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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**

August 28, 2008

Committee Members Present:	Peter Bell, Chair	Metropolitan Council
	Dennis Berg	Anoka County, Commissioner
	Ray Ellingboe	Department of Health, alternate
	Tom Furlong	City of Chanhassen, Mayor
	Chuck Haas	City of Hugo, Council Member
	Joe Harris	Dakota County, Commissioner
	Jim Japs	Department of Natural Resources, alternate
	Linda Loomis	City of Golden Valley, Mayor
Barry Stock	City of Savage, Administrator	
Committee Members Excused:/Absent:	Peggy Leppik, Vice Chair	Metropolitan Council Member
	Gene Hugoson	Department of Agriculture, Commissioner
	Brad Moore	Pollution Control Agency, Commissioner
	Steve Schneider	St. Paul Regional Water Services, General Manager

Call to Order

Chair Bell called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Chuck Haas, seconded by Linda Loomis, to approve agenda. **Motion carried.**

It was moved by Haas, seconded by Loomis, to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2008 meeting. **Motion carried.**

Schedule Update

Christopher Elvrum reviewed the tentative schedule, and proposed that the Committee decide at the end of today's meeting whether to schedule a supplemental meeting on September 11 to review the draft water supply plan.

Master Water Supply Plan Overview and Community Profiles

Christopher Elvrum provided an overview of the Draft Master Water Supply Plan.

Committee members had the following initial comments on the Plan:

Stock: centralizing all data used in permit process will be beneficial.

Japs: Link to DNR site for level observation wells.

Berg: Consequences of overuse not clear in maps. Maps should indicate flow direction.

Stock: Address/include growth issues that affect water supply, e.g. lot size, septic.
(Elvrum: not addressed in plan, but in Council's regional growth planning policy. Lanya: broadly commented on in report, but not in community profiles.)

Haas: Include notations about usage (above thresholds).

Loomis: Winter use/peak use/ number of days peak is hit. (Sara: working with DNR to determine summer/winter usage)

Bell: Per capita consumption. (Chris: available through make-a-map.)

Japs: Look at residential. (Lanya: residential per capita water demand – on maps, not on profiles.)

Moore: move "Notes" and "References" from community profiles sheets to front section to allow more room on the sheets for information.

Japs: Agree. Add to profiles information about what's happening with water levels.
(Lanya: historical declines are flagged.)

Furlong: Way to project well locations based on projected use? Include well information from communities.

Bell: Should profiles be interactive?

Furlong: Yes.

Bell: Is there a regular schedule for updating plan? (Chris: Under discussion.)

Plan Review Schedule

The Committee reviewed the options and process for review of the plan. The Committee decided to meet on September 11th. If their review of the plan is not completed at that time, they will complete it on September 25th.

Adjourn

At 10:55 a.m., it was moved by Haas, seconded by Furlong, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion passed.