



# **Metropolitan Area Water Supply Advisory Committee**

## **Enabling Legislation and Charter Review**

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# 2005 Water Supply Legislation



## **Minnesota Statute 473.1565**

### ■ **Planning Activities**

- **Develop a base of technical information**
- **Develop and update master water supply plan\***
- **Recommend clarifying government roles**
- **Recommend streamlining decision making and approval process**
- **Recommend ongoing funding source(s)**

### ■ **Advisory Committee**

### ■ **Report to Legislature (January 2007 – Phase I)**

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### **\*Master Water Supply Plan**

- Provide guidance for local water supply systems and regional investments
- Emphasize conservation, interjurisdictional cooperation and sustainability
- Address reliability, security and cost-effectiveness

**Expected completion late 2008**

# Advisory Committee Charter



***Approved by the committee 2/28/06***

## 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.

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## 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; and
- Provide input to the Council on its approach to assessing and addressing potential water supply limitations.

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## Duties

**Specific duties of the Metropolitan Area Water Supply Advisory Committee include providing review and input to the Council's:**

- 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 on-going planning and capital improvements;
- Technical studies to evaluate and ensure a sustainable water supply for the region; and
- Preparation of the Twin Cities Area Water Supply Master Plan