



Workplan and Schedule for Joint Technical Advisory Committee for Rules

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Background

During 2005, Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD) and Ramsey-Washington Metro District (RWMWD) have been involved in the Rulemaking Process to adopt Watershed District Rules for the protection and improvement of water quality. CRWD will be adopting Rules for the first time and RWMWD will be adopting Rules to replace their existing rules originally adopted in 1976.

Mission and Duties

The CRWD and RWMWD have established a joint technical advisory committee (TAC) to advise and assist the managers on technical matters related to the Watershed District Rules. The TAC represents interested communities of the watershed districts and is formed for the purpose of addressing technical issues related to the Rules. The TAC's mission is to identify and recommend solutions. When solutions to the issues are proposed, it will be the responsibility of the TAC member(s) to provide technical information that supports the proposed solution. District staff will then use that information to report to the District Boards and make recommendations.

The purpose of the TAC is to discuss issues, however, it may determine how it wishes to achieve consensus on the solutions it will be recommending to the Boards. District staff may request a vote to reach consensus if deemed appropriate. If voting is used to reach a consensus of the Committee, it should not be viewed as being a veto of District Rules, but a recommendation to the Board of Managers.

The TAC should make every effort to complete its tasks as soon as possible so as not to unreasonably delay the implementation of the Rules. The TAC will complete its work and provide recommendations to the Watershed District Boards of Managers no later than April 5, 2006. Watershed District staff will present the recommendations to the Watershed District Boards of Managers.

Workplan and Schedule

The following is a list of the key technical issues identified during the comment period. All technical comments can be categorized as relating to:

- 1" Infiltration Standard
- Roads/Linear Projects
- Standard/Non-Linear Projects
- Alternative Compliance (Off-site Compliance, Variances)
- Maintenance/Longevity
- Definitions, Ambiguities, Misc.

Staff believes that the technical issues that have been raised in the comment period can be adequately discussed and addressed within a 60 day timeframe. An every other week, three hour meeting will be scheduled in order to meet that timeline. The following is a suggested meeting schedule to follow:

DATE	TIME	ISSUE TO DISCUSS
January 17, 2006	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	TAC Procedures and 1” Infiltration Standard
January 31, 2006	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	1” for Road/Linear Projects vs. Non-Linear Projects
February 14, 2006	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Alternative Compliance/Variance Procedures
February 28, 2006	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Maintenance/Longevity of Infiltration BMPs
March 14, 2006	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Definitions/Ambiguities/Misc/Wrap-Up

Staff anticipates that at the end of each meeting a series of questions will be left to be answered regarding the topic of the meeting. The beginning of the following meeting will then address and discuss the questions posed. After the last meeting of the TAC, the group may submit recommendations to the Board regarding the issues presented and discussed.

Membership of Technical Advisory Committee

Membership on the TAC will be open to anyone who wishes to attend the meetings. A letter has been sent requesting the Cities and other entities to submit names for the official TAC roster. The people on that list will receive the official mailings and other correspondence. It will then be their responsibility to contact others within their jurisdiction if they wish for others to attend a particular meeting. A reminder is also given to the TAC members that this is a technical committee formed to advise on technical matters as they pertain to the proposed standards and criteria. Below is a list of people who received the letter:

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| Larry Zangs, St. Paul | Gerald Urban, Vadnais Heights |
| Anne Weber, St. Paul | Mark Burch, White Bear Lake |
| Tom Beach, St. Paul | Steve Kernik, Woodbury |
| Larry Soderholm, St. Paul | Sharon Doucette, Woodbury |
| Bruce Elder, St. Paul | David Jessup, Woodbury |
| Larry Lueth, St. Paul | Charles Dersheid, St. Paul Port Authority |
| Robert Sandquist, St. Paul | Ken Haider, Ramsey County |
| Bob Bierscheid, St. Paul | Terry Noonan, Ramsey County |
| Brian Tourtelotte, St. Paul | Tom Petersen, Ramsey Conservation District |
| George Johnson, St Paul Planning Commission | Joe Lux, Washington County |
| Duane Schwartz, Roseville | Amanda Goebel, Washington County |
| Dennis Welsch, Roseville | Jay Riggs, Washington Conservation District |
| Heather Worthington, Falcon Heights | Craig Moody, University of Minnesota |
| Paul Emeott, Gem Lake | Brian Hudalla, MN State Fair |
| Bruce Gebhardt, Landfall | Steve Woods, BWSR |
| Joel Hanson, Little Canada | Bill Moore, Metropolitan Council |
| DuWayne Konewko, Maplewood | John Hensel, MPCA |
| Chuck Ahl, Maplewood | Mike Findorff, MPCA |
| Dave Kotilnek, North St. Paul | Beth Nevendorf, MnDOT |
| Brian Bachmeier, Oakdale | Travis Germundson, MnDNR |

Long Term Role of Technical Advisory Committee

The Cities within the CRWD have expressed an interest in continuing the TAC as a permanent advisory committee to the Board. Once the rules have been adopted, the ongoing TAC will meet at least once a year to evaluate the new rules and how well they are being applied to projects within the Districts. The TAC could then make recommendations to the Board on any changes that may need to be made to the rules and standards. Once the rules have been adopted and established, staff recommends that each District have a separate TAC to address specific issues within each District that may arise.