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From: Timm Zumm, President, Friends of the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway (FLOW)

Subject: Crystal, Fish, Mud Lake Water Level Management, Options Under Consideration

On behalf of the FLOW Science Committee I am forwarding you a summary on the history of the water level issues at Crystal, Fish and Mud Lake along with general recommendations to address the current situation. The chronology dates to the early 1990s and includes policy and regulatory actions to address decades of rising water levels at all three waterbodies.

We believe strong and committed leadership is absolutely critical to solve this very complex issue. An aggressive planning process will need to occur both for immediate action and for a long-term solution. We believe the Dane and Columbia County are best equipped to lead the

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effort along with support and involvement from our legislative leaders and the Lake District. Dane County's involvement is especially critical because of its land acquisition and recreational development efforts at the lakes. Other important partners include the Department of Natural Resources, the Division of Emergency Management and Federal Partners NRCS and FEMA. The final actions will no doubt involve numerous trade-offs

Thank you for considering our recommendations and we hope that our summary on the history of water level trends and agency involvement are of value to you. Please feel free to contact FLOW if you feel our organization can assist you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Zumm', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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