

Charter for Water Supply Technical Advisory Committee

This charter formally defines the purpose and scope of the Water Supply Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).

Purpose

As stated in 2015 Minnesota Statute 473.1565 Subdivision 2a the Water Supply Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is established with the purpose to inform the Metropolitan Area Water Supply Advisory Committee's (MAWSAC) 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 MAWSAC, 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.

The Water Supply Technical Advisory Committee will proactively raise issues to strategically address the region's water supply planning needs.

Scope

The TAC will be designed to:

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

Deliverables

- Approved and supported committee charter.
- Annual work plan developed with input from MAWSAC.
- Input to MAWSAC regarding five year reports to the MN Legislature.
- Regular updates to MAWSAC about important water supply-related developments, opportunities and constraints.
- Recommendations to MAWSAC for improving key technical aspects of regional water supply planning and policy. For example: projects and plans being worked on by Metropolitan Council.
- Annual evaluation of committee effectiveness.

Milestones & Schedule

- First committee meeting to be convened on July 20, 2016.
- TAC charter approved by MAWSAC by July 27, 2016.
- TAC Work plan developed in conjunction with MAWSAC.
- Committee meetings scheduled on at least a quarterly basis, beginning with July 20, 2016. As the TAC begins work and during large projects, meeting every 2 months is preferred.
- Provide briefing to MAWSAC on at least a quarterly basis.
- Provide input to MAWSAC regarding the 2017 report to the MN Legislature.

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 technical advisory committee serve, without term limit, at the pleasure of the policy advisory committee, 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:

Name	Role	Responsibilities
Mark Maloney, City of Shoreview	Chair	Leads TAC meetings. In absence of Vice Chair reports to MAWSAC
Dean Lotter, City of New Brighton (MAWSAC member)	Vice Chair	Reports to MAWSAC. In absence of Chair leads TAC meetings.
Ali Elhassan, MCES	MC Liaison	Provide staff support
Kristin Asher, City of Richfield	Member	Share expertise
Robert Cockriel, City of Bloomington	Member	Share expertise
Klayton Eckles, City of Woodbury	Member	Share expertise
Dale Folen, City of Minneapolis	Member	Share expertise
Jennifer Levitt, City of Cottage Grove	Member	Share expertise
Chris Petree, City of Lakeville	Member	Share expertise
Lon Schemel, City of Shakopee	Member	Share expertise
Bruce Westby, City of Ramsey	Member	Share expertise
John Dustman, Summit Envirosolutions	Member	Share expertise
G. H. Crystal Ng, University of Minnesota	Member	Share expertise
Lih-in Rezania, Minnesota Department of Health	Member	Share expertise
James Stark, U.S. Geological Survey	Member	Share expertise
Jamie Wallerstedt, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency	Member	Share expertise
Ray Wuolo, Barr Engineering Company	Member	Share expertise

Funding

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