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March 22, 2000

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RE: Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Boundary Change Hearing

The Boundary Change Hearing for the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District boundary change petition is scheduled to be held on **Thursday, April 27, 2000, starting at 4:00 PM** at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center Conference Room, One Veterans Drive, Minneapolis, Minnesota. A copy of the legal notice is attached. Also attached is a map showing the proposed boundary change.

There are several avenues available for comment on the proposed boundary change. At the hearing, everybody will have an opportunity to speak. Written comments will be accepted to be received in our office before Noon, May 11, 2000. Written comments may be forwarded various ways including faxed to (651) 297-5615 or e-mailed to james.haertel@bwsr.state.mn.us. For counties, cities, townships, organizations, and other similar entities, it is recommended that comments be supported by a resolution or similar action that has been approved by the governing body.

Please note there is a possibility that the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District will submit a boundary change petition before the hearing. The petition could include the international airport and all surrounding lands not presently under a watershed management organization, in addition to the area specified in the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District boundary change petition. If the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District boundary change petition is received before the hearing, comments will be received on both petitions. If such petition is not received before the hearing, comments will be limited to the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District boundary change petition.

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It is anticipated this matter will come before the Board of Water and Soil Resources for decision on May 24, 2000. The deadlines for testimony and comments as previously specified should be noted since testimony and comments by the general public before the full board will not be allowed.

Please contact me at the above phone number or the St. Paul address if you have any questions or comments.

Attachments (List of Addressees, Legal Notice, Map)

c: Kathy Roer, Dwain Otte, Jack Frost, Ron Harnack, Jim Birkholz Doug Thomas,
Steve Woods, Doug Snyder

List of Addressees
Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Boundary Change Hearing
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
MINNEHAHA CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT BOUNDARY CHANGE
LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT BOUNDARY CHANGE**

**Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources
One West Water Street, Suite 200
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55107**

In the matter of the petition for the boundary change of the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District pursuant to Minn. Statutes Section 103B.215.

Whereas, the subject petition dated February 9, 2000, has been filed with the Board of Water and Soil Resources (Board).

Now therefore, the Board hereby issues the following:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing on the boundary change will be held on Thursday, April 27, 2000, beginning at 4:00 PM at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center Conference Room, One Veterans Drive, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comments on the proposed boundary change in the area immediately north of the international airport pursuant to Minn. Statutes Section 103B.215. At the hearing, all interested persons will be given opportunity to submit pertinent information. Additionally, written comments may be submitted to be received by the Board by Noon, May 11, 2000. Testimony and comments should be limited to the merits of the proposed boundary change in relation to Minn. Statutes Section 103B.205 to 103B.255.

The proposed boundary change encompasses approximately 7 10 acres contiguous to the international airport, which includes but is not limited to the Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Fort Snelling Cemetery, Bureau of Mines, U.S. Navy, Minnesota Department of Transportation, Minneapolis Park Board, Camp Coldwater, and the Metropolitan Airports Commission in Hennepin County.

