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Mr. Lawrence Samstad, P.E.
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Subject: Lower Minnesota River Watershed District affiliation

Dear Mr. Samstad:

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the March 15, 2000 Board of Manager's meeting. This meeting proved to be a positive step in our on-going relationship with the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District (LMRWD). As indicated at the meeting, MAC feels there is a logical relationship between Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport (MSP) and LMRWD and we are interested in formalizing our affiliation.

In up-coming weeks, MAC will be working with staff from neighboring federal properties to determine a logical watershed boundary. While hydrologic boundaries should be the primary basis for establishing boundaries, MAC also feels it is important to consider the relationship that adjoining properties share with MSP. MAC believes that these properties will also make a request to be included in LMRWD. Once a proposed watershed boundary has been defined, MAC will provide a formal request to the Board of Managers for consideration. It is our desire that LMRWD take action to petition the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) to incorporate this area into the LMRWD management area.

MAC understands that this is a significant request. However, due to anticipated deadlines imposed by BWSR for the review of a petition by the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, MAC is requesting that the Board of Managers act as quickly as possible to ensure adequate representation in the petition process. MAC will provide staff support as necessary to LMRWD in developing this petition.

MAC looks forward to continuing our cooperative relationship and to participating in the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District (LMRWD). If you have any questions, please contact me at 612-726-8131.

Sincerely,

Gary Warren, P.E.
Director Airside Development

cc: Ronald Harnack, Board of Water and Soil Resources