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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

November 13, 2006

Committee Members Present:	Peggy Leppik	Metropolitan Council Member
	Bev Aplikowski	City of Arden Hills, Mayor
	Dennis Berg	Anoka County, Commissioner
	Greg Buzicky	Department of Agriculture, Director, Pesticide & Fertilizer Mgmt. - Alternate
	Tom Furlong	City of Chanhassen, Mayor
	Chuck Haas	City of Hugo, Council Member
	Joe Harris	Dakota County, Commissioner
	James Japs	DNR, Assistant Director, Waters - Alternate
	Linda Loomis	City of Golden Valley, Mayor
	John Stine	Dept of Health, Director, Environmental Health Division - Alternate
	Barry Stock	City of Savage, Administrator
Committee Members Excused:/Absent:	Peter Bell	Metropolitan Council
	Faye Sleeper	PCA, Watershed Section Manager

Call to Order

Vice-Chair Leppik called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Approval of the Agenda

It was moved by Aplikowski, seconded by Loomis, to approved the 11/13/06 agenda and the 10/26/06 minutes of the Metropolitan Area Water Supply Committee meeting.

Motion carried.

Draft Report to the Legislature – Final Review

Council staff presented a summary of the changes made to the report to the 2007 Minnesota State Legislature. After reviewing the report, Committee members proposed some minor changes, and were instructed to forward any additional comments to Keith Buttleman, Assistant General Manager-Environmental Quality Assurance, or Christopher Elvrum, Manager of Water Supply Planning. Staff will re-write portions of the report to include additional changes made by the committee, and will forward the final report as well as the technical report to committee members. Two recommendations will be included in the report:

- 1) Approve changes clarifying agency roles in water supply plan review and consolidating into one statute the requirements of community water supply plans in the metropolitan area. Link water supply planning to comprehensive planning, and
- 2) Upon the request of local governmental units, support an appropriate level of state funding for interconnections and other physical water system improvements to ensure water supply reliability, natural resource protection, and/or safety and

security, including economic security, of the region and state. Consistent with this recommendation, support an appropriate level of state funding for the proposed Minneapolis and St. Paul water supply systems interconnection.

It was moved by Furlong, seconded by Aplikowski that the Metropolitan Area Water Supply Advisory Committee recommend approval of the report as revised. **Motion carried.** The report will be presented to the Metropolitan Council for its action on December 13, 2006.

Phase II Scope and Committee Role

Topics to be considered during phase II include: Water Demand and Availability; Regulatory Process/Water Conservation; Safety, Security and Reliability; Governance and Funding. The role of the committee will consist of evaluating potential policy issues, assisting with outreach, and providing input to technical efforts.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.