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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**

April 24, 2008

Committee Members Present:	Dennis Berg Tom Furlong Chuck Haas Joseph Harris James Japs Peggy Leppik Linda Loomis Gaylen Reetz Steve Schneider John Stine  Barry Stock	Anoka County, Commissioner City of Chanhassen, Mayor City of Hugo, Council Member Dakota County, Commissioner DNR, Assistant Director, Waters - Alternate Metropolitan Council Member City of Golden Valley, Mayor PCA – Alternate St. Paul Water, General Manager Dept. of Health, Director, Environmental Health Division – Alternate City of Savage, Administrator
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Committee Members Excused/Absent:	Peter Bell, Chair Gene Hugoson	Metropolitan Council Department of Agriculture, Commissioner
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#### **Call to Order**

Vice-Chair Leppik called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

#### **Approval of Agenda**

It was moved by Harris, seconded by Stine to approve the April 24, 2008 agenda and the minutes of the March 27, 2008 meeting. **Motion carried.**

#### **Planning Schedule Update**

The tentative schedule for future meetings was reviewed.

#### **Charter Review**

The Committee reviewed its responsibilities and the components of the Master Water Supply Plan as mandated by legislation. The legislature is currently considering extending the term of the committee for two additional years.

#### **Levels of Regional Involvement and Funding Needs**

Keith Buttleman presented a table outlining the types of assistance the region will provide based on the adequacy of water supplies to meet communities' demand. Through implementation of the Metropolitan Area Master Water Supply Plan, the region will provide ongoing regional analysis and assistance (\$600,000 to \$800,000/year) to all communities. Funding for capital expenditures will be considered on a case-by-case basis. In order for a community to be eligible for capital expenditure funding, the community must at least have an approved water supply plan consistent with the master plan and be restricted from using the traditional source. In addition, the water supply project must benefit the region. Potential capital expenditure funding sources include credit enhancement, state bonding, and the drinking water revolving fund.

## **Master Water Supply Plan: Guiding Principles**

Chris Elvrum presented the guiding principles.

Throughout the discussion, the Committee suggested the following changes to the goal and guiding principles

- Goal: consider changing the word 'equitable' to something else, e.g. 'sustainable.'
- Guiding Principle Two: change 'ultimate' to 'long-range;'
- Guiding Principle Three: add bullet for 'Source water protection or remediation;' and add a bullet "protecting public health" or add a new guiding principle.
- Guiding Principle Five: change "Develop" to "Promote" backup water supply sources
- Include a principle describing the coordination of state, regional and local institutions.
- The Committee will discuss specific strategies to incorporate Guiding Principle Seven: "Promote water conservation and efficiency" into the master plan at a future meeting.

## **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.