

Minutes

Joint Meeting of the Metropolitan Area Water Supply Advisory Committee
and the Water Supply Technical Advisory Committee



Meeting date: December 10, 2025

Time: 12:00 PM

Location: Regional Maintenance Facility
3565 Kennebec Dr., Eagan

MAWSAC Members present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair, Wendy Wulff, Met Council | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gary Gray, Sherburne County | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ashlee Ricci, Chisago County |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annika Bankston, Minneapolis | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Julie Jeppson, Anoka SWCD | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Erik Smith, Pollution Control Agency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Will Bomier, Dept of Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Pooja Kanwar, Dept of Nat Res | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Strub, Hugo |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Bot, St. Michael | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brad Larson, Savage | <input type="checkbox"/> Kevin Watson, Vadnais Heights |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marc Culver, Brooklyn Park | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> William Menkhaus, St. Paul Regional Water Services | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tiffany Determan, Isanti County | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Valerie Nepl, Dakota County | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chris Elvrum, Dept of Health | | |

TAC Members present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair, Scott Anderson, Bloomington | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Ellis, Eden Prairie | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seng Thongvang, Savage |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kristin Asher, Richfield | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dale Folen, Minneapolis | <input type="checkbox"/> Tom Wesolowski, Shoreview |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Evan Christianson, Barr Engineering | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elizabeth Kaufenberg, Pollution Control Agency | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Westerman, Woodbury |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ellen Considine, Dept of Nat Res | <input type="checkbox"/> Michelle LaGarde, Braun Intertec | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Dustman, Summit Envirosolutions | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karla Peterson, Dept of Health | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matt Saam, Apple Valley | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> James Stark, USGS (retired) | |

Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment

The Metropolitan Council acknowledges that the land we currently call Minnesota and specifically the seven-county region is the ancestral homeland of the Dakota Oyate who are present and active contributors to our thriving region. As part of the Metropolitan Council's commitment to address the unresolved legacy of genocide, dispossession, and settler colonialism and the fact that government institutions, including the Metropolitan Council, benefitted economically, politically, and institutionally after the forceable removal of the Dakota Oyate, the Metropolitan Council is dedicated to instilling Land, Water, and People Commitments in regional policy. These commitments support the Dakota Oyate, the eleven federally recognized Tribes in Minnesota, Ho-Chunk Nation, and the American Indian Communities representing over 150 diverse Tribal Nations that call the seven-county region home.

Call to order

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Wulff called the regular meeting of the Metropolitan Area Water Supply Advisory Committee to order at 12:02 p.m.

Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment

The Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment was read by Committee Chair Wulff.

Acceptance of agenda

Members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda.

Approval of minutes

It was moved by Nepl, seconded by Bankston to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2024, joint meeting of the Metropolitan Area Water Supply Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Committee. **Motion carried.**

It was moved by Nepl, seconded by Bankston to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2025, joint meeting of the Metropolitan Area Water Supply Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Committee. **Motion carried.**

It was moved by Stark, seconded by Westerman to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2025, meeting of the Water Supply Technical Advisory Committee. **Motion carried.**

It was moved by Nepl, seconded by Bankston to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2025, meeting of the Metropolitan Area Water Supply Advisory Committee. **Motion carried.**

Business items

1. 2025-03 Appointment of new TAC members (Greg Johnson, 651-602-1016)

Johnson summarized the TAC selection process. The TAC Appointment Working Group considered five candidates for the three open positions. The TAC Appointment Working Group recommended that MAWSAC appoint Ellen Considine, Michelle LaGarde, and Evan Christianson to TAC.

It was moved by Jeppson and seconded by Nepl that Ellen Considine, Michelle LaGarde, and Evan Christianson be appointed to TAC. **Motion carried.**

2. 2025-04 MAWSAC and TAC bylaws revision (Jen Kostrzewski, 651-602-1078)

Kostrzewski summarized the recommended revisions to the MAWSAC and TAC by-laws. There was discussion regarding the circumstances under which hybrid meetings and remote attendance by committee members could occur. It was noted that the by-laws refer to the Master Water Supply Plan, now referred to as the Metro Area Water Supply Plan, due to the reference wording in statute.

