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## MEMO

**TO: Nine Mile Creek Watershed District Board of Managers**  
**FROM: Randy Anhorn**  
**DATE: November 9, 2019**  
**RE: Board Retreat**

### Background

At the Board's September 18, 2019 regular meeting the managers discussed the potential of holding a Board retreat to discuss big picture policy and strategic planning items without focusing on specific programs or projects. The purpose of the retreat could be to identify issues on the horizon that the District may need to be prepared to address in the future.

One quote was "what should we be starting to look at now so that we would be considered visionary 50 years from now?"

A retreat could be used to assess the past and look to the future.

- Assess the District's past and current strategic positions
  - What has the District been?
  - Where are we now?
  - What are we working to accomplish?
  - Why?
- Viewing watershed issues and emerging future opportunities
  - What does the future look like for the watershed?
  - How are things around us changing (environment, public perception, partners)
  - What could the District do to prepare for the future?
  - How does this fit into the District's current (and even future) Water Management Plans?

Some specific Board retreat topics/issues that came up at the September Board meeting (and the goal/objective where they fit in could current Plan) were:

- Groundwater management/conservation (5.5)
- Regional stormwater management (5.1.5 a & b)
- Climate resiliency (5.8)

- Land use and relationships with municipalities (5.6.2)
- Refocus Environmental Education and Outreach

Ultimately, we will need to determine a subset of topics we would like to choose to focus on at the initial retreat.

### **Request**

The next steps will be the planning and scheduling of a retreat. I am looking for a subset of managers (two) that would be interested in helping plan a retreat. We would discuss and come up with logistical needs (e.g., on-site or off-site (where)? outside facilitator?) and agenda topic suggestions that would be brought back to the entire Board for feedback prior to scheduling the event.