

**JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE METROPOLITAN SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS TECHNICAL  
SERVICE AREA JOINT POWERS BOARD  
AND RAMSEY COUNTY  
FOR METRO AREA CHILDREN'S WATER FESTIVAL PROGRAM HOST SERVICES**

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2025

This **JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT** (Agreement) is made this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 (Effective Date), and is by and between the Metropolitan Soil and Water Conservation Districts Technical Service Area Joint Powers Board, a joint powers entity pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 471.59, and also referred to as Metro Conservation Districts (MCD), and Ramsey County, a political subdivision of the State of Minnesota (HOST), effective \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, MCD is a joint powers board created to assist with special programs for the mutual benefit of its member Districts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Metro Area Children's Water Festival (MACWF) is a special program of the MCD and is included in the MCD 2023-2025 Work Plan and Budget and amendments thereto, incorporated herein by reference, and kept at the office of the MCD Administrative Services Provider; and

**WHEREAS**, MCD Members through approval of the MCD 2023-2025 Work Plan and Budget agree MCD may enter into this agreement with a District to provide host services to the MCD for the MACWF Program in accordance with the aforementioned work plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties wish to enter into this Joint Powers Agreement to define the obligations of the MCD and the HOST; and

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota Statutes Section 471.59, subd. 10, provides that two or more governmental units may by Agreement jointly exercise any power common to the contracting Parties and as such the HOST may enter into this Agreement with MCD to perform on behalf of MCD any service or function that the HOST is authorized to provide for itself.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual agreements set forth herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. **Term.** Notwithstanding the date of the signatures of the parties, the term of this Agreement is from the Effective Date through December 31, 2025, or until such time the MACWF terminates its relationship with MCD, or this Agreement is terminated by law or in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, whichever comes first.
2. **Purpose.** The purpose of this Agreement is to define the obligations of the MCD and the HOST for the MACWF program as provided in the approved MCD 2023-2025 Work Plan and Budget.
3. **Services.** The MCD requests, and the HOST agrees to provide, services relating to the MACWF as relevant and defined in the MCD 2023-2025 Plan of Work and Budget.
4. **Payment.** The MCD will pay the HOST for services in the amount up to \$9,000, three fourths of the total amount provided in the MCD 2023-2025 Plan of Work and Budget, as amended. The HOST will invoice MCD for payment under this Agreement based on actual hours worked, at the most current billable rate established by the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources.
5. **Indemnification.** The HOST agrees to indemnify and save and hold the MCD, its officers, employees and agents harmless from any and all claims or causes of action arising from the performance of this Agreement by the HOST or its officers, employees and agents. This paragraph does not bar any legal remedies the HOST may have against MCD for its failure to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement. The HOST will reimburse the MCD for reasonable

attorneys' fees if MCD is the prevailing party in litigation to enforce any of the terms of this Agreement.

To the full extent permitted by law, actions by the Parties pursuant to this Agreement are intended to be and shall be construed as a "cooperative activity" and it is the intent of the Parties that they shall be deemed a "single governmental unit" for the purpose of liability, as set forth in Minnesota Statutes Section 471.59, subd. 1a(a); provided further that for purposes of that statute, each Party to this Agreement expressly declines responsibility for the acts or omissions of the other Party. This Agreement to indemnify and hold harmless does not constitute a waiver by any participant of limitations on liability provided under Minnesota Statutes Section 466.04.

6. **Insurance.** The HOST will procure insurance necessary to cover the errors and omissions of the HOST's employees performing services under the terms of this Agreement. MCD will procure insurance for the actual event of the Metro Area Children's Water Festival and be reimbursed for the cost of the insurance.
7. **Compliance with Laws.** The parties shall abide by all Federal, State or local laws; statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations pertaining to this Agreement and this Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the substantive and procedural laws of the State of Minnesota. All proceedings related to this Agreement shall be venued in the County of Ramsey, State of Minnesota.
8. **Ownership.** All work product, data compilations, and materials of any kind prepared pursuant to this Agreement, regardless of the format in which they exist will become the sole and exclusive property of the MCD upon the completion of this Agreement. However, any of MCD member Districts may use portions or excerpts from the materials prepared pursuant to this Agreement. It is further agreed that the MCD and its member Districts have unlimited rights to use, duplicate and make derivative works of the same, with no obligation for an accounting to the HOST.
9. **Records/Audits.** The HOST's bonds, records, documents, papers, accounting procedures and practices, and other evidences relevant to this Agreement are subject to the examination, duplication, transcription and audit by the MCD and either the Legislative or State Auditor, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 16C.05, subd. 5. Such evidences are also subject to review by the Comptroller General of the United States, or a duly authorized representative, if federal funds are used for any work under this Agreement. The HOST agrees to maintain such evidences for a period of six (6) years from the date services or payment were last provided or made or longer if any audit in progress requires a longer retention period.
10. **Data Privacy.** For purposes of this Agreement all data on individuals collected, created, received, maintained or disseminated shall be administered consistent with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 13, and the Minnesota Rules implementing the Act now in force or hereafter adopted as well as Federal laws on data privacy.
11. **Non-Discrimination.** The HOST agrees that, in coordinating the hiring of all labor for the performance of any work under this Agreement, it will not, by reason of race, creed, color, sex, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, age, marital status or public assistance status, discriminate against any person who is a citizen of the United States and who qualifies and is available to perform the work to which such employment relates. The HOST agrees to comply with all Federal, State, and local non-discrimination laws and ordinances, in particular the applicable provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended by the Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972. When required by law or requested by the MCD, the HOST shall furnish a written affirmative action plan.
12. **Termination.** Either party may terminate this Agreement with or without cause with 90 days prior written notice to the other party.

- 13. Amendments.** Any amendment to this Agreement shall be in writing and signed by the same parties who signed the original Agreement or their successors in office. An Amendment must be requested in writing before the end of this Agreement.
- 14. Entire Agreement.** This Agreement contains the entire agreement of the parties and supersedes all oral and written agreements and negotiations by the parties relating to the subject matter of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties to this Agreement have hereunto set their hands on the dates written below:

**METROPOLITAN SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS TECHNICAL SERVICE AREA  
JOINT POWERS BOARD**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair, MCD Board Date

Pursuant to action taken by the MCD Board on \_\_\_\_\_.

**RAMSEY COUNTY**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair, County Board Date

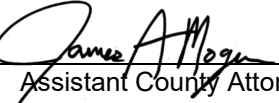
Pursuant to action taken by the Ramsey County's Board of Commissioners on \_\_\_\_\_.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Clerk, County Board Date

**Approval recommended:**

BY:  03/07/2023  
Director, Parks and Recreation Department Date

**Approved as to form:**

BY:  on behalf of Amy Schmidt March 7, 2023  
Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office Date