

INTRODUCTION

The Valley Branch Watershed District was established November 14, 1968 by the Minnesota Water Resources Board, now the Board of Water and Soil Resources. Flooding problems in the area led to the petition to establish the District, which covers approximately 64 square miles and is located on the eastern edge of the Minneapolis-St. Paul Metropolitan area. Approximately one square mile of the District is in Ramsey County; the remainder of the District lies in Washington County. [The figure on the next page shows the location and communities of the District.](#)

This 2008 Annual Report is intended to furnish public officials and agencies with information about the Valley Branch Watershed District and to satisfy the requirements of Minnesota Statutes 103D.351 and MN Rules Chapter 8410, the Metro Area Local Water Management Rules. This report summarizes District activities during the period of January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008.

The remainder of this annual report is organized into two sections. Section 1 is the report on activities of the Board of Managers, and includes 2008 and 2009 organization and budget information, a summary of 2008 projects and accomplishments, and a list of goals for 2009.

Section 2 is a summary of the District Engineer's activities. Technical data collected during 2008 is tabulated in the appendices to this report.

[A summary of the District, published by the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources, follows the District location figure.](#)

**2008 ANNUAL REPORT
VALLEY BRANCH WATERSHED DISTRICT**

SECTION 1: ACTIVITIES OF THE MANAGERS

**PART I
2008 ORGANIZATION AND BUDGET INFORMATION**

A. Board of Managers

Name	Address	County	Year First Appointed	Term Expires
Lincoln Fetcher President	2634 E. 19 th Avenue N. St. Paul, MN 55109 651-779-9780 lfetcher@isd.net	Ramsey	03/1999	11/13/10
David Bucheck Vice President	2301 Legion Avenue Lake Elmo, MN 55042 651-770-1730 djbucheck@yahoo.com	Washington	12/1995	11/13/11
Donald Scheel Secretary	13404 S. 15 th Street Afton, MN 55001 651-436-2203 dgscheel@visi.com	Washington	11/1999	11/13/11
Dale Borash Treasurer	996 Neal Avenue Stillwater, MN 55082 651-337-0000 dbotash@msn.com	Washington	08/1996	11/13/09
Ray Lucksinger Manager	12775 - 5 th Street N. Lake Elmo, MN 55042 651-436-3368	Washington	11/2007	11/13/10

B. District Information

District Address

The official address of the Valley Branch Watershed District is *P.O. Box 838, Lake Elmo, Minnesota 55042*. The District does not have a central office. Interested citizens may write to the District at the address above or contact one of the Managers.

District Website

The District's website address is WWW.VBWD.ORG. The website includes permitting information; manager and consultant information; agendas and minutes from managers' meetings; links to other state, county, and community sites; water quantity and quality information; annual reports; information regarding stormwater best management practices; and the 2005-2015 watershed management plan.

District Consultants

The District has no full-time employees. As required by Minnesota Statutes, the Managers solicit proposals for legal and professional consultant service biennially. The Managers solicited proposals in the fall of 2008 and voted on December 11, 2008, to retain the legal, engineering, and auditing consultants.

The following consultants serve the Managers.

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Scheduled Meetings

The regularly scheduled District meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursdays of every month, in the Lake Elmo City Council Chambers located at 3800 Laverne Avenue North in Lake Elmo. At times the regular meeting dates are changed, and when necessary, the meetings are canceled. In 2008, the meeting on February 14th was canceled. As in other years, the managers held only one meeting in November and one in December 2008.

District Plan

The 2005-2015 Valley Branch Watershed District Watershed Management Plan (Plan) was approved by the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources on October 26, 2005. The District Managers adopted the Plan on November 10, 2005. The Plan is posted to the District's website.

Local Plans

The table below summarizes the status of the local plans.

Community	Deadline	Status
Afton	11/10/2007	Afton had not submitted a local water management plan to the VBWD as of December 31, 2008.
Baytown Township	05/2008	Baytown Township included a local water management plan in its draft comprehensive plan, submitted in June 2008. VBWD commented on the draft plan on October 24, 2008. As of December 31, 2008, the VBWD had not received a second draft and has not approved a plan.
Grant	11/10/2007	Grant included a local water management plan in its draft comprehensive plan that it submitted to VBWD in July 2008. VBWD responded with comments on September 26, 2008. As of December 31, 2008, the VBWD had not received a second draft and has not approved a plan.

