

**QUESTIONNAIRE**

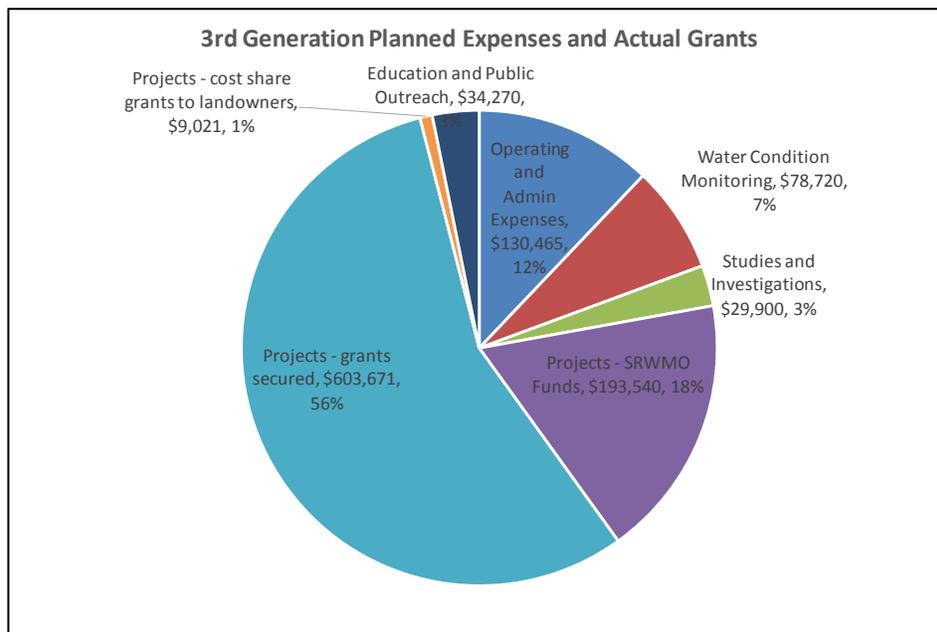
**Evaluation of the Current SRWMO Plan**

Brown text is a summary of responses from SRWMO Board members in July 2018. Each ✓ indicates one board member response.

1. **What parts of the plan have you used** at least once (circle all that apply):
  - a. Natural resources inventory and assessment ✓✓
  - b. Assessment of problems ✓✓
  - c. Goals, policies and actions ✓✓✓
  - d. Implementation plan (projects, timelines and budgets) ✓✓
  - e. Impact on local government
  - f. Plan amendment process and local water plan requirements

2. **Was the money spent** on each of the following too much, too little, or about right?

Spending Category	Too Little Spent	About Right	Too Much Spent
Projects	✓	✓✓✓✓✓	
Studies and investigations	✓	✓✓✓✓✓	
Water condition monitoring	✓	✓✓✓✓✓	
Operating and Admin		✓✓✓✓✓	✓
Education and outreach	✓	✓✓✓✓✓	
Projects - Cost share grants to landowners, etc	✓✓✓✓✓	✓	
<b>How did we do securing grants?</b>			
	<b>Not good enough, more effort needed</b>	<b>About right</b>	<b>Too much</b>
		✓✓✓✓✓	



3. **Did the SRWMO accomplish these goals** set in the current plan? (Place and “X” in the applicable box)

Goal	No, or minimal, progress	Made Progress	Accomplished	Uncertain	In the future, is more work needed?	
					Yes	No
20% phosphorus reduction watershed wide (long term goal)	✓	✓✓		✓✓	✓	
Martin and Typo Lake water quality improvement	✓✓✓✓	✓✓		✓	✓✓ ✓	
Maintain good water quality where it exists (Coon, Fawn Lakes, for example)		✓✓✓	✓✓	✓	✓✓	
Citizen monitoring of all lakes		✓✓✓	✓	✓✓		
Partner with lake associations and lakeshore residents		✓✓		✓	✓✓	
All septic systems compliant	✓✓✓✓	✓✓			✓✓	
Everyone in the SRWMO receives and annual watershed education message		✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	✓	
Residents understand what the WMO is and does	✓	✓✓✓✓			✓✓	
No new infestations of invasive plants in SRWMO lakes	✓✓	✓✓	✓	✓	✓	
Existing aquatic invasive plant infestations controlled	✓✓✓	✓	✓	✓	✓✓	
Aquatic native plants viewed as beneficial		✓✓✓		✓✓	✓✓	

4. What about this plan was a flop that we should abandon?

5. What about this plan was a flop that we should fix?

- Administrative expenses

6. What about this plans was notably good that we should keep?

- Monitoring and reporting
- Everything should be kept on the current plans.

