

Business Item: 2014-173

Authorization to Award and Execute an Interagency Agreement with the U.S. Geological Survey to Investigate Groundwater and Surface Water In and Around White Bear Lake and Surrounding Northeast Metropolitan Lakes

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Background

2013 MN Legislature awarded Metropolitan Council an appropriation from the Clean Water Fund:

- Agreement with U.S.G.S
- Investigate groundwater and surface water interaction
- Focus in and around White Bear Lake & northeast lakes
- Includes:
 - Seepage rates determinations
 - Water quality testing
 - Groundwater modeling

Proposed Action

- That the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to award and execute an interagency agreement with the U.S.G.S, totaling \$530,000 to investigate groundwater and surface water interaction in and around White Bear Lake and surrounding northeast metropolitan lakes.