

**Mississippi Watershed Management Organization
Board of Commissioners Meeting &
Watershed Management Plan Project Kick-off Meeting**

Tuesday, September 11, 2007
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Council Chambers
Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board
2117 West River Road
Minneapolis, MN 55411-2227

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: *MWMO Board:* Paul Ostrow, Jerry Faust, Karen Gill-Gerbig, Scott Vreeland, Karlyn Eckman *MWMO Staff:* Doug Synder, Dan Kalmon, Jenny Winkelman, Zee Stone, Kari Oquist *CAC:* John Madden, Patrick Kvidera, Craig Larson, Lorin Hatch *IAG/SAG:* Scott Alexander (U of M), Lois Eberhart (City of Minneapolis), Jay Hartman (City of St. Anthony), Trevor Russell (FMR), Judy Sventek (Met Council), Nick Tiedeken (Mn/DOT), Anne Weber (City of St. Paul), John Hensel (MPCA), Nick Eoloff (MPRB), Tony Randazzo (GRG), Joel Settles (Hennepin County), Molly Shodeen (DNR) *Consultant Team:* Brett Emmons, Mark Koegler, Camilla Correll, Kristen Larson

Presentation

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The consultant team provided a brief presentation outlining the plan development and public involvement processes. A PDF version of the presentation can be found on the MWMO's website: <http://www.mwmo.org/20070824%203rd%20Gen%20WS%20Plan.html>.

The presentation was followed by a Question and Answer session which is summarized below.

Questions

How will the strategic planning workshops that the board has been participating in for the last 2 years be incorporated into the plan?

Dan Kalmon has provided this information to the consultant team and it will be incorporated as needed into the issues identification phase of plan development. MWMO Staff and Board members will also have the opportunity to bring up issues identified during the strategic planning workshops as appropriate while they are reviewing public input and draft sections of the plan.

Why is the CAC not included in the initial phase of meetings at the level of the SAC?

There are a few reasons. There were budgetary constraints to be considered. The effort with the SAC is to expand the recruitment efforts as broadly as possible to bring in a truly grass-roots level of involvement. The CAC is involved in the review when the Board is reviewing the Plan sections and will be invited to the Board meetings and workshops



covering the Plan. The CAC can also be members of the SAC and be involved that way. It should be noted that the process is flexible and if something is not working well, we can modify the process.

How were the members of the Implementation Advisory Group (IAG) and Science Advisory Group (SAG) selected?

MWMO Staff and Board identified key organizations and agencies that should be involved in the plan and which advisory group(s) they should be invited to. Letters were sent to these agencies and it was left to the agencies to determine which staff member should participate and which group(s) they should participate in.

Can members of the IAG attend SAG meetings and vice versa? Can IAG and SAG members attend the subwatershed meetings?

Yes and yes. The consultant team will copy the IAG on notices sent out regarding SAG meetings, and vice versa and will notify the groups about the subwatershed meetings. Agendas and meeting minutes for the both groups will be available on the MWMO website in the future once the meetings begin. They will be located on the website here: (<http://www.mwmo.org/20070824%203rd%20Gen%20WS%20Plan.html>).

Are there any additional organizations that will be participating in the SAG that are not present today?

Agencies and organizations invited to participate in the SAG that **are** present at the September 11, 2007 meeting include: the City of Minneapolis, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Great River Greening, Hennepin County and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

Agencies and organizations invited to participate in the SAG that **were not** present at the September 11, 2007 meeting include: the Board of Water and Soil Resources, Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board, the University of Minnesota, and the Minnesota Department of Health.

Agencies and organizations invited to participate in the SAG that **declined** participation include: the Army Corps of Engineers.

Has the meeting schedule for the IAG and SAG been finalized yet?

No. The meeting schedule will be established by early October, 2007. The first IAG and SAG meetings will likely be scheduled for late November or early December 2007.

How does an agency know if they should be represented on the SAG or IAG or both?

The MWMO Staff and Board have preliminarily identified which group they think is appropriate, but we are early enough to adjust those groups. It is really up to the agency to decide who best represents them on the groups. Each agency/entity may have a unique interaction. For example, some agencies may be on both the SAG & IAG groups, some may only be on one or the other. Those that are represented on each group could be different staff members or it could be the same person. Member organizations or group members are encouraged to talk with the Plan team soon if they have concerns about which group or committee they are currently assigned to.