Community	Deadline	Status
Lake Elmo	11/10/2007	Lake Elmo requested an extension to the deadline for a local water management plan in 2008. On March 13, 2008, VBWD granted an extension until March 31, 2009. As of December 31, 2008, the City had not submitted a local water management plan.
Mahtomedi	11/10/2007	Mahtomedi had not submitted a plan as of December 31, 2008.
Maplewood	11/10/2007	Maplewood had not submitted a plan as of December 31, 2008.
North St. Paul	11/10/2007	North St. Paul submitted a water management plan to VBWD in September 2008. After the City responded to VBWD comments, VBWD approved the plan on November 13, 2008. During 2008, North St. Paul also submitted a comprehensive plan and the VBWD responded with comments.
Oak Park Heights	05/2008	Oak Park Heights submitted a water management plan to VBWD in June 2008. VBWD replied with comments on September 12, 2008. As of December 31, 2008, the City had not resubmitted a revised plan and the VBWD had not approved a plan. A draft comprehensive plan was submitted in June 2008. VBWD submitted comments on October 24, 2008.
Oakdale	11/10/2007	In November 2007, Oakdale requested and received an extension to May 2008 for the completion of a water management plan. Oakdale submitted a draft water management plan in April 2008. VBWD replied with comments on May 28, 2008. As of December 31, 2008, the City has not addressed the VBWD's comments and the VBWD has not approved the plan. A draft comprehensive plan was submitted in June 2008. The VBWD submitted comments on September 26, 2008.
Pine Springs	11/10/2007	As of December 31, 2008, Pine Springs had not submitted a plan to the VBWD.

Community	Deadline	Status
Ramsey County	NA	Ramsey County submitted a draft comprehensive plan in October 2008. VBWD responded with comments on November 14, 2008.
St. Mary's Point	05/2008	St. Mary's Point submitted a water management plan to VBWD in March 2008. VBWD replied with comments on May 23, 2008. As of December 31, 2008, the VBWD had not approved the plan. The City also submitted a draft comprehensive plan in April 2008 and the VBWD responded with comments.
West Lakeland Township	05/2008	As of December 31, 2008, West Lakeland Township had not submitted a plan to the VBWD.
White Bear Lake	11/10/2007	White Bear Lake submitted draft comprehensive plan in June 2008. VBWD responded with comments on September 26, 2008
Woodbury	11/10/2007	In August 2007, Woodbury requested and received an extension from VBWD to complete its local water management plan by May 2008. A draft plan was submitted in August 2008 and the VBWD responded with comments on September 26, 2008. After Woodbury addressed the VBWD comments, VBWD approved the plan on January 22, 2009. The City also submitted a draft comprehensive plan to the VBWD in 2008. VBWD provided a comment letter to Woodbury on September 26, 2008.

Locally Adopted Wetland Banks

The District Managers, as the Local Government Unit responsible for administering the Wetland Conservation Act, have certified one wetland bank within the District. The wetland bank is within the Whistling Valley 2nd Addition in the City of Lake Elmo. The Managers certified the wetland bank on November 9, 2006. For more information on wetland credits available from this wetland bank, the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources should be contacted.

C. 2008 Administrative Budget

The Administrative Budget for the year beginning January 1, 2008 was as follows:

Accounting and Audit	\$	16,000
Bank Service Charges		40
Community Advisory Committee (CAC)		200
Contingency		2,000
Dues, Subscriptions, and Publications		2,500
Engineering/Administration*		100,000
Engineering/Project Review*		30,000
Inspection & Enforcement		1,000
Insurance & Bonds		10,000
Legal Services		35,000
Managers' Expenses		1,500
Managers' Per Diem		9,000
Miscellaneous		300
Office Supplies/Copies		2,000
Payroll Taxes	1,500	
Postage & Delivery		500
Salaries, Secretary		5,400
Salary; Technical/Lake Levels		3,000
Staff Expense		500
Legal Boundary Revision		500
Watershed District Educator Salary		<u>15,000</u>
Total Administrative Budget	\$	235,940

*These budget items are completed by Barr Engineering Company. They include:

1. Responding to information requests
2. Reviewing non-escrow projects, which require a watershed district permit
3. Reviewing and preparing correspondence for Board
4. Attending managers' meetings
5. Completing special projects and studies, as authorized by the Board
6. Assisting in the administration of the Wetland Conservation Act
7. Representing the managers at meetings and other functions

The District's 2008 annual financial report and audit is being prepared. The 2008 financial report and audit will contain the content required of Minnesota Rule 8410.0150, Subpart 2 and Subpart 3, Paragraph d.

