

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

Mears Park Centre, 230 E. 5th St., St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Minutes of the Meeting of the METROPOLITAN AREA WATER SUPPLY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 22, 2006

Committee Members Present:	Peter Bell, Chair Dennis Berg Bob Patton Tom Furlong Chuck Haas Joe Harris Dale Homuth Linda Loomis Faye Sleeper Doug Mandy Barry Stock	Metropolitan Council Anoka County, Commissioner Dept. of Agriculture City of Chanhassen, Mayor City of Hugo, Council Member Dakota County, Commissioner DNR, Regional Manager-Waters City of Golden Valley, Mayor PCA, Watershed Section Manager Dept of Health, Drinking Water Protection Director City of Savage, Administrator
Committee Members Excused:	Bev Aplikowski Peggy Leppik	City of Arden Hills, Mayor Metropolitan Council Member

Call to Order

A quorum being present, Chair Bell called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. on Thursday, March 22, 2006.

Chair Bell suggested that the meetings be conducted more informally as to the rules and setting. The committee agreed.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

The March 22, 2006 agenda and February 23, 2006 minutes were approved.

Advisory Committee Schedule Update

The proposed schedule was reviewed. Staff informed the committee that meeting material will be emailed to members and is also available on the Internet.

Water Supply Sources, Treatment, Storage and Distribution

Doug Mandy, Department of Health, provided an overview of the Health Department's water related programs. The drinking water protection program involves regulation and protection of public water supplies in accordance with the Safe Drinking Water Act (SWDA). Activities include collecting and analyzing samples, sanitary surveys, engineering plan review and approval, source water protection, compliance determination, administering a drinking water revolving loan fund, and operator certification and training. The department also provides well management and conducts health risk assessments. The Health Department takes an approach of compliance versus enforcement and works with communities to make corrections, using enforcement

as a last resort. The committee discussed interconnect issues, e.g. the differing treatment requirements of different communities. The committee suggested that it is appropriate for this committee to draft a recommendation that communities partner, and that financial incentives be investigated.

Outreach Plan

Chris Elvrum, MCES Water Supply Manager, explained the two main aspects of the outreach plan. Stakeholder input will be obtained through workshops and targeted meetings. Workshops, hosted by committee members, will be held by the end of May in the metro area. Information will be disseminated through periodic press releases, an email list and the Internet.

After reviewing the proposed outreach plan, it was determined that the matrix will be emailed to committee members who will make additions/suggestions and return it to Mr. Elvrum. A plan for the outreach workshops will be discussed at the next MAWSAC meeting.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Harder
Recording Secretary