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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**

May 22, 2008

Committee Members Present:	Peggy Leppik, Vice-Chair Dennis Berg Tom Furlong James Japs Linda Loomis Karla Peterson Steve Schneider Barry Stock	Metropolitan Council Member Anoka County, Commissioner City of Chanhassen, Mayor DNR, Assistant Director, Waters - Alternate City of Golden Valley, Mayor Minnesota Department of Health - Alternate St. Paul Water, General Manager City of Savage, Administrator
Committee Members Excused/Absent:	Peter Bell, Chair Chuck Haas Joseph Harris Gene Hugoson Brad Moore	Metropolitan Council City of Hugo, Council Member Dakota County, Commissioner Department of Agriculture, Commissioner Pollution Control Agency, Commissioner

Call to Order

Vice-Chair Leppik called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was revised to add a legislative update.

It was moved by Loomis, seconded by Stock to approve the revised May 22, 2008 agenda and the minutes of the April 24, 2008 meeting. **Motion carried.**

Schedule Update

The tentative schedule for future meetings was reviewed.

Legislative Update

Jim Japs provided a brief summary of legislation that impacted public water suppliers this session: 1) Supplemental budget bill filling the \$935,000,000 gap; 2) Water conservation rate structure to be implemented for all public water suppliers within the metro area by 2010 and communities outside the metro area by 2013. 3) Proposed LCCMR project relating to accelerating some county atlas programs and also looking at some Mt. Simon monitoring wells. Some funding was received.

In addition, legislation extends this committee until 2010.

A summary of legislative changes will be sent to committee members.

Master Plan Implementation

A review of the resolution of water supply/demand issues in the City of Ramsey illustrated the benefits of the planning process included in the Master Plan. Generally, savings result from better information sooner in the process to allow decisions that will save money.

Regional Monitoring Plan

The objectives of the monitoring plan are to improve predictive accuracy of the metro model; assess local conditions where supply uncertainty exists; establish long-term regional trends; improve coordination and data sharing. Staff will continue review of the monitoring plan with the technical advisory work group, explore research partnerships with local college and university programs and develop a summary of resource needs. Expansion of existing programs could improve the monitor modeling.

Principles Recap

The “Guiding Implementation Principles” were distributed for review. Comments are to be forwarded to Christopher Elvrum.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:28.