D. Technical/Advisory Committee

The District's Advisory Committee is comprised of interested individuals and representatives of affected statutory and home rule charter cities, counties, and soil and water conservation districts.

Individuals

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Brad Hinseth
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Stillwater, MN 55082
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Barbara Walsh, Secretary
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Lake Elmo, MN 55042
777-7617

Community Representatives **Community**

Representative

City of Afton and City of St. Mary's Point
City of Lake Elmo
City of Mahtomedi
City of Maplewood
City of North St. Paul
City of Oakdale
City of White Bear Lake
Washington Conservation District
City of Grant
City of Woodbury
West Lakeland Township
City of Oak Park Heights
Baytown Township
Ramsey County
Washington County
Ramsey Conservation District

John Parotti
Ryan Stempski
Jay Kennedy
DuWayne Konewko
Dave Kotilinek
Brian Bachmeier
Mark Burch
Jyneen Thatcher, Jay Riggs
Diane Hankee
Steve Kernik
Matt Woodruff
Dennis Postler
Pat Windler
Terry Noonan
Amanda Strommer
Tom Petersen

PART II

2008 Valley Branch Watershed District Goals and Initiatives

1. Continue execution of the 2005-2015 Watershed Management Plan, including:
 - a. Implement best management practices (BMP) cost share program.
 - b. Develop strategic plan for the VBWD website.
 - c. Continue current education activities, support the East Metro Water Resources Education Program (EMWREP), respond to information requests, and develop invasive species education and control program.
 - d. Continue existing inspections, operations, monitoring, permitting, and reporting programs.
 - e. Complete wetland inventory and assessments.
 - f. Implement projects to stabilize ravines located between Weber Pond and Long Lake, on the east side of Goetschel Pond, and on the west side of the north lobe of Goose Lake. Review the stability of the ravine north of Lake DeMontreville.
 - g. Implement Valley Creek subwatershed erosion stabilization project(s), including.
 - I. Construction of the Oakgreen Avenue Infiltration Basin,
 - ii. Stabilization of the creek downstream of Putnam Boulevard
 - iii. Stabilization of the creek in the western quarter of Section 16.
 - h. Develop erosion management plan for Raleigh Creek.
 - I. Continue stormwater pond inventory program and begin to implement recommended maintenance.
 - j. Continue habitat monitoring and implement recommended actions from monitoring.
 - k. Work with the City of Oakdale to determine need for an outlet restriction on Acorn Lake.
 - l. Work with communities who are developing stormwater management plans, comprehensive plans, and other plans to ensure water resource issues are considered.

- m. Prevent possible impaired waters designation on lakes:
 - I. Complete diagnostic feasibility studies to determine the feasibility and benefits of various practices to improve the water quality to MPCA standards for Eagle Point Lake and Horseshoe Lake.
 - ii. Implement water quality improvement projects at Long Lake and Sunfish Lake.
 - iii. Pursue with MPCA and DNR changing the designation of Mud Lake from a lake to wetland.
- 2. Provide useful, informative, and timely reports on activities and finances.
- 3. Continue providing education and presentations to Managers on topics of interest.

PART III

**PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES INITIATED
BY THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
IN 2008**

1. BMP Cost-Share Program

In March 2008 the managers approved the Best Management Practices Cost-Share Program in an amount of \$100,000. The managers hired the Washington Conservation District to administer the program. A subcommittee reviews and recommends which projects should be funded by the managers. Thirty-six BMP cost share proposals were reviewed by the subcommittee in 2008. Thirty-one proposals were approved for funding by the managers.

2. Website Strategic Plan

The managers began discussing the VBWD website in 2008 and decided to work on a communications plan, with the website as a component, in 2009.

3. East Metro Watershed Education Program

The VBWD is a member of the East Metro Watershed Education Program (EMWREP). The VBWD pays for approximately 20% of the program. The EMWREP 2008 annual report is attached in Appendix A.