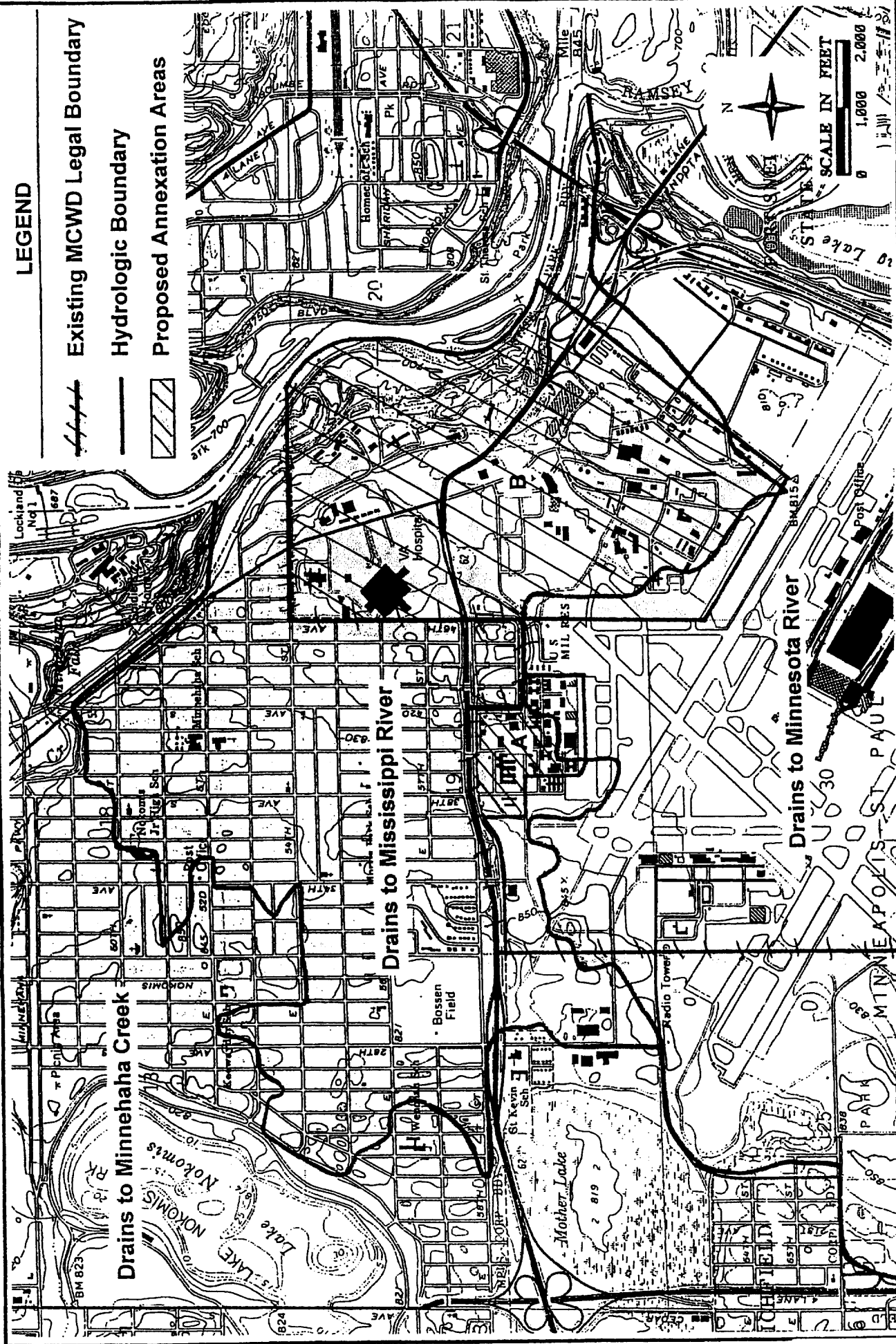
The purpose of the boundary change, the watershed district and contemplated improvements is to conserve the natural resources of the state by land use planning, flood control, and other conservation projects by using sound scientific principles for the protection of the public health and welfare and the provident use of the natural resources.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that, if a similar petition is filed by the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District, public comments will be received on such petition at the public hearing as specified above on April 27, 2000, and written comments may be submitted as specified above by May 11, 2000. The Lower Minnesota River Watershed District petition could include the international airport and all surrounding lands not presently under a watershed management organization in addition to the area specified above.



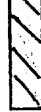
For further information contact Jim Haertel of the Board at 651-297-2906.

Dated in Saint Paul, Minnesota this 22nd day of March, 2000.

/s/ Jim Haertel
Water Management Specialist



LEGEND

-  Existing MCWD Legal Boundary
-  Hydrologic Boundary
-  Proposed Annexation Areas

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MINNEHAHA CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT

Proposed District Boundary Change