Other Discussion:

- The plan length is about right.
- Expenditures to various expense categories were about right but more project cost share grants to landowners are desired, particularly for shoreline restorations.
- More outreach and education is needed and it should be on a more personal level to be effective.
- Outreach should be structured to promote project installations.
- More DNR enforcement of illegal shoreline alterations is needed.
- Septic system failures continue to be a problem. Detection of problem systems and offering assistance to fix them is important.

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### Your Vision for the Next SRWMO Plan

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1. **Length of the next plan** should be:

- ✓✓ Shorter than the current plan
- ✓✓✓✓ About the same
- Longer to add detail
- Any length, as long as it includes 10 or less key pages with project lists, budgets, and the other stuff we really use.
- Other:

2. **Scope of the plan** should be:

- ✓✓ Broad - Set holistic goals for the WMO, cities and others for the long term. We may have many goals.
- Narrow - Focus on short term tasks the WMO will do. We should have few goals and focus.
- ✓✓✓✓ Medium - A mix of broad long term goals and short term tasks. Focus mostly on the WMO and member cities.
- Other:

3. **The amount of work**, compared to the current watershed plan, should:

- Shrink.
- ✓ Stay the same.
- ✓✓✓ Increase or spread into new areas to address unmet needs.
- ✓✓✓ Depends. We need to assess the need first.
- Other:

4. **Expenditures**, compared to the current watershed plan, should:

- Shrink.
- ✓ Stay the same.
- ✓✓✓ Increase.
- ✓✓✓✓ Depends. We need to assess the need first.
- Other:

5. **The biggest challenge(s) for this WMO** in the next 10 years will be (circle as many as you like):

- ✓✓ Difficult to fix water resources issues
- Water resources projects originating beyond our jurisdictional area
- ✓✓✓✓ Funding
- ✓ Unsupportive member cities or councils
- Disagreements within the board
- ✓ Board turnover
- ✓ Lack of staff or contracted help
- ✓✓✓✓ Lack of community awareness or support of the WMO and its projects
- ✓✓ Lack of partners, especially those willing to help fund projects
- ✓ Paralysis by analysis – too many plans and studies, not enough projects
- Other:

6. **New things for the WMO in the next 10 years** should be (check all that you like):

- ✓✓✓✓ Working with upstream and downstream entities, including participating in regional partnerships like One Watershed, One Plan
- ✓✓✓ Groundwater work
- ✓ Ditch management and cleaning
- ✓ Regulation and permitting by the WMO
- ✓✓✓ Regulation and permitting through cities (i.e. provide minimum standards for city ordinances)
- ✓✓ More project money due to Watershed Based Funding
- Other:

7. **What do we need to do for your city to be supportive** of the WMO Plan?

- Keep \$\$ low.
- Get resident support.
- High value for relatively low cost.
- Watershed Based Funding is an incentive for strong city participation. City projects are eligible for this funding only if they are in the SRWMO Plan.
- Planning updates can be given to city councils and staff at planning milestones such as priority setting. An update to them about the May 24 planning kickoff event may be in order. Having city staff help give these presentations may be useful.
- City staff should serve on the planning technical advisory committee. That committee may want to meet relatively soon to discuss Watershed Based Funding implications for planning, comparisons of city water-related ordinances, and local water plan updates that are currently ongoing.

**Other discussion at 4/12/2018 meeting**

- The new watershed plan should be reviewed and updated/amended every two years during its life.
- A desire for more cost share grants that encourage residents to do water quality projects. This may be a way to get more work done with minimal additional expenditure.
- Increased community awareness of the SRWMO and water quality is needed.