
10.0 CONFLICT BETWEEN EXISTING PROGRAMS AND POLICIES OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS

10.1 SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

The RLWD will coordinate its programs with those of the Beltrami, Clearwater, Itasca, Koochiching, Marshall, Mahnommen, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake and Roseau County SWCDs. The RLWD will collaborate with these agencies when possible to prevent overlap in planning activities and reduce any duplication of efforts. Cooperation will also allow for shared funding while implementing conservation activities.

10.2 COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE LOCAL WATER PLANS

It is the intent of the RLWD to coordinate water management efforts with the Comprehensive Local Water Plans of the counties included within each district. This will help to improve the sharing of resources and to ensure that each district and county are moving towards the same FDR and NRE goals.

10.3 STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES

The RLWD will involve state and federal agencies through the Mediation Agreement Project Work Teams to review proposed projects. District staff work closely with state and federal staff during the day to day operations of each district and will continue to do so on a regular basis.

10.4 COUNTY DITCH SYSTEMS

The RLWD will work with and cooperate with each of the counties within the districts to coordinate water management efforts with regard to flood control and ditch systems. This is essential because of the vast network of ditches and their interrelation with water management activities.

10.5 RED LAKE BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

The Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians maintains jurisdiction over more than 846,500 acres of land. Over 664,602 acres of Red Lake Nation lands are situated within the geographic extent of the RLWD, constituting 18 percent of the land within the geographic scope of the RLWD. The Red Lake Band resides on land it has held since prior to the establishment of the U.S. and the subsequent establishment of the State of Minnesota, and exerts sole jurisdiction over its lands. While the lands of the Red Lake Band are held in common by the entirety of the Red Lake Band membership, with no individual property ownership, the lands of the Red Lake Band are not public lands in the same sense as other public lands in the U.S. or the State of Minnesota. In essence, the lands of the Red Lake Band constitute foreign soil to non-Red Lake Band residents of the U.S. The major focus of land management on the Red Lake Reservation is for fisheries and wildlife habitat and cultural purposes.