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RCWD BOARD OF MANAGERS WORKSHOP

Monday, October 9, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

**Rice Creek Watershed District Conference Room
4325 Pheasant Ridge Drive NE, Suite 611, Blaine, Minnesota**

or via Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85008520032?pwd=M2xqK2dDSDdTOXIMQ3QrNnFiaWRtZz09>

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Agenda

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION (times are estimates only)

- 9:00 Regulatory Program Review
- 10:00 Budget Discussion
- 11:00 New Website
- 11:30 Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) Solicitation of Nominations for Outstanding Watershed Staff Award

Administrator Updates (If Any)

9:00 Regulatory Program Review

Regulatory Program Review



RCWD Board Workshop
October 9, 2023



Discussion Topics

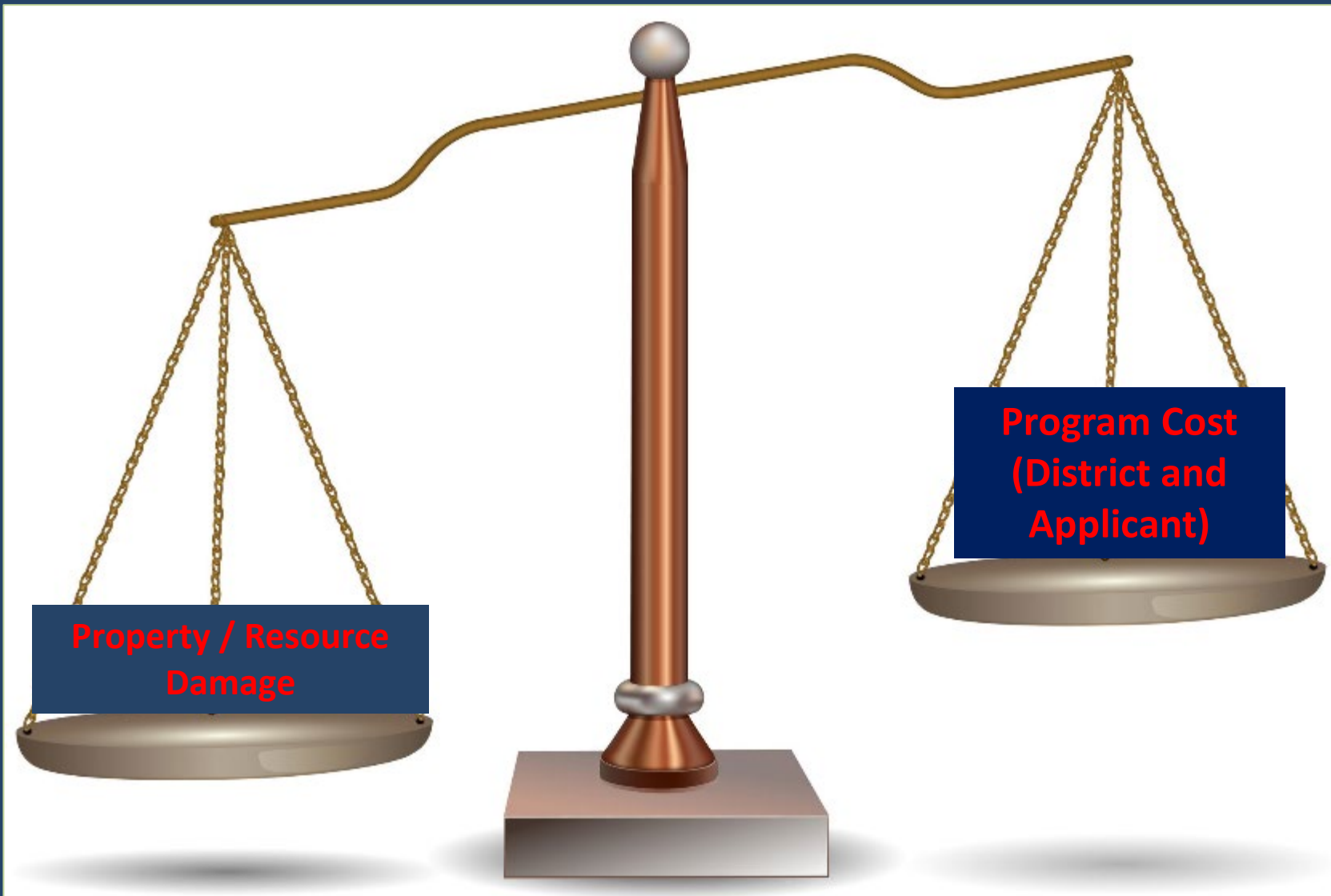
- Purpose of regulatory program
- Components of the program
- Obligations and Opportunities within the rules
- How we may continue to improve the program



3-Legged Stool of Water Management

Goals of the Regulatory Program

- Decrease site specific impacts from land modifications
- Decrease cumulative impacts from land modifications
- Provide consistency in administration
- Anticipate and reduce conflict between landowners/constituents
- Avoid unnecessary burden to applicants
- Weigh cost of program activities vs. value provided



Regulatory Program Probable Cost Curve



Program Components

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- Pre-permit
 - Meetings
 - Reviews
 - Data Requests
 - Post construction
 - After-the-fact
- New permits
 - Take-in
 - Review
 - Issuance
 - Team coordination
- Compliance review
 - During construction
- Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plans (CSMPs)
- Comprehensive Wetland Protection and Management Plans (CWPMs)
- Level 2 audit
- Rule modification

Rule Components and Obligations/Opportunities

District Rules: Obligations and Opportunities

- Rule C – Stormwater Management
- Rule D – Erosion and Sediment Control
- Rule E – Floodplain Alteration
- Rule F – Wetland Alteration
- Rule G – Regional Conveyance Systems
- Rule I – Public Drainage Systems

Rule C – Stormwater Management

Obligation

- Meet MS4 minimums

Opportunities

- Strengthen volume control
- Clarify exemptions and requirements
- Encourage reuse
- Connect to other rules

Rule D – Erosion and Sediment Control

Obligation

- Meet MS4 minimums

Opportunities

- Requirements on smaller sites
- Address stormwater management on multi-phase projects

Rule E – Floodplain Alteration

Opportunities

- Use investment of District Wide Model to prevent loss of flood storage
- Provide flexibility for applicants in managing fills/excavations in floodplain
- Proactive in addressing catastrophic flood event

Rule F – Wetland Alteration

Obligation

- Wetland Conservation Act (WCA)

Opportunities

- Provide flexibility and reduce burden for applicants while providing equivalent or better protection of resources (via CWPMPS)

Rule G – Regional Conveyance Systems

Opportunities

- Use investment of District Wide Model to preserve system capacity and intercommunity flows

Rule I – Public Drainage Systems

Obligation

- Serve as Drainage Authority and protect interest of the benefitting landowners

Opportunities

- Use regulatory program as framework for addressing potential obstruction / discharges / damage to systems
- “Catch” potential problems from connected activities

Continuing to Improve the Program

Possible Value Changes to Program

- Rule revision
 - Avoid variances
 - Make compliance easier
 - Encourage more complete applications (reduce review effort)
- Use surety to fund follow-up on non-compliant areas
 - Accelerates “fixing” of non-compliant features
 - Incentivize compliance on other permits
- Collaboration with municipal partners on compliance review

Questions?

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