by submitting written notice of the intention to do so to the other party at least 30-calendar days prior to the specified effective date of such termination. In the event of such termination, the Council shall retain a pro-rata portion of the amounts provided for in Article III, based on the number of monitoring events occurring for each lake before termination versus the total monitoring events specified for each lake. The balance of the amounts will be refunded by the Council to the Watershed.

**4.09 Force Majeure.** The Council and the Watershed agree that the Watershed shall not be liable for any delay or inability to perform this agreement, directly or indirectly caused by, or resulting from, strikes, labor troubles, accidents, fire, flood, breakdowns, war, riot, civil commotion, lack of material, delays of transportation, acts of God or other cause beyond reasonable control of Council and the Watershed.

**4.10 Audits.** Pursuant to Minn. Stat. Section 16C.05, Subd. 5, the parties agree that the books, records, documents, and accounting procedures and practices relevant to this agreement are subject to examination by either party and the state auditor or legislative auditor, as appropriate, for at least six years from the end of this agreement.

**4.11 Relationship of Parties and their Employees.** Nothing contained in this agreement is intended, or should be construed, to create the relationship of co-partners or a joint venture between the Council and the Watershed. No tenure or any employment rights including worker's compensation, unemployment insurance, medical care, sick leave, vacation leave, severance pay,



retirement, or other benefits available to the employees of one of the parties, including indemnification for third party personal injury/property damage claims, shall accrue to employees of the other party solely by the fact that an employee performs services under this agreement.

**4.12 Severability.** If any part of this agreement is rendered void, invalid or unenforceable such rendering shall not affect the remainder of this agreement unless it shall substantially impair the value of the entire agreement with respect to either party. The parties agree to substitute for the invalid provision a valid provision that most closely approximates the intent of the invalid provision.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties have caused this agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives on the dates set forth below. This agreement is effective upon final execution by, and delivery to, both parties.

**LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER  
WATERSHED DISTRICT:**

**METROPOLITAN COUNCIL:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Its: \_\_\_\_\_

Its: Monitoring and Assessment Manager

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Its: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## EXHIBIT A

<b>Metropolitan Council Environmental Services Laboratory Prices for Additional Analyses</b>		
<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Laboratory Code</b>	<b>Price (per sample)</b>
Total Phosphorus, low level	LLTP-AV LLTP-AHV (frozen)	\$15.50
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen	TKN-AV TKN-AHV (frozen)	\$15.50
Chlorophyll	CLA-TR-CS CLA-CAMP	\$15.50
Chloride	CL-AV2	\$10.00
Ortho-phosphorus	ORTHO-AV	\$12.00
Ca, Mg, + Hardness via calculation	HARD-MSV2	\$16.00
Alkalinity	ALK-AV2	\$15.50
Sulfate	SO4-ICV	\$15.00
Metals (Cd, Cr, Cu, Pb, Ni, Zn)	MET-MSV2	\$48
Minerals Suite (Ca, K, Mg, Na) + Hardness via calculation	MIN-MSV2	\$32
Individual minerals/metals (e.g. Fe)	XX-MSV2	\$8.00 (per element)
A parameter not on this list		Contact the Council's Contract Manager for specific pricing.