4. Inspections, Operations, Monitoring, Permitting, and Reporting Programs

Inspections of the District's systems and dams were completed in 2008, as usual. Minor maintenance items were noted and the District plans to have the maintenance items completed in 2009. No operation of the District's spring lake drawdown was necessary in 2008. The District's monitoring program and data reporting is presented in Part II of the Engineer's Report within this annual report.

In 2008, the Managers expanded their basin water level monitoring program to include water level monitoring at several more basins. Details on the water level monitoring are discussed in Part 1 of the Engineer's Report within this annual report.

5. Wetland Inventory and Assessment

In 2007-2008, all of the wetlands within the District were inventoried and assessed using the Minnesota Routine Assessment Method for Evaluating Wetland Functions (MNRAM). However, one of the District's contractors failed to inventory and assess approximately 30 wetlands. Those wetlands will be inventoried and assessed by the District's engineering consultant in 2009. The results of the inventory and assessments will be shared with stakeholders in 2009.

6. Ravine Stabilization Projects

The managers ordered projects for stabilizing a ravine between Weber Pond and Long Lake, on the east side of Goetschel Pond, and on the west side of the north lobe of Goose Lake, after holding a public hearing on August 28, 2008. By the end of 2008, the contractor had stabilized the Goose Lake and Goetschel Pond ravines, but the VBWD was still waiting for a temporary easement from one property owner so the contractor could not begin work on the Long Lake ravine. The VBWD expects to complete the Long Lake ravine stabilization project and establish vegetation at all of the ravine sites in 2009. At the end of 2008, the managers directed its engineer to prepare concept plans for stabilizing a ravine north of Lake DeMontreville.

7. Valley Creek Stabilization Projects

After the public hearing held on May 22, 2008, the managers ordered projects for the Oakgreen Avenue Infiltration Basin, the Upstream Stabilization Project, and the Downstream Stabilization Project. By the end of 2008, all of the projects had been constructed and vegetated.

8. Raleigh Creek

In February 2008, the VBWD engineering consultant was authorized to initiate the design documents for the stabilization of the Raleigh Creek erosion sites and to explore easement access issues. The engineering consultant worked to develop plans in 2008.

9. Stormwater Pond Inventory and Maintenance

In 2008, the District's stormwater pond inventory continued by surveying 16 more ponds. After a summer open house, public meetings with Oakdale and Mahtomedi officials, and a VBWD public hearing, the managers ordered the maintenance of nine stormwater ponds in the fall of 2008. Work began in December.

10. Habitat Monitoring

The District continued its habitat monitoring in 2008. Information regarding the program is contained in Part II of this report.

11. Eagle Point Lake Dam Revegetation

To improve the habitat of Eagle Point Lake, the managers began the first phase of revegetating the earthen dam in the fall of 2008. More work will continue in 2009.

12. Acorn Lake Outlet

Through commenting on the draft Oakdale Surface Water Management Plan, the District is working to determine if the Acorn Lake outlet needs to be restricted.

13. Community Plan Reviews

In 2008, the VBWD reviewed several local stormwater management plans and comprehensive plans, as listed in Part I of this annual report. The VBWD also reviewed and provided comments on environmental review documents, including the Draft and Final Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Xcel Energy Fly Ash Landfill in West Lakeland Township, documents regarding the Washington County Landfill in Lake Elmo, the Lake Elmo Village Area Alternative Urban Areawide Review, and the Woodbury Northeast Area Alternative Urban Areawide Review.

14. Lake Improvement Projects

In November 2007, Barr Engineering Company published a report that the managers had ordered on the water quality of Acorn (Mud) Lake, Long Lake, and Sunfish Lake. The study identified what steps could be taken, if any, such that these lakes do not become listed as impaired for nutrients by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), and if listed as impaired, what actions could be taken to remove the impairment.

After discussing the study and recommendations, the managers decided to attempt to demonstrate to the MPCA that Acorn Lake should be designated a wetland rather than a lake because of the basin's bathymetry, littoral area, and aquatic plants.

