

Materials to support discussion of MAWSAC member roles

In your own words, what does success look like for MAWSAC? What do you want MAWSAC to help achieve?

How do you see yourself, as a MAWSAC member, helping that to happen?

Roles identified in statute:

- Assist Metropolitan Council in its water supply planning activities
- Approve Master Water Supply Plan updates
- Appoint a technical water supply advisory committee
- Report to legislature in 2017 and at least every 5 years thereafter

Other thoughts:

- Evaluate potential policy changes to address water supply issues
- Serve as a direct channel of communication for agencies, counties and communities, relaying the Committee's perspective and receiving input to relay to the Council
- Provide input to the Council on its approach to assessing and addressing potential water supply limitations
- Support Metropolitan Council obtaining fund from Clean Water Fund and other sources
- Identify ways to integrate water resource management (One Water)
- Provide advice on the proposed types of communication materials and approaches for sharing information with various stakeholders

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473.1565 METROPOLITAN AREA WATER SUPPLY PLANNING ACTIVITIES; ADVISORY COMMITTEES.

Subd. 2. Policy advisory committee.

(a) A Metropolitan Area Water Supply Policy Advisory Committee is established to assist the council in its planning activities in subdivision 1.

(b) Members of the advisory committee appointed by the governor serve at the pleasure of the governor. Members of the advisory committee serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for their reasonable expenses as determined by the Metropolitan Council.

(c) The council must consider the work and recommendations of the policy advisory committee when the council is preparing its regional development framework.

Subd. 2a. Technical advisory committee.

A Metropolitan Area Water Supply Technical Advisory Committee is established to inform the policy advisory committee's work by providing scientific and engineering expertise necessary to provide the region an adequate and sustainable water supply. The technical advisory committee consists of 15 members appointed by the policy advisory committee, with the majority of members representing single-city and multicity public water supply systems in the metropolitan area and including experts in:

- (1) water resources analysis and modeling;
- (2) hydrology; and
- (3) the engineering, planning, design, and construction of water systems or water systems finance.

Members of the technical advisory committee serve at the pleasure of the policy advisory committee, without compensation, but may be reimbursed for their reasonable expenses as determined by the council.

Subd. 3. Reports to legislature.

(a) The council must submit reports to the legislature regarding its findings, recommendations, and continuing planning activities under subdivision 1. These reports shall be included in the "Minnesota Water Plan" required in section [103B.151](#), and five-year interim reports may be provided as necessary.

(b) By February 15, 2017, and at least every five years thereafter, the policy advisory committee shall report to the council, the Legislative Water Commission, and the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives and senate committees and divisions with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources with the information required under this section. The policy advisory committee's report and recommendations must include information provided by the technical advisory committee.