

Minnesota 3M PFC Settlement

Agenda for Drinking Water Supply Technical Subgroup 1 Meeting

Wednesday, May 20, 2020

1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Webex link: [Join Webex meeting](#)

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Meeting Purpose:

- Achieve a common understanding of progress to date on Settlement activities
- Continue discussion and begin to resolve key considerations for determining good/better/best scenarios
- Agree on approach for Subgroup 1 to advise on sustainability charge for the Conceptual Drinking Water Supply Plan
- Clearly identify next steps.

1. Welcome and updates a. Agenda b. Roll call c. Webex instructions d. Updates	Jason Moeckel – DNR Gary Krueger – MPCA Heather Hosterman – Abt Associates Jeanne Goodman – Abt Associates	1:00 pm
2. Key considerations for determining good/better/best scenarios	Jason Moeckel – DNR Gary Krueger – MPCA Mark Lorie – Abt Associates	
3. Break		2:00 pm
4. Key considerations continued: Sustainability considerations	Jason Moeckel – DNR Gary Krueger – MPCA Mark Lorie – Abt Associates	
5. Public comments and questions	Mark Lorie – Abt Associates Milt Thomas – MPCA	3:00 pm
6. Conceptual Drinking Water Supply Plan: Overall process and timeline to complete and next steps (upcoming activities and tasks, future meetings, and agenda items to request)	Mark Lorie – Abt Associates Hannah Albertus-Benham – Wood Milt Thomas – MPCA	
7. ADJOURN		3:30 pm

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Group members in attendance:

Brian Bachmeier	Brian Davis
Chris Bryan	Dan DeRudder
Dave Simons	Greg Johnson
Jack Griffin	Jason Moeckel
Jim Westerman	Karla Peterson
Lucas Martin	Marian Appelt
Molly Wellens	Richard Thron
Ryan Burfeind	Ryan Stempski
Stephanie Souter	Stu Grubb

Presenters:

- Kirk Koudelka, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA)
- Jess Richards, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
- Heather Hosterman, Abt Associates
- Mark Lorie, Abt Associates
- Milt Thomas, MPCA
- Hannah Albertus-Benham, Wood

Welcome

Heather Hosterman (Abt) and Gary Krueger (MPCA) welcomed Subgroup 1.

Updates and follow-up

Gary Krueger (MPCA) provided project updates:

- AECOM is completing a third-party review of the groundwater model. MPCA will share the results of the review with Subgroup 1. The review focuses on Appendices B and C, which are on SharePoint.
- The Mentimeter and Dotmocracy results from the public meetings are also on SharePoint.
- There will be a round of project funding, similar to the expedited projects, to leverage Settlement funds for the 2021-2022 construction season that are consistent with Priority 1 criteria. This will be a limited application round for those who have a relevant road construction projects in place.
- DNR said they expect to include the White Bear Lake Model moving forward.

Key considerations for determining good/better/best scenarios

Mark Lorie (Abt) presented the results of the Key Considerations Survey. The survey represents 22 responses (11 from the Government and 3M work group, 5 from Citizen-Business work group, and 6 from SG1). Subgroup 1 members should fill out the survey if they have not already done so or have additional comments. The survey results will be used to inform the Co-Trustees as they develop the good/better/best scenario.

Subgroup 1 discussed five key considerations:

- **Health Index (HI) threshold for treatment.** There is widespread support for HI threshold less than 1 and near unanimous agreement that this issue is very important to resolve. Survey respondents felt that the most appropriate HI threshold was ≥ 0.5 .

incorporate sustainability and whether Settlement implementation should include incentives for sustainability.

The Subgroup members feel that sustainability should come second to HI, especially since some communities (e.g., Woodbury) already have robust water conservation programs that they can use to focus on sustainability. It would be better to use Settlement funds to focus on HI.

The Subgroup also discussed the best way to discuss sustainability in the future and noted it may make most sense to add members to the Subgroup to continue the discussion.

- **Cost-sharing.** A majority of responses indicated it is important or very important to consider cost-sharing as part of the Settlement.

Subgroup 1 members agreed that money from the Settlement should not be used for new development.

Public comments and questions

Members of the public were given the opportunity to ask questions. There were no comments or questions from the public.

Conceptual Drinking Water Supply Plan

Mark Lorie (Abt) presented on current steps, including:

- Co-Trustees, with support from Abt and Wood, are incorporating comments, changes to scenarios, and updating water supply demands.

Abt also presented on next steps. Co-Trustees, with support from Abt and Wood, will:

- June – July: Consider next scenario iterations, updated evaluations as needed (Chapter 7 and Appendix G), and finalize draft evaluations (Chapter 7 and Appendix G)
- August: Draft good/better/best scenarios and Chapter 8
- September – October: Meet with each community's leadership to discuss good/better/best recommendation and final decision. During this time, the Co-Trustees will share draft Chapter 7 and 8 with Subgroup 1 and open a public comment period.

The Subgroup 1 meeting in June is cancelled. The status of the July and August Subgroup 1 meetings will be decided at least two weeks before their scheduled dates. Subgroup 1 members should fill out the key considerations survey if they have not had a chance to do so or if they have additional comments. The survey will be open until Thursday, May 21.