

**CITY OF MARSHALL
AGENDA ITEM REPORT**

Presenter:	Jason Anderson
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, February 13, 2024
Category:	CONSENT AGENDA
Type:	ACTION
Subject:	Redwood River One Watershed, One Plan (1W1P) – Designate Delegate and Alternate Delegate to Policy Committee
Background Information:	<p>The purpose of the One Watershed, One Plan (1W1P) program is to develop a comprehensive watershed management plan that aligns multiple local water planning efforts into one watershed-wide plan which crosses county boundaries. The goal is a systematic, watershed-wide, science-based approach to watershed management. The State of Minnesota is completing these 1W1P planning efforts watersheds throughout the State to transition away from county boundary-based water planning to watershed-based water planning.</p> <p>The Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area (RCRCA) has received a planning grant for the Redwood River watershed. The RCRCA reached out to city staff regarding our participation in the planning process because we are a Local Government Unit (LGU) within the planning area. City staff responded to the RCRCA request by indicating that the City of Marshall would like to participate in the planning efforts.</p> <p>To participate in the Redwood 1W1P, the City must sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). At the 01/23/2024 City Council meeting, the City Council authorized execution of the MOA for the 1W1P.</p> <p>In addition, the City of Marshall must designate an elected official to serve as a delegate on the Redwood 1W1P Policy Committee. The City may also assign an alternate delegate to serve in the absence of the delegated official. The meetings are expected to begin as monthly meetings for the first 4 months or so, and then transition into roughly every other month. The planning process is expected to continue into mid-2026. City staff will also attend meetings and will serve as part of the “steering team” for the planning process.</p> <p>At the 1/23/2024 City Council meeting, it was proposed that Mayor Bob Byrnes be considered to represent the City Council on the Policy Committee for the Redwood 1W1P. It was realized following the meeting on 1/23/24 that the Council did not acknowledge or identify a delegate or an alternate with the motion to authorize execution of the MOA.</p>
Fiscal Impact:	None at this time.
Alternative/ Variations:	No alternative actions recommended.
Recommendations:	that the City Council designate Mayor Robert Byrnes to serve as a delegate on the Redwood 1W1P Policy Committee, with Councilmember Craig Schafer serving as an alternate delegate.