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## 8.0 ANNUAL MONITORING AND EVALUATION PROGRAM

Any watershed management plan requires an annual monitoring and evaluation program to review activities that were completed and, if necessary, to reprioritize implementation activities in the watershed to meet local needs or to capitalize on funding opportunities from other programs. To accomplish this, the RLWD will develop an annual activity report which contains the following information:

- ❖ **Board / Advisory Committee Member Information**

A list of the RLWD's board members, advisory committee members and board member vacancies at the end of the reporting year, including the names of designated officers and members and information on how members can be contacted, and indicating the county that each board member is appointed by
- ❖ **District Employee / Consultant Contact Information**

A list of District employees and consultants, including mailing addresses and telephone numbers
- ❖ **Previous Year's Annual Work Plan Assessment**

An assessment of the previous year's annual work plan that indicates whether the stated goals and objectives were achieved and, if they were not achieved, indicates why they could not be achieved
- ❖ **Projected Work Plan for the Coming Year**

A projected work plan for the next year indicating the desired goals and objectives
- ❖ **Permit / Variance Summary**

A summary of the permits or variances issued or denied under ordinances or rules required by the RLWD or local plan and any enforcement actions initiated by either the RLWD or its local units of government
- ❖ **Water Quality Monitoring Summary**

A summary of water quality monitoring data collected by the RLWD or its local units of government
- ❖ **Local Plan Evaluation**

An evaluation of the status of local plan adoption and implementation based on a review of the local unit of governments' activities by the RLWD during the past year

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- ❖ Relevant District Service Activities

The RLWD's activities related to the biennial solicitations for interest proposals for legal, professional or technical consultant services

- ❖ Fund Balance Assessment

An assessment of changes in fund balances, including a description of the costs of each program element with respect to the overall annual budget

- ❖ Status of Wetland Banking Program

The status of any locally adopted wetland banking program

This annual monitoring and evaluation report will be presented to the residents of the RLWD at one of the regular monthly Managers meetings.

## **8.1 PERMITS AND RULES PROGRAM**

The RLWD requires a permit application to be submitted for the following activities:

- ❖ Water is to be diverted from one watershed to another
- ❖ Water is to be drained into a legal ditch
- ❖ A ditch is to be repaired
- ❖ A marsh is to be drained
- ❖ A dike is to be constructed or altered
- ❖ A reservoir is to be drained or constructed
- ❖ A bridge, culvert or drain is to be installed or changed
- ❖ A natural waterway, lake or marsh is to be changed
- ❖ Construction is to be done near a waterway, lake or marsh

According to the RLWD's annual report, the RLWD received 147 permit applications and approved 140 permits. The RLWD has received over 2,300 permit applications since 1987 and since the year 2000 averages about 140 applications per year. The RLWD inspects each permit site for compliance with permit conditions.

The intent of the permit program is to effectively manage and protect the resources of the RLWD while allowing for reasonable use. The RLWD feels that it has been effective in accomplishing these missions and will continue to work with the other natural resource management agencies to further these goals.