

SUBJECT

BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 18-912

Pertaining to the surplus declaration of fee title to property east of Rice Street, north of Country Drive, and south of Trunk Highway 694 in the City of Little Canada.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Ramsey County Project P-3382 to reconstruct and improve Rice Street and Trunk Highway 694 is scheduled to begin early 2019. The County is required to acquire the right-of-way rights and interests that are needed for this Project and is proposing to buy these property interests directly from the owners. One such property identified is owned by The City of Saint Paul for the benefit of the Board of Water Commissioners.

The property is located in the southeast quadrant of Interstate 694 and Rice Street. The Board has no infrastructure or any other assets within the parcel and is not required for current or future maintenance, construction, improvement or operation of the Board's water works system. The total land area is 2.68 acres, approximately 1.98 acre of which is comprised of wetlands. The remaining upland area is comprised of mostly wooded, steeply sloped terrain.

The following will need to occur for the property to be purchased by Ramsey County:

- 1) The Board determine the property not needed and declare it to be surplus
- 2) The Saint Paul City Council concur with the Board in the surplus declaration
- 3) The City of Saint Paul transfer interests to the Board via quitclaim deed
- 4) Ramsey County propose a purchase agreement for the Board's consideration
- 5) If acceptable, closing of the property is scheduled

The property is considered necessary for the Project and it may be acquired by eminent domain if the County cannot acquire it voluntarily.

See attached Location Map.

RECOMMENDATION

Approval is recommended.