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MAWD 2017 Legislative Program

1. Support passage of a Capital Investment Bill.
 - Advocate for the inclusion of \$20 million for Flood Hazard Mitigation Program for statewide needs
 - Advocate for \$30 million in CREP funding
 - Advocate for \$10 million in Local Road Replace funding
 - Advocate for \$10 million in Rim Reserve funding

2. Watershed Omnibus Bill
 - Clarify Watershed Based WCA Implementation
 - Watershed District Funding: Statutory Correction to Impose a Project Tax
 - Amend MN Open Meeting law to allow WD manager meeting participation via electronic means, both inside and outside the territorial limits of the WD and state of MN
 - Increase per diem payments to managers to \$100 per day

3. Tax Issues
 - Modify Levy authority for non-Metro WD's/Increase levy authority by adopting 103B type authority
 - Support returning to past tax breaks for conservation easements.
 - Advocate for \$10 million in local government aids to counties and watershed districts to help defray the cost of the buffers enforcement program.

4. MAWD supports the recommendations of the Clean Water Council.
 - One Watershed One Plan Planning - \$4.2 million
 - One Watershed One Plan Implementation - \$12 million