

## Minnesota 3M PFC Settlement

### Agenda for Government and 3M Working Group Meeting

Wednesday, September 19, 2018

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Cottage Grove City Hall — Training Room

12800 Ravine Parkway South, Cottage Grove

**Meeting Purpose:** Begin to develop project criteria for Priority 1 — ensure safe drinking water — and a shared understanding of subgroup process and tasks.

1. Welcome	Kirk Koudelka – MPCA Barb Naramore – DNR Mark Lorie – Abt Associates	10 minutes
2. Update on Charters and Goals	Terill Hollweg – Abt Associates	10 minutes
3. Discussion of Criteria	Terill Hollweg – Abt Associates Jennifer Peers – Abt Associates	60 minutes
4. Break		10 minutes
5. Discussion of Subgroup Process and Tasks	Jennifer Peers – Abt Associates Kirk Koudelka – MPCA Barb Naramore – DNR	60 minutes
6. Next Steps: Upcoming Meetings and Agenda Items	Mark Lorie – Abt Associates	10 minutes
7. Public comments and questions	Mark Lorie – Abt Associates	20 minutes

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September 19, 2018 Meeting Notes**

**Welcome and Introductions**

Members in attendance:

Karie Blomquist		Daniel Kylo
Kevin Chapdelaine		Dan Lund
Shann Finwall		Ron Moorse
Bart Fischer		Charlene Stevens
Clint Gridley		Monica Stiglich (liaison)
Kristina Handt		Kevin Walsh
Lowell Johnson		Kirk Koudelka (MPCA)
Ray Kaiser		Barb Naramore (DNR)
		Kathy Sather (MPCA alternate)

Kirk Koudelka and Barb Naramore welcomed the Group. They introduced Kevin Chapdelaine (Liaison from Government and 3M Working Group) and Monica Stiglich (Liaison from Citizen-Business Group), who will attend the other Group's meetings.

DNR and MPCA shared a copy of the second half of FY 2018 fiscal report to the legislature. This report is required every 6 months; an annual report in February will also detail annual activities.

DNR and MPCA are working on request to provide more detailed information about how the 2007 Consent Order and the 2018 settlement work together – tentatively planned for October meeting.

**Update on Charter**

The Charter has been finalized and posted to the 3M Settlement website. It is a living document and may be updated in the future.

**Update on Program Goals**

The Program Goals document was edited based on comments provided in August work group meetings and by members subsequently. These included inclusion of more direct language from the Agreement in the Background section, addition of a Purpose statement, reorganization of goals into long-term program goals and operational goals, addition of several new goals, and clarifications to wording of goals. The Group discussed adding some additional language from the Agreement, the need to start planning for Priority 2, and concerns about some specific language in the Program Goals document. Group members will be asked to provide additional written comments by Friday, September 28. Those comments, along with ideas generated during the discussion, will be incorporated into a revised goals document before the October meeting.

**Discussion of Criteria**

An approach to project evaluation criteria was presented that includes considering a range of projects (e.g. different scales and timelines for drinking water supply projects, as well as aquifer recharge and protection projects), screening and evaluating those projects and keeping in mind the overall Priority 1 goal. A project proposal framework will be developed to elicit information needed to evaluate the criteria, once they are agreed upon. There are two types of criteria:

- Screening – must meet all of these to move forward
- Evaluation – used to evaluate project ideas given multiple alternative options.

The draft Priority 1 Criteria document is preliminary, intended to serve as a starting point for discussion, based on Abt's experience with restoration planning for Natural Resource Damage Assessments. Criteria were numbered to facilitate discussion, not imply prioritization. Cost sharing will be important to ensure fairness and to be able to include good projects that only partially are relevant to the grant. Future discussions will include ranking, weighting, and order of application of the criteria.

The Group discussed the draft criteria, touching on the meaning and implications of several criteria, potential edits and clarifications, and new potential criteria. Group members will be asked to provide additional written comments by Friday, September 28. Those comments, along with ideas generated during the discussion, will be incorporated into a revised version for additional discussion at the October meeting.

### **Discussion of Subgroup Process and Tasks**

The Subgroups are intended to provide necessary technical expertise to help the work groups develop recommendations. They will compile necessary background information. For Project Proposals, they will weigh in on the Screening Criteria and provide technical input necessary for the work groups to consider the Evaluation Criteria. They may also evaluate potential technologies and approaches and provide feedback to the work groups. They may also play a technical peer review role in detailed project designs once we get to that point.

Subgroups will be directed by the co-Trustees (DNR and MPCA) based on input from the work groups. Project ideas can come from the co-Trustees and the work groups as well as Subgroups. Subgroup 1 will focus on drinking water, and Subgroup 2 will focus on groundwater supply. Participants in the Subgroups will be appropriate technical representatives as well as other experts brought in to weigh in on specific topics.

The Group discussed the proposed Subgroup process and tasks, as well as whether there would be funding available for capacity to participate in the Subgroups. The Group discussed potential sources of information, how project ideas will be identified and solicited, and how an initial charge for Subgroup 1 will be developed.

Group members will be asked to provide additional written comments and input on participants by Friday, September 28. The MPCA and DNR will consider these comments and return to the Group with more information.

### **Other Update**

Lakeland and Lakeland Shores will likely be participating in the planning process because PFAS has been detected in some wells and a broader sampling effort is beginning.

### **Action Items**

1. Members will provide comments to MPCA/DNR (Walker Smith) by Friday, September 28 for the following:
  - a. Revised Program Goals document (final comments)
  - b. Priority 1 Draft Criteria
  - c. Subgroups
2. MPCA/DNR will post information from the September meeting on a public website.

### **Public Comments and Questions**

Members of the public were given the opportunity to ask questions. Potential contributions by national experts were discussed, a suggestion was made to invite and potentially fund Non-Governmental Agencies to participate in the Subgroup process, a recommendation was made to make progress on Priority 2 criteria as well as Priority 1, and the need to review city comprehensive plans was noted.