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Hi Rachel,

This was just in reference to the comment table; I haven't had the chance to look at the revised sections yet. Do you need me to add the phrase "as described in the comment table" after "proposed revisions" and resend? Let me know. I had thought I was being clear, but now I definitely see how it could be confusing!

Thanks,
Anne

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Hi Anne,

Thank you very much for your review, collaboration, and response. It's greatly helpful to know that we're heading in the right direction! Thank you also for your feedback on timing of the plan and format of the implementation table.

One clarifying question for you. During our meeting (and in the follow up email from 11/7), we wanted to give you two different ways of indicating that we were headed in the right direction:

- Formal Review Comment Table
- Revised Plan Sections

Was this email serving to indicate that you were comfortable both with the Formal Review Comment Table and the Revised Plan Sections, or just the Comment Table? Just wanted to double check.

Thanks again, Anne!
Rachel

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Hi Phil, Dawn, and Rachel,

Thank you for your excellent work on this plan overall, but also for taking the time to thoughtfully address BWSR's comments on the 60-day draft. I particularly appreciated the opportunity for an in-person work session to talk through our comments and VLAWMO's responses. At this point, I have no concerns about the proposed revisions and encourage you to keep moving forward in the plan process.

One item to note regarding the following comment:

22	BWSR	Overall	N/A	The implementation table for this plan runs from 2027-2036; will VLAWMO be using the current plan for implementation during 2026? When does VLAWMO hope to seek BWSR Board approval? Note that the BWSR Board approval date is what determines the duration and expiration of a plan. MN Statute §103B.231 Subd. 4 (a) states, "The watershed management plan must specify the period covered by the plan and must extend at least five years but no more than ten years from the date the board approves the plan", where "board" refers to the BWSR Board, per MN Statute §103B.205 Subd. 2.	TBD	3	To be confirmed with BWSR. If needed, plan will be changed to 2026-2036 with implementation table updated accordingly.
Replaced "citizens" with a number of "the public"							

After discussion with VLAWMO staff, BWSR does not foresee issues with the timing of the 2027-2036 Plan approval in early/mid 2026 and the start of implementation. VLAWMO will be operating on their board-approved 2026 budget and work plan, which will guide WMO activities through the remainder of the year.

Thank you,
Anne

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