





Turtle Connection Cross Lakes

Red Lake Watershed District

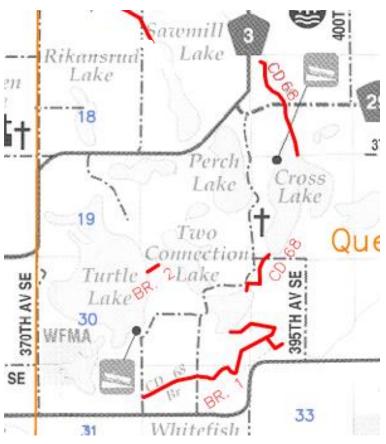


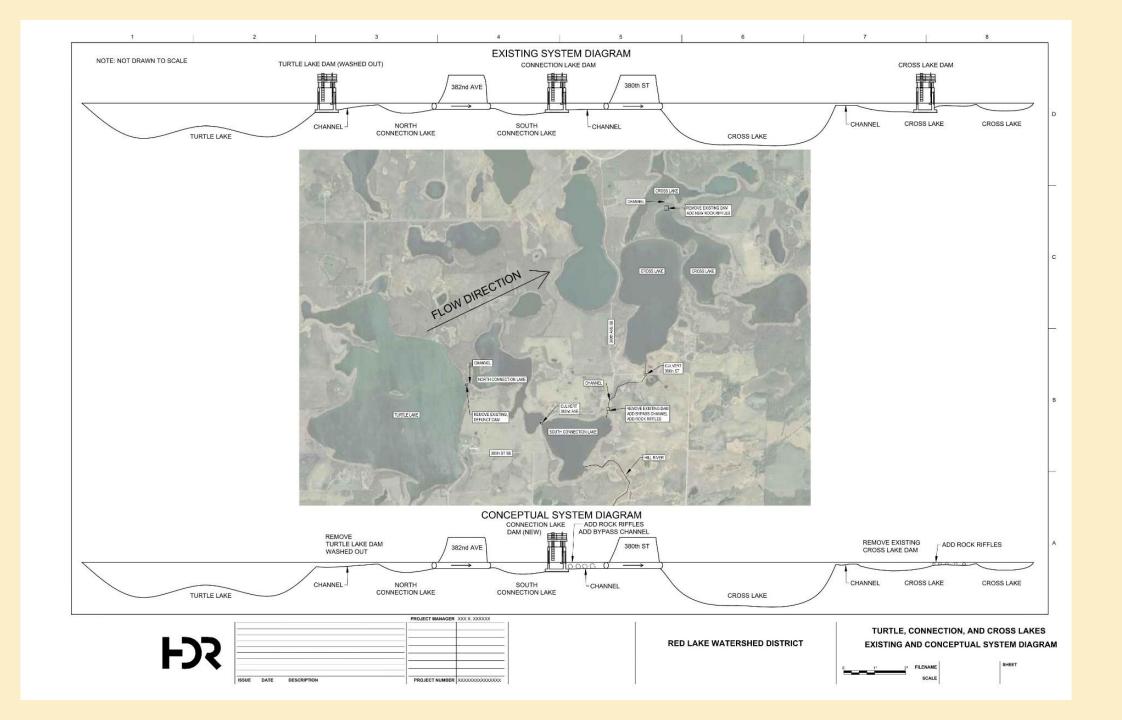
BACKGROUND

- 1933: All three dams built, and water levels established by court order.
- 1934-1940: Much debate about removing the dams.
- Sometime between 1933 to 1991:Turtle Lake Dam washed out and has been non-functioning for years.
- Mid 1990s: Red Lake Watershed District completes "Cross Lake and Turtle Lake Water Quality Study Report."
- Circa 2019: South Connection Lake Dam washed out.
- 2022 MnDNR approaches RLWD about a consensus approach to replacing the aging dams

BACKGROUND

• Circa 1918: County Ditch #68 built to drain Turtle, Connections, & Cross.





PURPOSE AND NEED FOR ACTION

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The purpose of this proposed action is *Water Level Stabilization and Flood Damage Reduction*:

The proposed action is needed to stabilize water levels for the benefit of recreational users, landowners, and fish

Secondary benefits from the project may include:

- Temporary flood retention during high runoff events
- Contribution to a regional goal of reducing peak flows along the Red River by 20 percent during flooding events
- Maintenance of late Summer and Fall water levels in order to maintain recreational access for boaters



ROCK ARCH DAM



BYPASS CONTROL STRUCTURE