Minutes

White Bear Lake Area Comprehensive Plan Work Group

Meeting Date: July 29, 2026 **Time**: 1:00 – 2:00 PM **Location:** Teams

Members Present:

- ✓ Clark Schroeder, City of Lake Elmo
- ✓ Bob Goebel, City of Mahtomedi
- ✓ Morgan Dawley, City of North St. Paul
- ✓ Kelli Bourgeois, City of Oakdale
- ✓ Tom Wesolowski, City of Shoreview
- ✓ Shawn Sanders, City of Stillwater
- ✓ Paul Kauppi, City of White Bear Lake
- ✓ Mary Van Milligen, City of Woodbury
- ✓ Larry Poppler, White Bear Township
- ✓ David Weum, Department of Health
- ✓ Dave Strub, Metropolitan Area Water Supply Advisory Committee
- ✓ William Menkhaus, Saint Paul Regional Water Services
- ✓ Greg Johnson, Metropolitan Council
- ✓ Judy Sventek, Metropolitan Council
- ✓ Sam Paske, Metropolitan Council
- ✓ Jen Kostrzewski, Metropolitan Council

Alternate Members Present:

- ✓ Ron Ritchie, City of North St. Paul

Recording Link (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RHtB0pfMpFc)

Opening

Judy Sventek welcomed participants to the webinar at 1:00 p.m.

Information Items

1. Amended Study 1 – Redirect Stormwater to Augment White Bear Lake (Mat Cox, Kimley-Horn)

   Mat Cox from Kimley Horn presented an update on Study 1, which was amended to include further investigation of surface water augmentation of White Bear Lake from Bald Eagle Lake including water quality, pump station siting and forcemain route options, detention basin siting (Ramsey/Washington Counties Ditch 1), and downstream impacts due to pumping. The work group asked questions regarding how the system would function in dry years, water levels for Bald Eagle Lake, Peltier Lake, and Centerville Lake, and regulatory approval considerations. Cox noted there are downstream challenges when moving water from downstream to upstream in the same watershed. Johnson noted that reliability will be one of the survey questions the work group will see when they are asked to fill out an initial screening survey in August.

2. Study 12 – Tiered Increasing Block Water Utility Rates (Molly Cyr, Kimley-Horn)

   Molly Cyr from Kimley-Horn presented tiered increasing block water utility rates as a tool for reducing residential water consumption in the White Bear Lake area. Effectiveness was analyzed utilizing both national examples and historical data from 14 communities in the

White Bear Lake area. The analysis demonstrated that tiered increasing block water utility rates can be an effective tool for reducing residential water consumption, though results vary based on local conditions, supporting measures, and time. A work group member asked about the effects for communities with higher per capita incomes. Cyr noted that in communities with higher incomes that habits didn't change as quickly with price tier increases.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:46 p.m.

Next Steps

1. A study summary table and preliminary survey regarding initial prioritization of solutions will be sent to work group members in August. Please feel free to consult with colleagues in your organization, as needed, when filling it out.
2. Next meeting: September 30, 2026, at Shoreview Community Center

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