SWIFT COULEE / MARSHALL COUNTY DITCH #3 PROJECT TEAM MEETING MIDDLE-SNAKE-TAMARAC RIVERS WATERSHED DISTRICT DECEMBER 10, 2019



SWIFT COULEE / MCD #3

Tasks Completed

- Purpose and Need of Project Concurrence Point #1 Army Corps of Engineers Permit Process
 - Provide flood damage reduction to agricultural lands due to a 10-year 24-hour rainfall event and to reduce flood damage to public transportation infrastructure in the Swift Coulee / MCD #3 sub-watershed.

Survey

- Existing Conditions Hydraulic and Hydrologic (H&H) Modeling
- H&H Modeling of Conceptual Alternatives
- Potential Alternatives and Alternatives to Carry Forward Concurrence Point #2
 - Reduce Flood Volume, Increase Conveyance Capacity, Increase Temp. Flood Storage, Protection/Avoidance
- Individual Meetings with Majority Landowners where Alternatives were Identified
- Identification of the Selected Alternative Concurrence Point #3
 - Today's Meeting Topic

SWIFT COULEE / MARSHALL COUNTY **DITCH #3 WATERSHED PLANNING**

Swift Coulee Sub-Watershed Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers Watershed District

> Concurrence Point #3: Identification of the Selected Alternative

> > September 11, 2019



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- 3. Diversion
- 4. Off-channel impoundment site
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SELECTING ALTERNATIVE

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Alternative	Resouce Type	Impact Type	Impact Amount	Meets t	he Purpose	e and Need	
	• Wetlands	• Temporary excavation / fill to create wetland embankment and outlet	• Varies by wetland but generally small.	10-YR Protection of Ag Land	Yes	Partially	🗌 No
1 Restore or Create Wetlands				Flood Reduction to Infrastructure	Yes	 Partially 	🗌 No
				NRE Benefits	Yes	Partially	🗌 No
2	• MCD #3	Permanent excavation to ditch	 13.5 channel miles within MCD #3 and the Swift Coulee 14.5 acres of potential temporary wetland impact 	10-YR Protection of Ag Land	Yes	Partially	□ No
2 Agriculture Drainage and Side Inlet Pipe Installations	• Snake River	Increased peak flows and potentially higher		Flood Reduction to Infrastructure	Yes	Partially	✓ No
		flood damages		NRE Benefits	Yes	Partially	🗌 No
	• MCD #3	• Wetlands adjacent to MCD #3 will be impacted, increased flow and potentially	Downstream wetland impact of 5.6 acres Excavation wetland impact of 0.6 acres	10-YR Protection of Ag Land	Yes	Partially	No No
3 Flood Diversion A		higher flood damages	• Estimated impact of 10.6 miles of MCD #3	Flood Reduction to Infrastructure	Yes	Partially	🗌 No
				NRE Benefits	Yes	Partially	🗌 No
3 Flood Diversion B	• Swift Coulee	Wetlands adjacent Swift Coulee will be impacted	Downstream wetland impact of 101.3 acres Excavation wetland impact of 0.1 acres	10-YR Protection of Ag Land	Yes	Partially	No No
	• MCD #3	• Wetlands adjacent to MCD #3 will be	• Estimated impact of 5.3 miles of Swift Coulee	Flood Reduction to Infrastructure	Yes	Partially	🗌 No
		impacted, increased flow and potentially higher flood damages	• Estimated impact of 11.1 miles of MCD #3	NRE Benefits	Yes	Partially	🗌 No
4 Off Channel Impoundment Site D	• Swift Coulee	• Temporary excavation / fill to create coulee diversion inlet	• Estimated 125 feet of chaneel levee would be removed and replaced with a weir that would direct flows about bankfull	10-YR Protection of Ag Land	Yes	Partially	🗌 No
	• Wetlands	• Excavation under ditch footprint, fill under	elevation into a channel leading to the impoundment • Excavation: 0.3 A.	100-YR Protection of Farmsteads	Yes	Partially	🗌 No
		embankment footprint, inundation (during high runoff event only)	Fill: 0 Ac. Inundation: 0 Ac.	NRE Benefits	✔ Yes	Partially	🗌 No
	• Swift Coulee	• Temporary excavation / fill to create coulee diversion inlet	• Estimated 125 feet of chaneel levee would be removed and replaced with a weir that would direct flows about bankfull	10-YR Protection of Ag Land	Yes	Partially	🗌 No
4 Off Channel Impoundment Site E	• Wetlands	• Excavation under ditch footprint, fill under	elevation into a channel leading to the impoundment • Excavation: 0 Ac.	100-YR Protection of Farmsteads	Yes	Partially	🗌 No
		embankment footprint, inundation (during high runoff event only)	• Fill: 0.3 Ac. • Inundation: 0 Ac.	NRE Benefits	✔ Yes	Partially	🗌 No
4 Off Channel Impoundment Site F	• Swift Coulee	• Temporary excavation / fill to create coulee diversion inlet	• Estimated 125 feet of chaneel levee would be removed and replaced with a weir that would direct flows about bankfull	10-YR Protection of Ag Land	Yes	Partially	🗌 No
	• Wetlands	• Excavation under ditch footprint, fill under	elevation into a channel leading to the impoundment • Excavation: 0 Ac.	100-YR Protection of Farmsteads	Yes	Partially	□ No
		embankment footprint, inundation (during high runoff event only)	• Fill: 0 Ac. • Inundation: 1.0 Ac.	NRE Benefits	✔ Yes	Partially	🗌 No
5	• Swift Coulee	• Excavation of the channel to natural design	 11.3 channel miles along Swift Coulee Wetland impacted adjacent to the Swift Coulee would be 58.0 Ac. 	10-YR Protection of Ag Land	Yes	Partially	🗌 No
Channel Restoration, Setting Back Existing Levees and Side Inlet Pipe				Flood Reduction to Infrastructure	Yes	Partially	🗌 No
Installations				NRE Benefits	✓ Yes	Partially	🗌 No

