Welcome and Agenda

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Introductions
3. Project history and background
4. Goal of the meeting and small group discussions for developing problem statement
5. DNR groundwater model presentation
6. Questions
7. Next steps
Introductions

Work group members to share:

- Name
- Organization
- Goal for the day
The Minnesota legislature provided $2 million in funding for the Metropolitan Council to form a work group to develop a comprehensive plan to ensure communities in the White Bear Lake area have access to sufficient drinking water to allow for municipal growth while ensuring the sustainability of surface and groundwater resources to supply the needs of future generations.
Today's Process

- Goal: Develop a problem statement using consensus
- Consensus is about:
  - Cooperation between equals
  - Exploring differences of opinion
  - Being clear when you make a decision
- Why consensus?
  - Share power
  - Build a stronger community
  - Make better decisions
  - Get things done
  - Protect minority need and opinions
What do you and your organization see as the important issues/problems related to this effort?

• Write one thought/idea per post-it note
• Use as many post-it notes as needed
• Discuss/share each identified issue/problem
• Sort issues by topic and label the group
Small Groups – Review Legislation

**Review the legislative charge**

- Compare sorted problem topics to legislative charge
- What issues/problems are not addressed in the legislative charge?
Small Groups – Draft Problem Statement

**Draft problem statement**

- As a group, write an agreed-upon problem statement for this effort that best summarizes what you discussed.
- If you cannot agree on the statement, follow the consensus process with Brigitte.
What is a problem statement?

Problem Statement

- A problem statement is a concise description of the problem or issues a project seeks to address.
- The problem statement identifies the current state, the desired future state and any gaps between the two.
- A problem statement is an important communication tool that can help ensure everyone working on a project knows what the problem they need to address is and why the project is important.
Small Groups – Share Problem Statements

Share problem statements

• Groups walk around to the other tables to read each problem statement
• Leave a post-it note with any comments or questions
Questions

Questions for Work Group

• Data sharing

• Ideas for future lunch and learns
Next Steps

**Homework**

- Review executive summaries and meeting minutes
- Think about potential solutions or studies that need to be updated or completed to address the problem statement