

# Charter for Metropolitan Area Water Supply Advisory Committee

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This charter formally defines the purpose and scope of the Metropolitan Area Water Supply Technical Committee (MAWSAC), a committee that was established in Minnesota Statute 473.1565.

## Purpose

The purpose of MAWSAC is to assist the Metropolitan Council in its water supply planning activities.

MAWSAC shall consist of 18 members including: the Commissioners of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Department of Health, Department of Agriculture and Pollution Control Agency or their designees, two officials of metro counties appointed by the Governor in consultation with the Association of Minnesota Counties, five officials of non-county local metro governments appointed by the Governor in consultation with the Association of Metropolitan Municipalities, one official from the counties of Chisago, Isanti, Sherburne, and Wright, appointed by the governor, in consultation with the Association of Minnesota Counties and the League of Minnesota Cities, the Chair of the Metropolitan Council or the Chair's designee who is the Chair of the Committee, a representative of the Saint Paul Regional Water Services, appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the Saint Paul Regional Water Services, and a representative of the Minneapolis Water Department, appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the mayor of the city of Minneapolis.

MAWSAC will take a proactive approach to:

- Identify and promote actions that achieve regional sustainability and resiliency in water supply. MAWSAC will support local leadership and action in all parts of the metro.
- Provide input to the Council on its approach to assessing and addressing potential water supply limitations.
- Educate diverse water supply stakeholders to create a shared understanding of sustainable outcomes, issues, and effective best practices. In particular, MAWSAC will 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.
- Evaluate potential policy changes to address water supply issues.

## Scope

MAWSAC is designed to:

- 1) Create an open and collaborative environment for the exchange of water supply policy information and to fully explore the policy aspects of water supply-related issues.
- 2) Provide ongoing assistance to Metropolitan Council in its water supply planning activities.
- 3) Serve as a conduit for communication between technical water supply stakeholders and Metropolitan Council. For example, MAWSAC may serve as a place for stakeholders to go to raise issues or constraints related to policy.

## Deliverables

- Approved and supported committee charter
- Annual work plan developed with input from the TAC. May include technical and other studies that support WORK IDENTIFIED IN 6/8/2016 DISCUSSION:
  - Develop definition of what the outcomes of resilient (short term) and sustainable (long-term) water supply are, identify and promote best practices to achieve outcomes, and develop metrics to evaluate progress toward outcomes
  - Identify and support financial incentives for water supply sustainability approaches, including information about return on investment
  - Create a checklist of what to include in rate structure to support sustainable water supplies
  - Develop educational materials and tools, such as financial report cards and other relevant water supply-related facts that are community specific
- Regular input to Metropolitan Council on water supply related developments and opportunities.
- Input to Metropolitan Council regarding water supply-related reports to the legislature, which will be included in the Minnesota Water Plan and may be provided every five years as necessary.
- By February 15, 2017 and every five years thereafter, report to Metropolitan Council, the Legislative Water Commission, and the legislature in general; these reports identify policy and financial priorities for the region and include information provided by the technical advisory committee.
- Policy recommendations to address the roles and responsibilities of local, regional, and state government, streamlining the water supply decision making and permit approval process, safety and security issues and potential long-term funding sources for ongoing planning and capital improvements.
- Approved update of the Twin Cities Area Water Supply Master Plan.
- Annual evaluation of committee effectiveness.

## Milestones & Schedule

- Charter adopted by MAWSAC by \_\_\_\_.
- MAWSAC work plan developed in conjunction with MAWSAC.
- Committee meetings scheduled on at least a quarterly basis. During large projects, meeting every 2 months or more frequently is preferred.
- Provide briefing to TAC on at least a quarterly basis.
- Submit report to the Metropolitan Council, Legislative Water Commission, and legislators by February 15, 2017.

## Committee Roles & Authorizations

There is an expectation of regular participation by committee members. A process will be developed to replace members who, due to a variety of reasons, may be unable to attend regularly.

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.

Following is the list of committee members and associated roles and responsibilities:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
Sandy Rummel, Metropolitan Council	Chair	Leads MAWSAC meetings
Leisa Thompson, MCES	MC Liason	Represent MCES and provide staff support
Dean Lotter, City of New Brighton	TAC Vice Chair	Reports to MAWSAC regarding TAC activities
Barry Stock, City of Savage	Member	Share expertise
TBD, Municipal Rep., Washington County	Member	Share expertise
Jeff Berg, Department of Agriculture	Member	Share expertise
Georg Fischer, Dakota County	Member	Share expertise
Glen Gerads, City of Minneapolis, Water Works	Member	Share expertise
Jamie Schurbon, Anoka Conservation District	Member	Share expertise
Julie Ekman, Department of Natural Resources	Member	Share expertise
TBD, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency	Member	Share expertise
Lisa Vollbrecht, Sherburne County	Member	Share expertise
Mark Daleiden, Wright County	Member	Share expertise
Michael Robinson, Chisago County	Member	Share expertise
Patty Acomb, City of Minnetonka	Member	Share expertise
Randy Ellingboe, Department of Health	Member	Share expertise
Steve Schneider, St. Paul Regional Water Services	Member	Share expertise
Susan Morris, Isanti County	Member	Share expertise
Todd Gerhardt, City of Chanhassen	Member	Share expertise

## Funding

The Metropolitan Area Water Supply Advisory Committee will be established and maintained within existing Metropolitan Council budgets.