

# Information Item

Metropolitan Area Water Supply Advisory Committee



**Meeting Date:** May 17, 2022

## Topic

Updated 2022 MAWSAC-TAC Work Plan

**District(s), Member(s):** All  
**Policy/Legal Reference:** Minnesota Statute 473.1565  
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**Division/Department:** Environmental Services, Water Supply Planning

## Background

The Metropolitan Area Water Supply Advisory Committee (MAWSAC) is responsible to assist the Council in its water supply planning work. MAWSAC's work will be supported by the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). The Metropolitan Council has started updating various plans and documents and there are several opportunities over the next year for MAWSAC (with TAC input) to contribute to regional plan and policy formation.

Proposed meeting schedule and outcomes:

- March 15 (MAWSAC): Kick off 2022-2023 work plan
- May 17 (MAWSAC) & June 21 (TAC): Early input on regional policy and plan updates
- July 19 (MAWSAC) & August 16 (TAC): Propose approach for building support for and achieving shared goals through a subregional approach
- *Back-up dates - September 20 (MAWSAC) & October 18 (TAC): these meetings will only be held if covid developments require a shift back to online meetings*
- Fall Workshop (MAWSAC + TAC): Collaboration with subregional water supply workgroups
- December 20 (Joint Meeting of TAC & MAWSAC): Year-end evaluation

The Council plans to hold meetings in person after April 25, 2022. However, meetings may shift to online if Covid-19 developments warrant it. Tutorials for different online meeting apps are included at the end of this document.

The timing of the topics may also shift, especially given uncertainties during Covid-19 pandemic. Committee chairs may modify the work plan when approving agendas.

As opportunities for meetings on emerging water supply issues arise, staff may reach out and invite interested committee members to advise on issues as appropriate.

## Work Plan Goals

At the end of 2022, the committees will produce:

1. Summary document of how MAWSAC has influenced the Metropolitan Council's Regional Development Guide (RDG), Water Resources Policy Plan (WRPP), Master Water Supply Plan (MWSP), and plans and projects.
2. Draft water supply vision and goal content for Chapter 1 of the master water supply plan, informed by 2022 MAWSAC report.
3. Draft approach or work plan to engage subregional water supply work groups in 2023, to help local water supply plans better reflect subregional concerns and goals and to identify opportunities/projects that benefit multiple communities and advance regional vision.
4. Documented strong committee support for the subregional approach and commitment to help promote the subregional work in 2023 and beyond.

Committee work will be shaped by the recommendations and information in their February 2022 report to the Metropolitan Council and MN Legislature: (<https://metro council.org/Wastewater-Water/Publications-And-Resources/WATER-SUPPLY-PLANNING/REPORTS-TO-THE-LEGISLATURE/2022-MAWSAC-Recommendations-for-Water-Supply-Plann.aspx>).

## Roles and Expectations

- **Committee chairs** support committee goals/outcomes, guide work plan development, lead meetings to achieve outcomes, and encourage member participation.
- **Committee members**
  - Review materials that are sent out beforehand. *Council staff will send materials a week in advance.*
  - Participate in the meetings – based on experience and knowledge, share guidance and information with fellow members and Council staff to incorporate into draft reports, support letters to legislators or agencies, and/or project scoping, as appropriate. *Council staff will try to design meetings in ways to allow contribution in multiple ways for different communication/learning styles.*
- **Council staff** draft meeting materials based on work plan and committee chair guidance, provide administrative support and facilitation during meetings, help to implement relevant committee recommendations, and share information as requested.

## 2022 Meeting Schedules & Topics

Meeting Date	Meeting Topics and Objectives
<b>March 15, 2022</b> MAWSAC NOTE: TAC is invited to listen in, but can also watch the MAWSAC meeting recording afterwards, to be familiar with committee goals and proposed approach.	<b>Purpose: 2022-2023 Work Plan Kickoff</b> Committee members will: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Understand the work plan and committee member expectations, provide input about meeting design preferences, and commit to participate</li> <li>2. Have a process to provide input on by-laws and staff support for applications</li> <li>3. Understand (high-level) key opportunities to influence the update of the regional development guide and related policy and system plans</li> </ol>





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<p><b>May 17, 2022</b> MAWSAC</p> <p><b>June 21, 2022</b> TAC</p>	<p><b>Purpose: Guiding regional policy and plan updates</b></p> <p>Committee members will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Understand more deeply some key opportunities to influence the update of the regional development guide and related policy and system plans. Examples: community designations (with LUAC), regional vision and values, water policy advisory group, regional groundwater modeling</li> <li>2. Share their perspectives with Metropolitan Council project managers of key regional plan update projects</li> </ol>
<p><b>July 19, 2022</b> MAWSAC</p> <p><b>August 16, 2022</b> TAC</p>	<p><b>Purpose: Linking MAWSAC water supply vision and goals to subregional approach</b></p> <p>Committee members will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Draft water supply vision and goal content for Chapter 1 of the master water supply plan, informed by 2022 MAWSAC report</li> <li>2. Shape a draft approach to link subregional water supply work to MAWSAC supported regional vision/goals</li> <li>3. Be updated about and inform emerging issues and projects and how the recommendations in the 2022 MAWSAC report support how to address these water supply issues</li> </ol>
<p><b>BACK-UP</b></p> <p><b>September 20, 2022</b> MAWSAC</p> <p><b>October 18, 2022</b> TAC</p>	<p><i>These meetings will only be held if Covid-19 developments require a shift back to online meetings.</i></p> <p><b>Purpose: Achieving shared goals through subregional approach (continued)</b></p>
<p><b>FALL 2022 (TBD)</b> MAWSAC &amp; TAC <i>with subregional work groups</i></p>	<p><b>Purpose: Collaboration with subregional water supply work groups</b></p> <p>Committee members will leave this meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hearing directly from subregional water supply work group participants about the proposed approach - How can we do this work better?</li> <li>2. With recommendations about phasing different types of projects to best advance goals</li> </ol>
<p><b>December 20, 2022</b> MAWSAC &amp; TAC</p>	<p><b>Purpose: Year-end evaluation (joint meeting)</b></p> <p>Committee members will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Have documentation summarizing how MAWSAC and TAC influenced RDG, WRPP, MWSP, and other regional plans and projects in 2022</li> <li>2. Share their support for a proposed work plan to engage subregional water supply work groups in 2023</li> </ol>

### **Upcoming 2023-2025 Planning Milestones (TENTATIVE):**

The following milestones may shape and/or be informed by the committees' 2022 work. This is not intended to be a complete list and is subject to change:

- 2023: Developing subregional content to support MWSP update
- 2023: Update regional forecasts, finalize regional planning scenarios, stakeholder engagement on regional water and land use policies, and collaboration with local and state partners to better coordinate water supply plan review processes
- 2024: Approval process for RDG, WRPP and other policy and system plans
- 2025: Release updated system statements