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6	• Wetlands • Swift Coulee	See 1, 2, and 3 Impact Types Above	See 1, 2, and 3 Impact Amounts Above	10-YR Protection of Ag Land	✔ Yes	Partially	🗌 No
0 Combination of Alternatives 1, 2, and 3 above	• MCD #3 • Snake River			Flood Reduction to Infrastructure	Yes	Partially	🗌 No
1, 2, and 5 above				NRE Benefits	✔ Yes	Partially	No No
_	• Wetlands • Swift Coulee	See 1, 2, and 4 Impact Types Above	See 1, 2, and 4 Impact Amounts Above	10-YR Protection of Ag Land	✔ Yes	Partially	No No
7 Combination of Alternatives 1, 2, and 4 above	• MCD #3			Flood Reduction to Infrastructure	Yes	Partially	🗌 No
				NRE Benefits	✔ Yes	Partially	🗌 No
â	• Wetlands • Swift Coulee	See 1, 3, and 4 Impact Types Above	See 1, 3, and 4 Impact Amounts Above	10-YR Protection of Ag Land	✔ Yes	Partially	No No
8 Combination of Alternatives	• MCD #3		• The downstream wetland impacts from the Flood Diversion would be reduced.	Flood Reduction to Infrastructure	✔ Yes	Partially	🗌 No
1, 5, and 7 above				NRE Benefits	Yes	Partially	🗌 No
	• Wetlands • Swift Coulee	See 1, 2, 3, and 4 Impact Types Above	See 1, 2, 3, and 4 Impact Amounts Above	10-YR Protection of Ag Land	Yes	Partially	No No
9 Combination of Alternatives	• MCD #3			Flood Reduction to Infrastructure	Yes	Partially	🗌 No
1, 2, 3, and 4 above				NRE Benefits	✔ Yes	Partially	🗌 No
	• Wetlands • Swift Coulee	See 1, 2, and 5 Impact Types Above	See 1, 2, and 5 Impact Amounts Above	10-YR Protection of Ag Land	Yes	Partially	No No
10 Combination of Alternatives	• MCD #3 • Snake River		• The wetland impacts from 2 and 4 would be 58.0 Ac. combined	Flood Reduction to Infrastructure	Yes	Partially	✓ No
1, 2, and 5 above				NRE Benefits	✔ Yes	Partially	🗌 No
	• Wetlands • Swift Coulee	See 1, 4, and 5 Impact Types Above	See 1, 4, and 5 Impact Amounts Above	10-YR Protection of Ag Land	✓ Yes	Partially	🗌 No
11 Combination of Alternatives				Flood Reduction to Infrastructure	✔ Yes	Partially	□ No
1, 4, and 5 above				NRE Benefits	✔ Yes	Partially	🗌 No
10	• Wetlands • Swift Coulee	See 1, 2, 4, and 5 Impact Types Above	See 1, 2, 4, and 5 Impact Amounts Above	10-YR Protection of Ag Land	✓ Yes	Partially	🗌 No
12 Combination of Alternatives	• MCD #3			Flood Reduction to Infrastructure	Yes	Partially	□ No
1, 2, 4, and 5 above			• The wetland impacts from 2 and 4 would be 58.3 Ac. combined	NRE Benefits	Yes	Partially	🗌 No

SELECTED ALTERNATIVE





Alternative 11

- Meets the Purpose and Need throughout Sub-Watershed
- Low Potential Impacts to Aquatic Ecosystem
- Preferred off-channel impoundment site (Site D)
 - Largest Gated Storage Capacity
 - Minimal Environmental Impact
 - No Drain Tile, Least Amount of Landowners

Channel Restoration – Environmental Enhancement (Outside Funding)



Questions/Discussion



 Comment Period on Concurrence Point #3 (Identification of Selected Alternative)

- Posted on the Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers Watershed District Website
- <u>https://mstrwd.org/</u>
- Comment Period Ends December 31, 2019

NEXT STEPS



- Review and address comments on CP #3
- Submit CP #3 to USACE for approval
- Begin Preliminary Design of Selected Alternative
- Draft Preliminary Engineer's Report
- Continue project discussion/communication with landowners

SITE MAP





Return Period	24-Hour Rainfall (in.)	4-Day Rainfall (in.)
2 – year	2.3	3.0
5 – year	2.9	3.7
10 – year	3.5	4.3
25 – year	4.4	5.3
50 – year	5.1	6.1
100 – year	5.9	7.0