

Redwood River TWIP
60-Day Formal Review: Draft Comment Response Table
 For Steering and Policy Committee Review

#	Commenter	Section	Page	Paragraph	Comment	Editorial	Material	Note	Change Needed	Flagged	Revision
1	DNR	3	Page 3-7	Invasive Species	The last two paragraphs on this page address aquatic invasive species, specifically noting that zebra mussels have not been observed in the RRW. Please note that, as of 2024, zebra mussels have been observed in East Twin Lake. We suggest amending this section of the plan to denote that zebra mussels are present in the RRW.	X			Y		Added new AIS to plan narrative as recommended, with thanks
2	DNR	4	Pages 4-13	Bank Erosion	<p>Landscape and climate changes in the RRW have resulted in significant alterations to runoff duration and peak discharge to local rivers and streams. The plan identifies development of storage areas to reduce impacts from high intensity peak flows, however, while large floods can create significant damage and erosion, changes in flow duration for frequent lower intensity events also represents high erosion potential for destabilization of channel bed and banks. Along these lines, we suggest mentioning changes in flow duration as well as peak flows as a part of conditions impacting channel erosion potential in these sections. The water storage goal described on page 4-11 will have a host of benefits for all events in the watershed hydrologic regime, including reducing peak flow reduction and moderating changes in duration for the moderate more frequently occurring flows, reducing erosion potential across the board.</p> <p>Bank erosion is a factor of flow, bank height, vegetative protection, and floodplain connectivity. Channels that are connected to their adjacent floodplains exhibit less bank erosion than those that contain flows within the channel. The bank erosion-specific goal of 2,000 linear feet of streambank can make sites more resilient to erosion, if properly implemented. While hard armoring (i.e. rip-rap) is a reasonable strategy to protect infrastructure, more natural approaches like toe wood can improve floodplain connectivity and instream habitat - woody debris plays a significant role in providing habitat for aquatic organisms. We suggest adding a def</p> <p>Solar farms are listed as a consideration for Land Protection. While solar farms are a valuable source of renewable energy, the inclusion at this point in the tables appears to suggest that solar farms that are being placed on the land with temporary or permanent habitat easements, which may not be ideal sites for consideration of these facilities due to habitat considerations for native species and communities. We suggest adding a clarifying statement to ensure clarity that solar farms are not suggested for lands in permanent easement programs.</p> <p>If these projects are to be partnered with potential stream projects, please include DNR as a partner in the planning process</p>	X			Y	Flag	<p>Added text about change in flow duration as recommended.</p> <p>Revision regarding natural strategies TBD, waiting on updated DNR comment</p>
3	DNR	5	Page 5-6	Land Protection	Solar farms are listed as a consideration for Land Protection. While solar farms are a valuable source of renewable energy, the inclusion at this point in the tables appears to suggest that solar farms that are being placed on the land with temporary or permanent habitat easements, which may not be ideal sites for consideration of these facilities due to habitat considerations for native species and communities. We suggest adding a clarifying statement to ensure clarity that solar farms are not suggested for lands in permanent easement programs.	X			Y	Flag	Flag for Steering Committee discussion: Add to goal background text? Or remove solar farm language in action?
4	DNR	5	Page 5-6	Stormwater Mgmt	If these projects are to be partnered with potential stream projects, please include DNR as a partner in the planning process	X			Y		DNR added as a partner for WW-10
5	DNR	5	Page 5-7	Watershed Education and Outreach	Please add DNR as a partner in the development of educational and outreach programs within the RRW. DNR staff can assist with these efforts.	X			Y		DNR added as a partner for EO-1
6	MDA	6	Page 6-5,	Table 6-1	Summary of ongoing water quality and quantity monitoring programs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under MDA, please add: GW (Groundwater) for Chlorides. 	X			Y		Added GW for MDA
7	MDA	7	Page 7-6,	Table 7-3	Example funding sources for the RRW. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For MDA: Nutrient Management Initiative (NMI). Please include an indicator dot under the Education and Outreach column. 	X			Y		Indicator added
8	MDA	General			The MDA maintains a variety of water quality and financial assistance programs including research, demonstration, as well as ground and surface water monitoring. Our goal is to provide you with information from each program to help address resource concerns and further engage the agricultural community during implementation efforts. Please refer to the MDA's priority concerns letter for more information on programs that may be of assistance in the future.		X		N		Comment noted, with thanks.