It was moved by Nepl and seconded by Determan that the Metropolitan Area Water Supply Advisory Committee (MAWSAC) adopt the revised bylaws for the operation of MAWSAC and its technical advisory committee (TAC). **Motion carried.**

3. 2025-05 Work Plan (Lanya Ross, 651-602-1803)

Ross summarized the proposed work plan for 2026-2027. There was discussion of conflict dates for individual members and due to conferences widely attended by committee members. As a result, the work plan was revised as follows. Moved and seconded: Elvrum; Nepl

- January 28, 2027, MAWSAC/TAC joint meeting changed to January 14, 2027.
- Work to identify an alternate date for the June 25, 2026, MAWSAC meeting to avoid conflict with conference.
- November 18, 2026, MAWSAC/TAC joint meeting changed to November 5, 2026
- Work to identify an alternate date for the June 24, 2027, MAWSAC meeting to avoid conflict with conference.
- November 19, 2027, MAWSAC/TAC joint meeting changed to November 4, 2027, for joint meeting date.



- Consider identifying alternative dates for March 26, 2026, September 24, 2026, March 25, 2027, and September 9, 2027, MAWSAC meetings to avoid conflict with a committee member's standing meeting.

It was moved by Elvrum and seconded by Neppl that the 2026-2027 MAWSAC-TAC work plan be approved with the identified changes. **Motion carried.**

Information items and committee work

1. MAWSAC Representation on White Bear Lake Area Comprehensive Plan Work Group (Greg Johnson, 651-602-1016)

Johnson provided background on the formation of the White Bear Lake Area Comprehensive Plan Work Group and the objectives of that work group. A MAWSAC representative was included in the legislation that formed the group. This seat has been vacant since Phil Klein's resignation from MAWSAC. The chair requested volunteers to fill the vacancy and David Strub volunteered. The chair appointed David Strub to fill the MAWSAC representative vacancy on the White Bear Lake Area Comprehensive Plan Work Group.

2. Comprehensive Planning Update (Jen Kostrzewski, 651-602-1078)

Kostrzewski provided an update on the key regional planning milestones and resources for local planners. The committees discussed some of the resources available to local communities for their comprehensive plan work.

3. Metro Area Water Supply Plan Implementation (Jen Kostrzewski, 651-602-1078)

Kostrzewski summarized progress on implementation of the Metro Area Water Supply Plan. She noted the broadening of the subregional engagements to include other water sectors.

Kostrzewski and Ross summarized some projects that are in-process, including the Metro Model update and large volume water users research paper. The committee further discussed the scope of the research paper, how it's being coordinated between different agencies, and topics that will be included.

Johnson summarized the additional projects prioritized by MAWSAC and TAC for 2025-2027 that are being scoped. There was discussion about the water efficiency grants, water supply in mobile home developments, wastewater reuse, and model ordinances.

4. MAWSAC Report to Metropolitan Council and the Legislature (Lanya Ross, 651-602-1803)

Ross provided information about a MAWSAC report required by statute, due to the MN Legislature and to the Met Council by February 15, 2027. The committees participated in a group discussion activity regarding roles and resources, key messages about the region's water supply, and content that supports regional water supply messages.

Updates

1. Government affairs and legislative updates (Judy Sventek, 651-602-1156)

No actions to report. Next year is a funding year and additional information will be shared about funding requests for water sustainability and water efficiency grant work at future meetings.

2. Chair Updates (MAWSAC - Wendy Wulff, 952-484-3353 and TAC - Scott Anderson, 952-563-4867)

No update provided

Next steps

1. Next meetings:

- Committee members are encouraged to attend the upcoming Regional Water Workshop on January 7, 2026, at the New Brighton Community Center.
- A survey will be sent for committee members to continue sharing input on today's discussion questions.
- TAC – February 12, 2026, at Regional Maintenance Facility (3565 Kennebec Dr., Eagan)
- MAWSAC – March 26, 2026, at Metropolitan Council (390 Robert St. N., St. Paul)

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 2:59 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the joint meeting of the Metropolitan Area Water Supply Advisory Committee and Water Supply Technical Advisory Committee meeting of December 12, 2025.

Approved this 26 day of March 2026.

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