

## Comments on 2018 Proposed NLFCZD Budget

### 2017 Budget vs 2017 Projected Expenses

- Line 10 NL Engineer - increase due to extra hours spent dealing with flooding and debris issues. Reimbursement for extra expenses has been requested from FEMA under their Public Assistance Grant Program.
- Line 13 Other Assistance – increase due to extra hours spent dealing with flooding and debris issues. Reimbursement for extra expenses has been requested from FEMA under their Public Assistance Grant Program.
- Line 21 Watershed Activities – decrease due to not making planned donation to Local Lakes Conference plus no unexpected expenditures to date.
- Line 23 NPDES and Dam Safety Permit – increase due to DOE raising cost of NPDES permit after final budget was prepared.
- Line 30 Minor FC Maint/Repairs - increase due to extra expenses dealing with flooding and debris issues. Reimbursement for extra expenses has been requested from FEMA under their Public Assistance Grant Program.
- Line 31 Sump Cleaning / Dike Repair – decrease due to dam repair work being delayed, decrease is offset by an expected expense of \$22,500 to clean sump of sediment deposited by storm flows. Reimbursement for extra expenses has been requested from FEMA under their Public Assistance Grant Program.
- Line 35 Alum Purchases – decrease reflects decision to reduce alum purchases by 1 load to reduce expenditures to a level that maintains a minimum positive reserve level
- Line 36 Equip. Maint – this includes \$7000 Rogers Machinery contract, \$3000 for dive inspection of in-lake equipment, \$1600 for inspection of Air-Sep equipment by factory service representative, \$400 for boat slip rental
- Line 44 Watershed Newsletter – increase due to second mailing of newsletter corrections

### 2018 Budget vs 2017 Budget

- Lines 10 -13 Salaries/OH/Benefits – increases in staff costs reflect an accounting change to start charging a 20.63% indirect rate. Also previously staff time estimates were made by making adjustments to the previous year estimate based on expected staffing “trends”. For 2018 staff time was calculated based on a task analysis.
- Line 22 NPDES & Dam Safety Permits – increase due to potential cost if we are required to obtain a dam safety permit due to increased risk classification
- Line 36 Equip. Maint – this includes \$7000 Rogers Machinery contract, \$3000 for dive inspection of in-lake equipment, \$1600 for inspection of Air-Sep equipment by factory service representative, \$400 for boat slip rental plus \$11,000 for diver contract to remove in-lake pump for overhaul.

NLFCZD 2018 Draft Budget

Advisory Board Recommendations and Comments to County Engineer and District Staff

6-21-2017

1. There was a consensus by the Advisory Board on confirmation of the overall Mission and Goals of the District as stated in the Policy and Procedures Manual. These are:
  - Maintain and operate District facilities and manage lake level to serve the needs of affected property owners, farmers, recreationists and others.
  - Provide leadership and a focus for community efforts to improve lake water quality.
  - Minimize impact of watershed activities on lake water quality.
  - Monitor lake water quality parameters and maintain and operate lake oxygenation and alum injection systems to maximize their benefit.
  - To pursue the containment and control of invasive aquatic species, specifically Eurasian milfoil.
  
2. There was a consensus by the Advisory Board that the District must devote its available resources and funding to the stated Mission and Goals. Other issues may affect specific overall Mission and Goals stated. However, where another Agency or Department has jurisdiction and enforcement powers, District involvement should be confined to serving as a conduit for contact information for property owners and others due to a limited tax base and funding. Some of these issues are:
  - Shoreline erosion.
  - Inspection and wash stations for invasive aquatic species.
  - Watershed restoration projects.
  - On-site septic system compliance and enhanced lake water sampling.
  - Various watershed activities as outlined in the Comprehensive Plan of Development for Stormwater Control in the Newman Lake Watershed and the Newman Lake TMDL Water Quality Implementation Plan.
  
