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## MEMO

**TO:** Nine Mile Creek Watershed District Board of Managers  
**FROM:** Randy Anhorn  
**DATE:** June 11, 2019  
**RE:** Water appropriations/dewatering on land-locked lakes

### **Background/Information**

As you are all aware, we have we have been experiencing very wet conditions across the District (as well and the entire metro area) and we have been receiving numerous calls about high-water levels in many District lakes. In fact, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) State Climatology office, 2013-2018 was the wettest six-year period on record since the 1870s (when record keeping began) and this recent period from May 2018-April 2019 fourth wettest 12-month period on record.

With a few of the land-locked lakes in the District experiencing historic high levels two, Shady Oak Lake in Minnetonka and Indianhead Lake in Edina have received water appropriation permits from the MDNR to pump water from the lakes. A MDNR permit is required as opposed to a District permit because they both anticipate pumping more than 1 million gallons from the lakes this summer.

While a District permit was not required, both cities had contacted the District to receive comments.

### **Request**

No action required. The information is provided as an update and to promote discussion.