

**Business Item 2015-151-SW:  
Authorize the Release of the 2015  
Twin Cities Metropolitan Area  
Master Water Supply Plan to Full  
Council for Approval, Start Formal  
Public Review Process, and Adopt  
August 11, 2015 Public Hearing  
Date**

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Environment Committee: June 23, 2015



# Metropolitan Water Planning Process



- Broad regional policies and growth projections
- Water supply policies to support regional growth
- Implementation plan for regional water supply policies
- City water supply implementation plan

# Purpose of the Plan

Provide a regional perspective of issues and approaches

Provide communities with planning assistance for water supply:

- Guide local and subregional water supply plans and
- Direct Council work on projects that stakeholders have identified to support local efforts

# Role of the Council

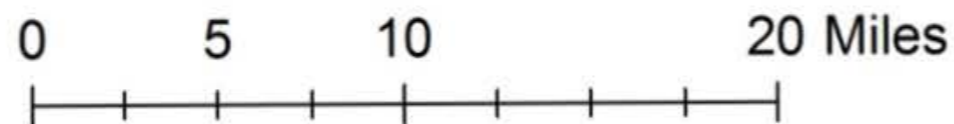
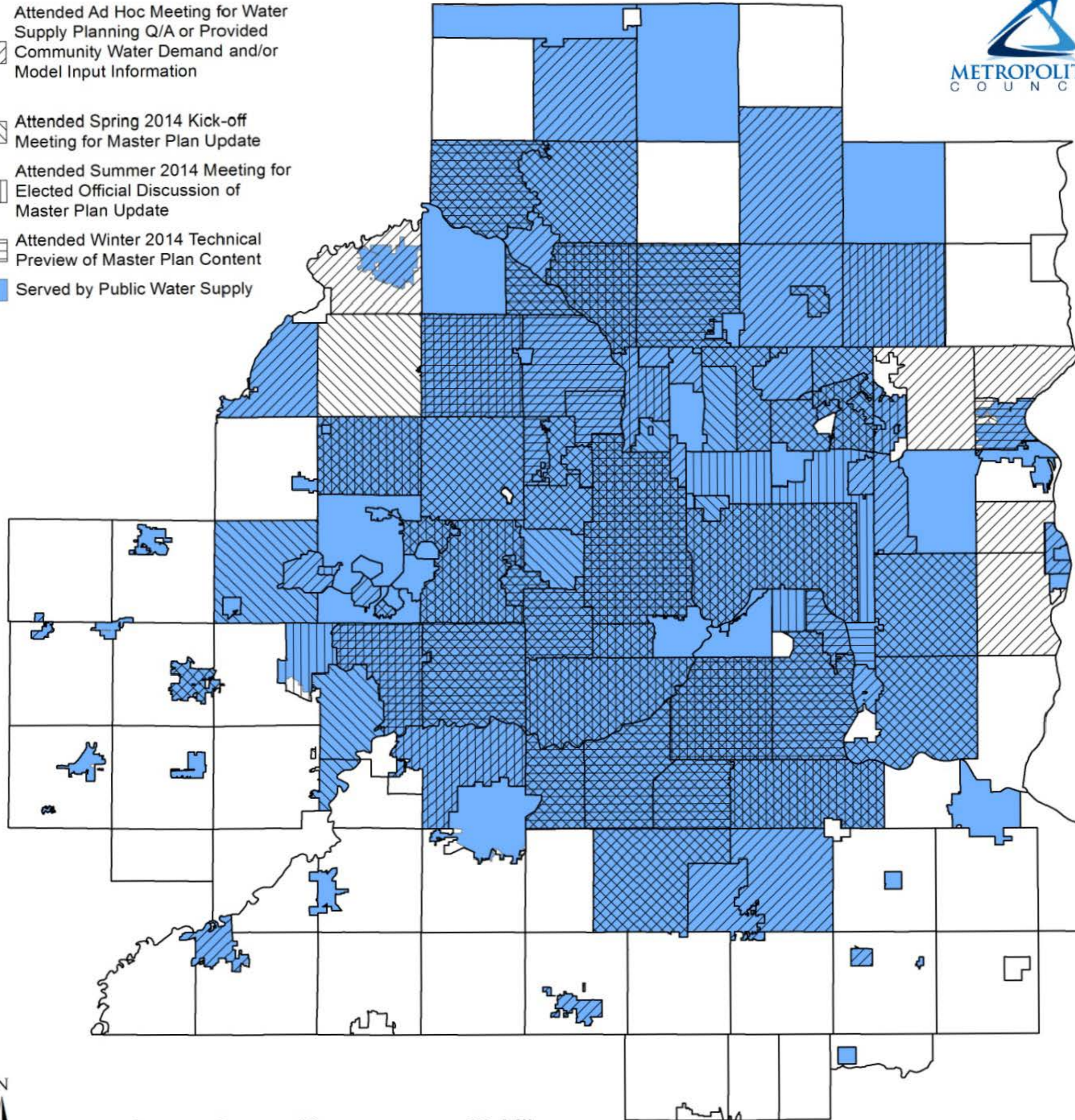
The Council strives to be a valued leader and partner in water supply planning to support collaborative and individual stakeholder efforts to improve water supply resiliency, and to bring a regional perspective to local water supply planning.

# Input So Far

- Public meetings
- Metropolitan Area Water Supply Advisory Committee (MAWSAC)
- Community Technical Work Group
- MCES staff

**Over 170 people in attendance  
from more than 70 communities**

-  Community Boundary
-  Attended Ad Hoc Meeting for Water Supply Planning Q/A or Provided Community Water Demand and/or Model Input Information
-  Attended Spring 2014 Kick-off Meeting for Master Plan Update
-  Attended Summer 2014 Meeting for Elected Official Discussion of Master Plan Update
-  Attended Winter 2014 Technical Preview of Master Plan Content
-  Served by Public Water Supply



# Common Themes

- Vision for regional water supplies
- Conservation
- Emphasis on inter-jurisdictional cooperation
- Clarify roles and responsibilities
- Implementation, tracking progress
- Reliability, security, cost effectiveness
- Uncertainty/variability
- Water quality
- Need unbiased view of all sources

# Known Support

- “Nice job in making sure our voices were heard.”
  - Georg Fischer, Dakota County
- “I think the document has had a tremendous amount of input. I want to thank the staff and commend the staff, everyone that has been involved, for being open and very receptive to the comments.”
  - Barry Stock, City of Savage
- “I would agree that it’s time to move it along.”
  - Chuck Haas, City of Hugo



# Recommendation

That, for the purposes of holding a public hearing and receiving public comment, the Metropolitan Council release the 2015 Twin Cities Metropolitan Area Master Water Supply Plan for public review and comment and authorize a public comment period from June 25, 2015 to August 21, 2015, including a public hearing on August 11, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

# Questions