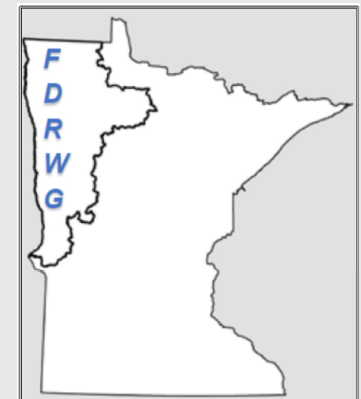




# FDRWG Update

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# Flood Damage Reduction Work Group Update

# FDRWG Background

Created by the Mediation Agreement in 1998

Collaborative approach to implementing flood damage reduction and natural resource protection and enhancement in the Red Rive Basin

Co-chaired by MN DNR (Rita Albrecht) and RRWMB (Dan Money)

# FDRWG Background

Annual Budget \$264,000 legislative appropriation

Membership includes representatives from state and federal agencies, watershed districts, citizens, landowners, agriculture, and conservation interests

Updated FDRWG membership including naming Dan Money as FDRWG co-chair and updated TSAC membership

## Committees

- TSAC – Technical and Scientific Advisory Committee
- Finance
- Communications
- Water Quality Monitoring (ad hoc)
- Strategic Planning Subgroup

## Project Team Support

- Watershed project teams are working to develop projects in 8 districts.
- Watershed Project teams reported \$1,054,789 spent on project development in FY 18 and thus far in FY 19.
- Exploring 23 individual projects

# Project Monitoring

Implement a nutrient and sediment load monitoring strategy

Conduct Rapid Floristic Quality Assessments at the Klondike project site in the Two Rivers Watershed District

Develop a “story map” based reporting method to encompass all project monitoring efforts and aid in writing EAs and EAWs, and other permits

Hold quarterly Red River Basin Monitoring Advisory Committee meetings

Train 31 (professionals + volunteer) water quality staff that collect data at sites around the basin

# 2018 Accomplishments

Project Team Support –  
\$143,478 distributed to  
seven watershed districts

Project Acceleration Funding  
-\$23,000 allocated to two  
watershed districts

Project Monitoring - \$85,000  
water quality monitoring,  
training, and reporting and  
leveraged \$85,000 matching  
funds from RRWMB



# 2018 Accomplishments

Communication and Outreach – Flyers, surveys, etc.

Work Group Meetings and Conference – \$10,000 to plan and co-hosted annual conference

Strategic Planning – Established a Strategic Planning Committee to review FDRWG documents

## Established a sub-committee to review the Mediation Agreement and Project Team Handbook

- Sub-committee has completed their review of the Mediation Agreement
- Consensus that the Mediation Agreement remains a strong document
- Recommendations to the FDRWG for some updates to be added via an addendum
  - 20 years of progress in flood damage reduction
  - Enhanced awareness of NREs based on research

## TSAC reviewed technical papers for needed updates

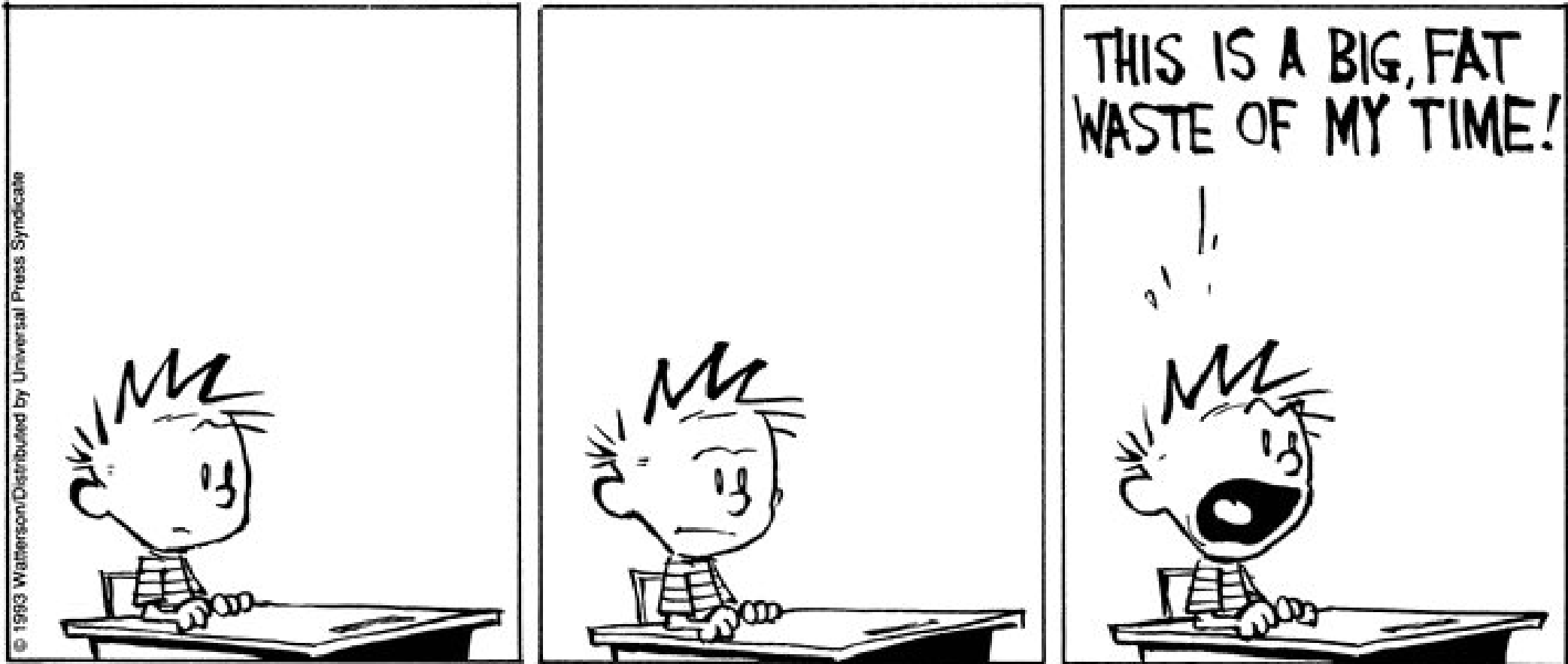
- TP #3 is being updated.
- Identified papers needing updates, or addendums and summaries.
- TSAC is discussing topics that could merit a technical paper.
- TSAC is preparing a report to FDRWG on updates needed and other topics that should be researched.

## Still working on . . . .

Review project team process handbook and make recommendations for updates

Seek a holistic view of FDRWG work with stakeholders in the Basin

Define what our work includes



Let's move on . . . THANK YOU!