

To: Interested Parties (Including EQB Distribution List)

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Date: February 24, 2020

Reference: **Environmental Assessment Worksheet Availability**: Lake Shamineau High Water Project

Per Minnesota Rule 4410.4300, a discretionary Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) has been prepared for the Lake Shamineau High Water Project in Scandia Valley Township of Morrison County. The Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District (LSLID) is the responsible governmental unit (RGU). Attached or enclosed is the EAW for the project. This EAW is submitted to you for your review and comment as part of the EAW process as described in Minnesota Administrative Rules 4410.1000 through 4410.1700.

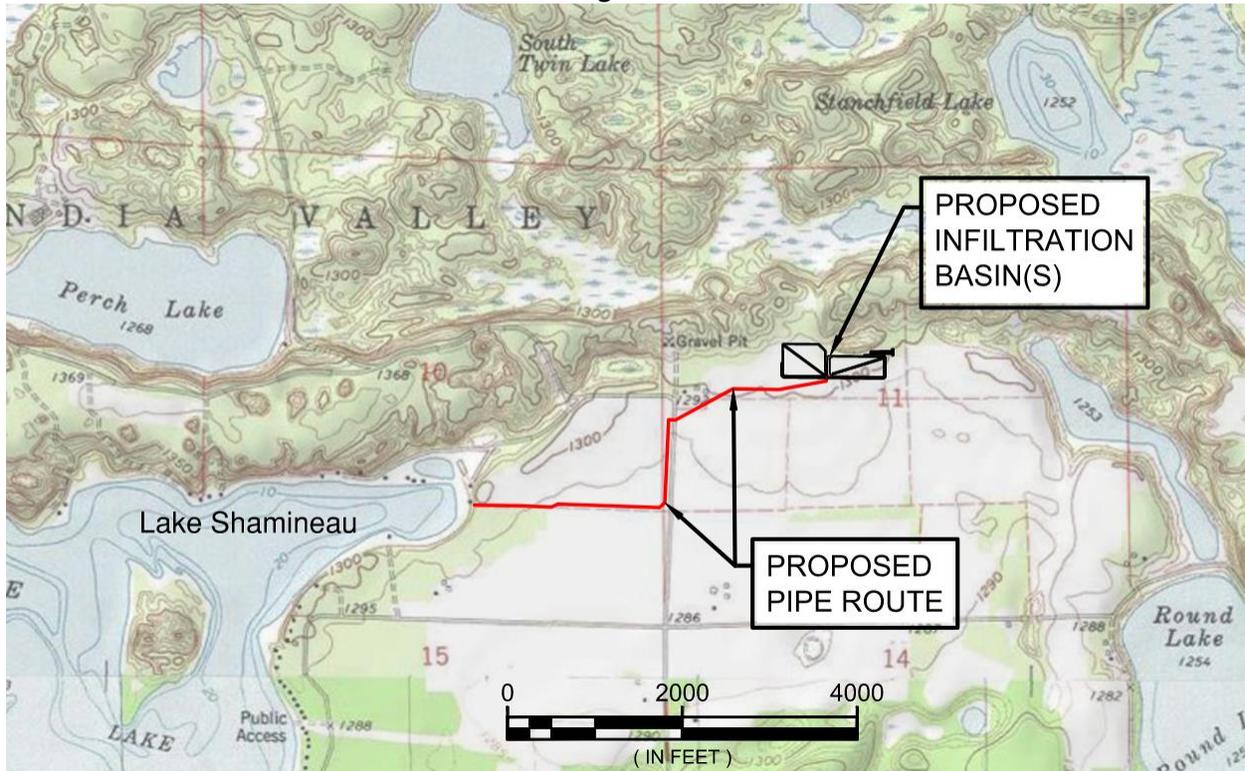
The comments shall address the accuracy and completeness of the material contained in the EAW, potential impacts that may warrant further investigation before the project is commenced, and the need for an EIS on the proposed project.

A copy of this EAW has been officially submitted to the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (EQB) for publication of its availability for review in the EQB Monitor on February 24, 2020. The 30-day public comment period will begin on February 24, 2020 and will close at 4 pm March 25, 2020. A hard copy will also be available for public viewing at the Scandia Valley Town Hall, 3518 320th Street, Cushing, MN 56443; Morrison County Land Services, 213 1st Avenue SE, Little Falls, MN 56345; and Widseth Smith Nolting Inc., 7804 Industrial Park Road, Baxter, MN 56425.

Project Area

The project area that is the subject site of this review is located east of Lake Shamineau, north of Birch Road and East Shamineau Drive. The project piping runs from the lake through cropland, then along side Bugle Road, and then crosses Bugle Road extending across cropland to the northeast. The project is on parcels: 292906000, 292910000, 290099000, 290493001, 290498000, 290497000. The project area is shown on Figure A.

Figure A



Project Description:

Lake Shamineau’s water levels have risen in recent years to a lake level 2.6 feet above ordinary high water level causing flood damage to residences and infrastructure as well as severe shoreline erosion. The LSLID is proposing to construct a water level control outlet to remove excess water by pumping water to infiltration basins northeast of the lake. The project is located on the east end of Lake Shamineau and extends northeast approximately one mile to the infiltration basins. It will include an intake structure in the lake, a pumping station, forcemain from the pumping station to the infiltration basins, two approximately 3.5-acre infiltration basins, and a control structure at the infiltration basins. The project area includes primarily agricultural land, with forested areas in the Lake Shamineau and on the northern edge of the infiltration basins. There are no wetlands within the project corridor.

Written responses must be received by 4:00 P.M. Wednesday, March 25, 2020. Comments can be emailed or mailed and should be directed to:

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