3. The draft 2018 budget was reviewed line-by-line to find any areas that a reduction in proposed cost or even elimination could be realistically realized without affecting overall District Mission and Goals. It was determined that some line items need some further clarification for understanding what comprises that category. It appears that the two major items to affect the budget are Staff time and the quantity of alum delivered. As discussed over the past couple of years, a compromise must be discussed further and initiated to reduce Staff time spent responding to the enormous amount of community concerns and inquiries regarding Flood Control District operations. This would go a long ways in helping to reduce budget costs in the future. It was also agreed that it is critical that the reserves be built back up to the recommended levels and that all savings need to be applied to the reserve levels. The revised budget spreadsheet attached incorporates the following recommendations and comments:
  - Lines 10 & 11: The Staff time for Water Quality was reduced by a total of 19 days by eliminating time spent for Honeymoon Bay stormwater issues, septic issues and sampling work.
  - Line 11: The Staff time was reduced by 4 days for newsletter preparation tasks. This should be doable with volunteer help as has been done for the past 2 years.
  - Line 12, FC/Aerator Tech: Need clarification on specific duties for this category, i.e. frequency of gage readings, etc.
  - Line 21, Watershed Activities: Needs further clarification for purpose of this category.
  - Line 33, Milfoil Control: Needs further clarification for the difference between the DOE

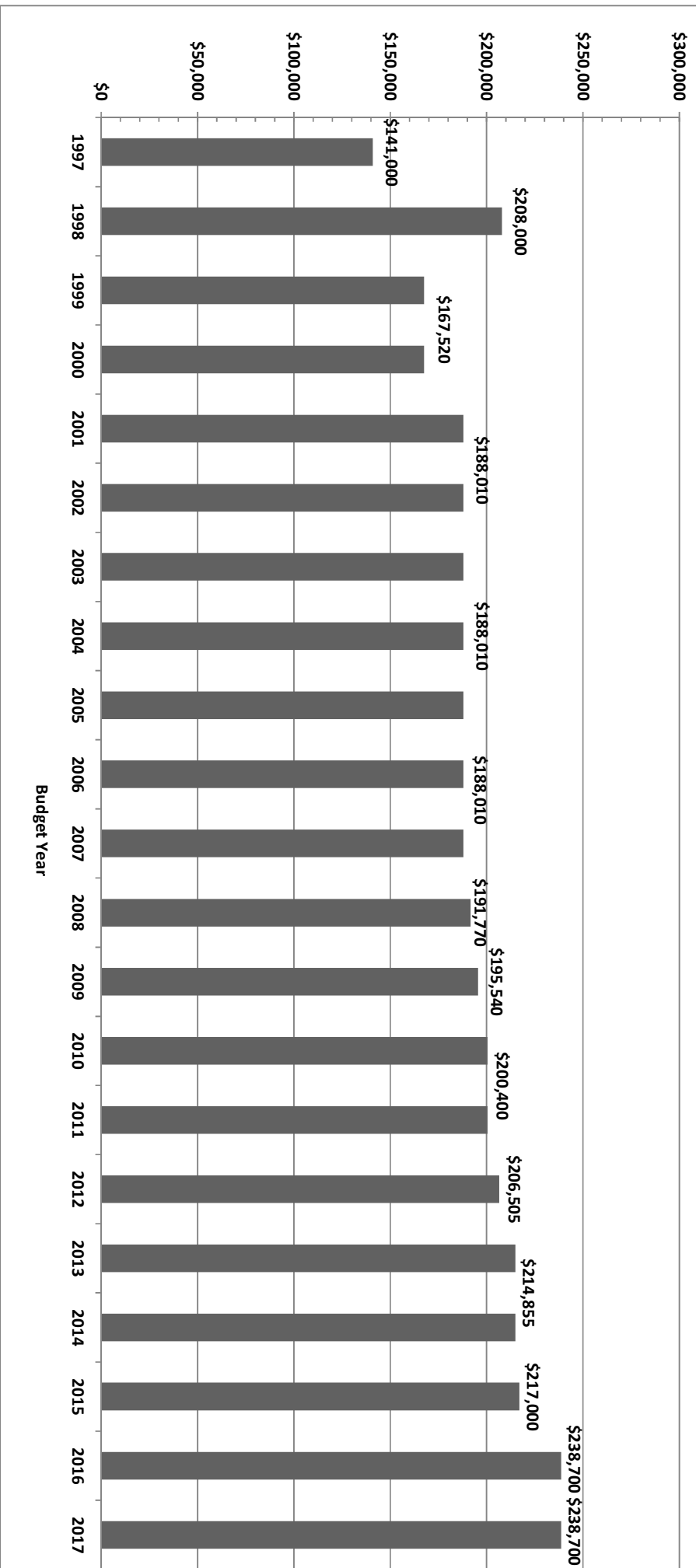
- grant amount and the proposed budget amount.
- Line 35, Alum Purchase: Recommend that the budget covers 8 deliveries of alum, vs. 10.
  - Line 38, Materials & Supplies: Needs further clarification for what is included in this category.
  - Line 42, Mileage/Cell phone/Motorpool: Needs further clarification for what is included in this category. Separate 477-4477 phone line, etc.?
  - Line 43, Publication/Postage/Printing: Needs further clarification for what is included in this category.
  - Line 44, Newsletter: Reduce from \$1425 to \$1200 with volunteer help.
  - Line 45, Training/Travel: Recommend a reduction of 50% for this category.

