

<b>Presenter:</b>	Jason Anderson
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	Tuesday, January 23, 2024
<b>Category:</b>	NEW BUSINESS
<b>Type:</b>	ACTION
<b>Subject:</b>	Redwood River One Watershed, One Plan - Memorandum of Agreement
<b>Background Information:</b>	<p>Attached, please find the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the Redwood River One Watershed, One Plan.</p> <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 of Marshall must assign an elected official to serve as a delegate on the Redwood 1W1P Policy Committee and the City must sign the agreement that is included in the Council packet. 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>
<b>Fiscal Impact:</b>	None at this time.
<b>Alternative/ Variations:</b>	No alternative actions recommended.
<b>Recommendations:</b>	<p><u>Recommendation No. 1:</u> that the City Council designate a delegate member and an alternate member, if deemed necessary.</p> <p><u>Recommendation No. 2:</u> that the City Council execute the attached Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the Redwood River One Watershed, One Plan, contingent upon City Attorney approval of the execution.</p>