

Minutes

Water Supply Technical Advisory Committee



Meeting date: May 21, 2025

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: 390 Robert Street

Members present:

- ☒ Chair, Scott Anderson, Bloomington
- ☐ Kristin Asher, Richfield
- ☐ Ellen Considine, DNR
- ☒ John Dustman, Summit EnviroSolutions

- ☐ Robert Ellis, Eden Prairie
- ☒ Dale Folen, Minneapolis
- ☒ Elizabeth Kaufenberg, MPCA
- ☐ Karla Peterson, MDH
- ☐ Matt Saam, Apple Valley

- ☒ Jim Stark, USGS and Legislative Water Commission
- ☒ Seng Thongvang, Savage
- ☒ Tom Wesolowski, Shoreview
- ☒ Jim Westerman, Woodbury
- ☒ Ray Wuolo, Barr Engineering
- ☒ = present

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

No quorum being present, Committee Chair Anderson called the regular meeting of the Water Supply Technical Advisory Committee to order at 1:00 p.m.

Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment

The Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment was read by Jen Kostrzewski. She provided background on its adoption with Imagine 2050. She noted that it will appear as a header on all Met Council agendas and minutes.

Approval of minutes

Quorum was achieved at 1:25 p.m. with the arrival of Songvanh. It was moved by Westerman, seconded by Wesolowski to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2025, joint meeting of the Metro Area Water Supply Advisory Committee and the Water Supply Technical Advisory Committee. **Motion carried.**

Information items and committee work

1. TAC involvement discussion

TAC members discussed how to effectively fulfill their mission of providing scientific and engineering expertise to MAWSAC.

2. Bylaws update (Jen Kostrzewski)

Kostrzewski summarized the changes proposed in the updated by-laws. The TAC unanimously recommended adoption of the by-laws to MAWSAC.

3. System Statements update and minimum requirements (Steve Christopher and Jen Kostrzewski)
Christopher presented an overview of the Systems Statements and minimum requirements with a focus on what is new with this round of updates.
4. Local Planning Handbook update (Steve Christopher and Jen Kostrzewski)
Christopher presented an overview of the PlanIt educational resources being developed to support comprehensive plan updates. TAC participated in a discussion activity and members noted the need for balancing sharing information, which may be sensitive, with safety needs and requirements.
5. 2025–2027 projects to support the Water Policy Plan (Greg Johnson)
Johnson summarized the upcoming projects and TAC participated in a group exercise where the proposed projects were explored more in depth.
6. Government affairs and legislative update (Judy Sventek)
Sventek updated TAC that the Clean Water Legacy Omnibus bill passed and was signed into law, which included funding for our water efficiency grant programs and water supply sustainability work.
7. TAC Chair Updates (Scott Anderson)
Anderson presented Ray Wuolo with a certificate of appreciation for his many years of service and wished him well with his retirement.

Next steps

Upcoming meetings include MAWSAC (June 18, 2025) and the joint meeting of MAWSAC and TAC (December 10, 2025). There will also be an all-subregion workshop later this year (date TBD).

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Water Supply Technical Advisory Committee meeting of May 21, 2025.

Approved this 10th day of December 2025.

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