

METROPOLITAN AREA WATER SUPPLY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHARTER
(2/6/06)

- Organization** As established in Minnesota Statute 473.1565, the Metropolitan Area Water Supply Advisory Committee shall consist of 12 members including: the Commissioners of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Department of Health, Department of Agriculture and Pollution Control Agency or their designees, two officials of counties and five officials of non-county local governments appointed by the Governor, and the Chair of the Metropolitan Council or the Chair's designee who is the Chair of the Committee. The Advisory Committee expires December 31, 2008.
- Purpose** The purpose of the Metropolitan Area Water Supply Advisory Committee is to assist the Metropolitan Council in its water supply planning activities. In this role the Committee will:
- Evaluate potential policy changes to address water supply issues;
 - Serve as a direct channel of communication for agencies, counties and communities, relaying the Committee's perspective and receiving input to relay to the Council;
 - Provide input to the Council on its approach to assessing and addressing potential water supply limitations.
- Duties** Specific duties of the Metropolitan Area Water Supply Advisory Committee include providing review and input to the Council's:
- 2007 report to the legislature;
 - Policy recommendations to address the roles and responsibilities of local, regional and state government, streamlining the water supply decision making and permit approval process, safety and security issues and potential long-term funding sources for ongoing planning and capital improvements;
 - Technical studies to evaluate and ensure a sustainable water supply for the region;
 - Preparation of the Twin Cities Area Water Supply Master Plan.