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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

July 24, 2008

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

Call to Order

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

Approval of Agenda

The order of the agenda was amended to move the discussion on guiding principles to follow the planning schedule update.

It was moved by Barry Stock, seconded by Steve Schneider, to approve the July 24, 2008 amended agenda and the minutes of the May 22, 2008 meeting. **Motion carried.**

Planning Schedule Update

The tentative schedule was reviewed. Future meetings will be in the format of a more informal discussion setting.

Principles Discussion

The discussion was intended to lead to a general agreement on the philosophy behind the principles, rather than wordsmithing. Several modifications were suggested. Staff will revise and bring back for further discussion.

Water Conservation

DNR – Dale Homuth explained the DNR’s water supply plan review process. There was discussion about the concept of “unaccounted for” water. The drought response plan phases (conservation, restrictive, and emergency) were reviewed. Future water supply plans need to include these triggers.

MC – Christopher Elvrum reviewed the average water use (2000-2005). Education, incentives, water use rates, and ordinances are options for targeting and reducing outdoor water use.

Potential conservation actions were discussed, particularly the conservation toolbox. John Stine suggested that over the next year as the plan goes into implementation, the assessment of conservation programs and existing benchmarks continues. With additional information the committee can determine what additional activities should be undertaken.

Community Profiles

Reviewed samples of profiles for a number of communities. Based on initial reviews, the majority of communities will meet their water demand. Committee will review the format and information, and send comments to Keith Buttleman. Results will be shared with Committee members at the next meeting.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.