



# MEETING NOTES 2050 WATER RESOURCES POLICY PLAN UPDATE ADVISORY GROUP March 21, 2023

## ATTENDANCE

### Members Present:

Paul Carpenter  
Charlie Howley  
Laura Jester  
Russ Matthys  
Richard McCoy

### Absent:

Scott Anderson  
Bryan Bear  
Phil Belfiori  
Andy Brotzler

Becky Christopher  
Bryan Dodds  
Bruce Elder  
Tim Kelly  
Jennifer Levitt  
Paul Moline  
Pat Shea  
Vanessa Strong  
Nick Tomczik  
Bruce Westby  
James Wisker

### Staff:

Kyle Colvin  
Jen Kostrzewski  
Shannon Skally  
Judy Sventek

### Guests:

Anna Bessel  
Terry Gilchrist  
Emily Steinweg

## WELCOME

Anna Bessel welcomed everyone and reviewed the agenda. Introductions were made.

## WASTEWATER PLANNING AND SERVICE CONSIDERATIONS WHITE PAPER

Anna Bessel and Emily Steinweg provided an overview of the Wastewater Planning and Service Considerations White Paper. The focus was on the six Crucial Concerns identified in the paper:

- Acquisition or rural wastewater treatment plants
- Centralized vs. decentralized wastewater planning
- Inflow and infiltration
- Vactor & liquid waste receiving
- Contaminants of regulatory concern
- Wastewater surveillance

Participants were asked to share their opinions of the relative importance of each of the strategies and actions presented in each White Paper via Mural ahead of the meeting. Discussion was centered on areas where there was the greatest divergence of opinions.

- [Wastewater Planning and Service Considerations White Paper](#)
- [Mural Brainstorm](#)

## WATER AND CLIMATE WHITE PAPER

Jen Kostrzewski provided an overview of the Water and Climate White Paper. Jen noted that there are not statutes directing how to address climate. There may be an opportunity for the Met Council to be a leader in this area.

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- [Water and Climate White Paper](#)
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## NEXT STEPS AND ACTION ITEMS

The next meeting will be scheduled via a Doodle poll with a target of early June to review the Rural Water Issues White Paper and the Water Availability, Use, And Access White Paper. White Papers will be sent out for review a minimum of two weeks before each meeting.

If there are any upcoming events or gatherings that would be good forums for outreach for the White Papers, please contact Jen Kostrzewski or Judy Sventek.

ASSIGNED TO	ACTION	DEADLINE	PROGRESS
All Advisory Group Members	Continue to add feedback to the Mural	March 31	In progress
Shannon Skally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Finalize notes - Post to Teams &amp; send via email</li><li>• Send Doodle to for May meeting availability</li></ul>	March 24	completed

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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