For Long Lake and Sunfish Lake, the managers decided to meet with residents to get their input on proposed projects to improve each lake's water quality. The managers met with the Long Lake Association and solicited comments from the Department of Natural Resources and Board of Water and Soil Resources. After meeting with the Long Lake Association, the managers published public hearing notices for each project in their legal newspaper. On May 22, 2008, the managers held the public hearings. The Long Lake water quality improvement project involved in-lake alum treatments followed by aeration. The Sunfish Lake water quality improvement project involved in-lake alum treatment and possibly zooplankton seeding.

The managers ordered the projects on September 25, 2008. In-lake alum treatments were conducted at Long Lake and Sunfish Lake in the fall.

15. Citizens Advisory Committee

Throughout 2008, the managers worked on the development of an active Citizens Advisory Committee. At the end of the year, the managers had developed a general work plan for an active Citizens Advisory Committee. Applications were ready to be sent to potential applicants.

16. Washington County Floodplain Maps

In January 2008, the Washington County Flood Insurance Rate Maps had been updated, and the managers agreed that the preliminary maps should be compared with VBWD floodplains, to determine which properties will be affected. Throughout the year, the citizens were made aware of the impacts of the mapping, through meetings and workshops.

17. Silver Lake

After the first whole-lake aquatic plant treatment to Silver Lake, the managers received a request to finance another treatment. The managers agreed to help fund another treatment in an amount not to exceed \$9,500, and the net payment was \$1,250. Near the end of 2008, the managers scheduled a January 2009 meeting with stakeholders to discuss aquatic plant treatments.

18. Manager Workshops

The managers held two workshops in 2008: On April 10th the managers heard a presentation on “Methods and Efforts of Lake Treatment of Algae and/or Phosphorus” by Barr Engineering personnel; on June 26th, the managers conducted a workshop to discuss the role of the VBWD Citizens Advisory Committee. In addition to these workshops, the managers toured the Valley Creek Stabilization Project sites on October 25th.

19. Written Communication/Information Program

In November, the Star Tribune published an article regarding the District’s Valley Creek stabilization projects. A copy of the article is at the end of Appendix A.

In addition to the East Metro Watershed Education Program discussed in Item 1 of this Section, the Managers use the District’s website to communicate with the public. Because the District is an environmental-conscious organization, the managers attempt to reduce mailings of paper documents. Therefore, this annual report, which contains the information required in Minnesota Rules 89410.0100, subpart 54, is posted to the District’s website and member communities and other stakeholders are notified when the annual report is posted.

PART IV

DISTRICT PERMIT REVIEW PROGRAM

The table on pages 16, 17, and 18 is a listing of the permit applications that were reviewed in 2008. Following the table is a figure showing the location of the permits in the District.

PART V

2009 VALLEY BRANCH WATERSHED DISTRICT GOALS AND INITIATIVES

Guided by their mission, the VBWD Managers plan to continue to execute the 2005-2015 Watershed Management Plan in 2009. The VBWD Managers' vision and mission are listed below. Following the vision and mission are the Managers 2009 goals and initiatives organized by each mission subset.

VBWD Vision:

Always be careful stewards of the water resources within our watershed boundaries.

VBWD Mission:

To manage and protect our water resources: lakes, ponds, creeks, streams, wetlands, drainages, and groundwater by:

1. Promoting open communication with our constituents, both our citizen base and pertinent governmental units.
2. Improving and protecting the quality of water for all water bodies within the VBWD.
3. Managing the quantity of water and minimizing the negative impact on the VBWD from floods, high flows, and droughts by providing public works projects and other prudent measures.
4. Understanding the effects of community growth and other activities on groundwater, initially focusing on the groundwater-surface water interface.
5. Continuing to enforce the Wetland Conservation Act requirements as the responsible local unit of government.
6. Educating our constituents and the local units of government within the VBWD on water quality and quantity issues, management, and means of improvement.

2009 Goals and Initiatives:

A. Communicating with Constituents

- a. Re-activate the VBWD Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) and help with organizational and educational efforts.
- b. Continue to provide useful, informative, and timely reports on activities and finances.
- c. Develop a communications strategic plan, including a plan for the VBWD website, and begin improvements.
- d. Recognize VBWD volunteers.
- e. Continuing to work with communities who are developing stormwater management plans, comprehensive plans, floodplain ordinances, and other plans to ensure water resource issues are considered.
- f. Meeting with the Valley Creek Subwatershed Plan representatives to review the status of the plan.

