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METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

Mears Park Centre, 390 Robert Street North, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Meeting of the **METROPOLITAN AREA WATER SUPPLY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

January 22, 2009

Committee Members Present:	Peter Bell, Chair	Metropolitan Council
	Peggy Leppik, Vice-Chair	Metropolitan Council Member
	Tom Furlong	City of Chanhassen, Mayor
	Joseph Harris	Dakota County, Commissioner
	Dale Homuth	Department of Natural Resources – Alternate
	Linda Loomis	City of Golden Valley, Mayor
	John Stine	Department of Health – Alternate
Committee Members Excused/Absent:	Dennis Berg	Anoka County, Commissioner
	Gene Hugoson	Department of Agriculture, Commissioner
	Chuck Haas	City of Hugo, Council Member
	Gaylen Reetz	Pollution Control Agency – Alternate
	Steve Schneider	St. Paul Water, General Manager
	Barry Stock	City of Savage, Administrator

Call to Order

Chair Bell called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m.

Master Plan - Schedule Update

Chris Elvrum, Water Supply Planning Manager, gave a brief update on how near the plan is to completion. The next draft of the plan will be available for review in March.

Master Plan - Public Comment Discussion

Elvrum summarized the comments received during the public comment period (November 3 – December 16, 2008). The committee reviewed a cross-section of comments and staff's responses. Overall, comments were generally supportive of the committee's work / plan.

Advisory Committee - Ongoing Role

Chair Bell briefly reviewed the possible role of the committee in the future. The committee could receive updates on plan implementation and provide policy recommendations. Ongoing planning activities include workshops; data collection / management; regional and local studies; and developing and running model scenarios.

Four options were proposed for the committee to consider:

- 1) Disband
- 2) Meet quarterly, beginning July 25, 2009
- 3) Meet yearly
- 4) Meet on an on-call basis

A brief discussion followed. It was noted that, should the Metropolitan Area Water Supply Advisory Committee (MAWSAC) disband and problems arise with implementing the plan, they would most likely be taken to the Environment Committee of the Metropolitan Council for resolution. That committee does not have the history or level of knowledge of the MAWSAC. On the other hand, some MAWSAC members are elected officials with definite terms of holding their offices and may not be available as committee members in the future. Not all knowledge base will be retained.

A decision will be made at March 26 meeting.

Funding

William G. Moore, General Manager of Environmental Services, informed the committee that staff is pursuing funding which was made available through constitutional amendment.

Meeting Cancellation

The February 26, 2008 meeting was canceled.

Adjourn

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.