With the above recommendation in the draft budget and no increase in the proposed assessments, there is the possibility of an approximate \$20,000 - \$22,000 reduction in costs that could be utilized to build back the reserves.

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## NEWMAN LAKE FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT TOTAL ASSESSMENTS 1997-2017



Summary of Budget Line Item Purpose/Justification

**Support Agreements and Assistance**

20	Lake WQ Monitoring & Lab Services	Requirement of NPDES permit which is needed to operate the alum injection system
21	Watershed Activities	Expenses for the support of watershed education and management efforts and implementation of the Comprehensive Plan.
22	NPDES and Dam Safety Permits	NPDES permit required for alum injection system operation and milfoil herbicide application. Dam Safety Permit may be required for maintenance of dike.
23	NRCS for Snow Gage Site	Cooperative share of Quartz Snotel site maintenance... used for estimating snow melt flows and lake level maintenance.
24	Legal Assistance	Legal advice as needed.

**Equip. & Facility Oper./Repair/Maint.**

30	Minor FC Maintenance/Repairs	Minor maintenance or repair of flood control facilities .... Cleaning debris from outlet structure, clearing debris from channel, etc.
31	Sump Cleaning / Dike Repair	Large flood control maintenance or repair projects.
32	Noxious Weed Control	Noxious weed control on flood control district property as required by County Weed Board.
33	Milfoil Control	Milfoil control efforts.
34	Electricity	Power supplied to the compressor building for operation of the aerator and alum injection system.
35	Alum Purchases	Purchase of liquid alum for injection system.
36	Equipment Maintenance	Maintenance of aerator and alum injection system.
37	Water Service	Water supplied to compressor building for use with the alum injection system.
38	Materials and Supplies	Smaller purchases that don't fit in any of the above categories ... boat gas, door filters, light bulbs, repair parts for alum system, grease, tools, etc.

**Overhead**

40	Property Taxes	On District owned property.
41	Insurance	Required for District facilities and operations - payment to County Risk pool
42	Motorpool/Mileage/Phones	Mileage and cell phone costs for NL extra help staff
43	Adver., Printing, Post., Publ.	General operation mailings of district and required advertising for budget and roll hearings.
44	Watershed Newsletter	Used to inform all district property owners on critical issues at least once per year. More volunteer assistance could reduce costs.
45	Training/Travel	Sends 1-2 staff to WALPA lakes conference annually. Keeps staff up to date on latest issues with WA/N ID lakes.