

CHAPTER 114A

SOUTHERN MINNESOTA RIVERS BASIN BOARD

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Subdivision 1. The southern Minnesota rivers basin board is established to serve as the regional organization for guiding the creation and implementation of a comprehensive environmental conservation and development plan for the basin. All state departments and agencies shall cooperate with the board, and assist it in the performance of its duties. In cooperation with all federal agencies, including but not limited to the United States departments of agriculture and interior and the corps of engineers, all state agencies, departments, and commissions, including but not limited to the department of natural resources, Minnesota geological survey, water resources board, department of energy, planning and development, department of transportation, state soil and water conservation board, pollution control agency, department of agriculture, and the institute of agriculture of the University of Minnesota, and local governments and citizens within the basin, the board shall initiate, coordinate and prepare its overall comprehensive environmental conservation and development plan. The Minnesota soil and water conservation board and local soil and water conservation districts and watershed districts within the basin shall provide technical assistance to the board in the creation and implementation of the plan. Upon the request of the board, the governor or the legislature may require any other department or agency of the state to furnish assistance, technical or otherwise, to the board in the performance of its duties or in the exercise of its powers authorized by law. The plan may include, but is not limited to, planning for the following purposes:

- (1) Control or alleviation of damages by flood waters;
- (2) Improvement of stream channels for handling of surface waters, navigation, and any other public purposes;
- (3) Reclaiming or filling of wet and overflowed lands;
- (4) Regulating the flow of streams and conserving the waters thereof;
- (5) Diverting or changing watercourses in whole or in part;
- (6) Providing and maintaining water quality and supply for municipal, domestic, industrial, recreational, agricultural, aesthetic, wildlife, fishery, or other public use;
- (7) Providing for sanitation and public health and regulating uses of streams, ditches, or watercourses for the purpose of disposing of waste and maintaining water quality;
- (8) Repair, improvement, relocation, modification, consolidation or abandonment in whole or in part of previously established public drainage systems within the territory;
- (9) Imposition of prevention or remedial measures for the control or alleviation of land and soil erosion and siltation of watercourses or bodies of water affected thereby;
- (10) Regulation of improvements and land development by abutting landowners of the beds, banks, and shores of lakes, streams, watercourses, and marshes by permit or otherwise in order to preserve the same for beneficial use; the regulation

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shall be in accordance with state department of natural resource standards and criteria;

(11) Regulation of construction of improvements on and prevention of encroachments in the flood plains of the rivers, and the lakes, marshes and streams of the basin; the regulation shall be in accordance with state department of natural resource standards and criteria.

[For text of subd 2, see M.S.1980]

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