B. Improving and Protecting Water Quality and Habitat

1. Continue to implement projects to stabilize and protect Valley Creek.
2. Implement the stabilization management plan for Raleigh Creek.
3. Continue best management practices (BMP) cost share program.
4. Develop and begin to implement an incentive BMP cost-share program for private, non-profit and government land developers of residential, commercial, and industrial sites.
5. Investigate the feasibility of preventing the migration of invasive species into Rest Area Pond and Valley Creek.
6. Finalize the wetland inventory and assessments and share information with communities.
7. Implement recommendations from habitat monitoring program.
8. Continue to implement water quality improvement projects at Long Lake and Sunfish Lake and monitor the effects.
9. Cooperate with the Minnesota Department of Transportation to investigate the feasibility of installing BMPs at the Highway 36-Interstate 694 interchange to improve the water quality of Long Lake.
10. Implement, as appropriate, the recommendations from diagnostic feasibility studies of Eagle Point Lake, Horseshoe Lake, and Lake DeMontreville.
11. Continue to maintain stormwater ponds, based on inventory program.
12. Continue the revegetation process of the Eagle Point Lake dam.
13. Implement a project to stabilize the ravine north of Lake DeMontreville.
14. Work with Maplewood and North St. Paul to address any instability issues with the ravine on the north side of Silver Lake.
15. Continuing basin, stream, and wetland habitat monitoring and reporting programs.

C. Managing Water Quantity

1. Continue existing system and dam inspections, operations, and reporting programs.
2. Continue basin and groundwater level monitoring and reporting programs.
3. Continue managing the water level drawdown program by monitoring District water levels and snowpack.

D. Understanding the Effects of Activities on Groundwater

1. Hold a workshop with the Metropolitan Council to discuss the metropolitan water use plan, expected effects on groundwater and groundwater-dependent surface waters, and management suggestions for the VBWD.

E. Regulating Activities

1. Continue permitting program.
2. Consider minor rule changes, including regulating groundwater uses, revising buffer rules to allow flexibility at developed sites, clarifying permit triggers for new impervious surfaces, modifying volume control standard to be consistent with MPCA and Metropolitan Council guidance, etc.

F. Educating Constituents and Managers

1. Continue current education activities, support the East Metro Water Resources Education Program (EMWREP), respond to information requests, provide reports on monitoring and projects, and use the cost-share program to educate public on BMPs.
2. Continue providing education and presentations to Managers on topics of interest.
3. Implement invasive species management program with the help of the CAC.

PART VI

2009 ORGANIZATION AND BUDGET INFORMATION

A. Board of Managers

At the December 11, 2008 meeting, the managers elected the following officers for 2009:

Lincoln Fetcher, President
Dave Buccheck, Vice President
Donald Scheel, Secretary
Dale Borash, Treasurer

B. Official Bank and Newspapers

At the December 11, 2008 meeting, the managers unanimously voted to retain the services of the Lake Elmo State Bank as the official bank for the District, and the Oakdale-Lake Elmo Review and Ramsey County Review as the official legal newspapers.

C. Consultants

As stated in Part I of this annual report, the managers advertised for biennial consultant services in their legal newspaper on December 3, 2008 and received proposals from various firms. At their December 11, 2008 meeting, the managers unanimously voted to retain the services of their existing consultants: Lawson Marshall McDonald Galowitz and Wolle for legal services, Barr Engineering Company for engineering services, and HLB Tautges Redpath for accounting and auditing services.

D. 2009 Budget

A public hearing was held on September 11, 2008 on the proposed 2009 budget. The Board of Managers adopted an Administrative Budget of \$250,000, as follows:

Administrative Budget

Audit/Accounting	\$	12,000
Dues and Publications		4,000
Engineering/Administration		127,000
Engineering/Non-escrow/Project Review		28,000
Insurance & Bonds		14,000
Legal Services		40,000
Manager Expenses		1,500
Managers' Per Diem		11,350
Office Expense		2,000
Payroll Taxes		1,500
Postage		250
Salaries - Secretarial		5,400
Salaries - Inspection		3,000
Total	\$	250,000

E. Plan Implementation Status

The following [table summarizes the status of the District's Implementation Program](#). The first three columns of the table were taken from Table 7-1 of the 2005-2015 VBWD Watershed Management Plan.