

Information Item

Joint Meeting of the Metropolitan Area Water Supply Policy and Technical Advisory Committees (MAWSAC and TAC)



Meeting Date: December 20, 2022

Topic

Proposed 2023 MAWSAC-TAC work plan (draft)

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:

- Winter-Spring 2023: Support subregional collaboration (attend workshop of subregional water supply groups)
- Spring 2023: Begin regional policy exploration starting with white papers, input on approach to subregional chapters of metro area water supply plan
- Summer 2023: Continue regional policy exploration, input on chapter two of the metro area water supply plan
- Fall-Winter 2023-2024: 2023 year-end evaluation and 2024 work planning

The timing of the topics may also shift. Committee chairs may modify the work plan when approving agendas.

The Council plans to hold meetings in person in 2023. However, meetings may shift to online if Covid-19 developments warrant it.

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 2023, the committees will produce:

1. Summary document of how MAWSAC and TAC have influenced the Metropolitan Council's Regional Development Guide (RDG), Water Resources Policy Plan (WRPP), Metro Area Water Supply Plan (MWSP), and plans and projects.

2. Summary document about engaging 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.
3. Others, as identified by the committees.

Committee work will continue to 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 strive to 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.

2023-2024 Meeting Schedules & Topics

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DRAFT Meeting Date	Meeting Topics and Objectives
<p>March 2023</p> <p><i>MAWSAC & TAC will attend a workshop of subregional water supply groups</i></p>	<p>Purpose: Support subregional collaboration</p> <p>Committee members will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support a workshop for subregional water supply planning groups, to provide input on a more collaborative update of the metro area water supply plan (rescheduled from November 2022)



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<p>SPRING</p> <p>April 18, 2023 <i>TAC</i></p> <p>May 16, 2023 <i>MAWSAC</i></p>	<p>Purpose: Begin regional policy exploration</p> <p>Committee members will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understand the final 2023 work plan and committee member expectations, with the goal of leveraging key opportunities to influence the update of the regional development guide and related policy and system plans 2. Update on proposed approach for subregional content in the metro area water supply plan 3. Explore white papers – possible policies for issues with water supply implications. Consider policies under different scenarios 4. Share their perspectives with Metropolitan Council project managers of key regional plan update projects. Possible examples: Regional planning themes, vision, community designations
<p>SUMMER</p> <p>July 18, 2023 <i>TAC</i></p> <p>August 15, 2023 <i>MAWSAC</i></p>	<p>Purpose: Continue regional policy exploration</p> <p>Committee members will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide input on draft chapter two of the metro area water supply plan, including regional water supply context and performance measures 2. Continue to explore white papers - possible policies for issues with water supply implications. Consider policies under different scenarios 3. Hear updates and project recommendations from subregional work groups (will inform CWF-funded projects and/or policy discussions). Example: West Metro Multi-Community WHPP Modeling
<p>FALL</p> <p>October 17, 2023 <i>TAC</i></p> <p>November 21, 2023 <i>MAWSAC</i></p>	<p>Purpose: Continue regional policy exploration</p> <p>Committee members will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue to provide input on draft chapter two of the metro area water supply plan 2. Continue to explore white papers - possible policies for issues with water supply implications. Consider policies under different scenarios 3. Share their perspectives with Metropolitan Council project managers of key regional plan update projects: TBD



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<p>WINTER</p> <p>January 2024</p> <p><i>MAWSAC & TAC</i></p>	<p>Purpose: 2023 evaluation and 2024 planning (joint meeting)</p> <p>Committee members will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have documentation summarizing how MAWSAC and TAC influenced RDG, WRPP, MWSP, and other regional plans and projects in 2023 2. Have documentation summarizing engagement of subregional water supply work groups in 2023 3. Provide input to committee work plan for 2024

Upcoming 2023-2025 Planning Milestones (TENTATIVE):

The following milestones may shape and/or be informed by the committees’ 2023 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, input on water resource white papers, 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

