



Metropolitan Area Water Supply Advisory Committee

Master Water Supply Plan Public Comments

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Purpose



- 1. Summarize comments and responses**
- 2. Discuss Master Plan completion schedule**

Master Plan Public Comments Period November 3 – December 16th

Public Meetings 10:00am-Noon:

December 2, City of Woodbury City Hall

December 3, City of Savage, City Hall

December 4, City of Maple Grove Government Center

Email, US Mail, Voice Mail, Fax

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Public Commenters



■ Public meetings

— 46 attendees from:

- 10 cities and townships
- counties,
- DNR, MDH, EQB,
- consultants, non-profits
- Metro Cities (AMM), and
- Representative Paul Gardner

— 4 Metropolitan Area Water Supply Advisory Committee Members

■ Letters/emails

■ Total of 59 commenters

Comments



- **General Comments**
- **Metro Model 2**
- **Integrating Water Supply with Comprehensive Planning**
- **Development of community Profiles and Issue Responses**
- **Updating the Master Plan**
- **Surface water and Stormwater**

General Comments: Comments



- **General support**
- **How does the plan meet the statutory requirements**
- **What are recommendations**

General Comments: Responses



- Thank you for supporting the plan
- Explain how the plan address the statutory requirements
- Recommendations in the form of ongoing planning

Metro Model 2: Comments



- **Model should be recalibrated prior to publication**
- **What were the methods and measures used to ensure the soundness of the Model**

Metro Model 2: Responses



- **Recalibrate model**
- **Summarize model development in Master Plan report**
- **Detailed method description in technical report**

Integrating Water Supply with Comprehensive Planning: Comments



- Support/encourage integration with other comp planning
- Do not make water supply a metropolitan system

Integrating Water Supply with Comprehensive Planning: Responses



- Consider water supply availability when developing Regional Framework
- Guide community comprehensive planning to ensure adequate supplies of water prior to needing the water
- Do not plan to make water supply a system

Community Profiles and Issue Responses: Comments



- How were the forecasts responses developed
- Do not introduce requirements (issue responses) without statutory authority
- How were local studies considered
- What is the reasonableness test for responses
- How will the Master Plan affect non-municipal water appropriators

Community Profiles and Issue Responses: Responses



- Forecasts are based on Council projections
- Responses are based on existing DNR and MDH authority
- Available local data was incorporated in availability analysis
- Agencies and communities will work together to develop appropriate responses to issue
- Master Plan is intended for municipal suppliers but provides a basis other appropriators as well

Implementing the Master Plan: Comments



- What will the role of the Met Council and DNR be in implementing the plan
- How will existing plans and permits be affected
- How will the plan be updated
- How will local studies be incorporated

Implementing the Master Plan: Responses



- DNR continue to administer appropriation permits and Met Council continue to assess long-term availability to support decision making
- Existing Plans and Permits will be required to be consistent with the Master Plan when updated or amended
- Updates will occur on the same timeframe and consistent with the Regional Development Guide
- Amendments will occur when changes are made to Council forecasts and when updated information and analysis changes profiles

Surface Water and Stormwater: Comments



- Plan focuses on groundwater when 1/3 of population uses surface water
- Management of surface water source outside jurisdiction
- Support stormwater management activities that recharge groundwater
- Map soil contamination to evaluate recharge areas

Surface Water and Stormwater: Responses



- **Plan acknowledges importance of surface water**
- **Support efforts by surface water suppliers to protect source water beyond region**
- **Stormwater management important to overall water management**
- **Explore soil contaminant mapping as part of ongoing activities**

Next Steps



- **Revise Plan – January/February**
- **Update Metro Model 2 – January/February**
- **Update profiles – February/March**
- **Final Committee Review – March 26**
- **DNR/Met Council Approval – April**