



## Steering Committee Meeting Summary

June 2, 2021

### Participants

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### Updates



### Plan Issues and 60-day Responses

The initial draft list of Plan issues was revised to reflect responses received from the 60-day notification period (BWSR, DNR, MPCA, and MDH) and the Advisory Committee meeting held on May 19th. The draft list was largely inclusive of priorities expressed by responding agencies and Advisory Committee members. Two issues were added to the draft list for Steering Committee consideration:

- 1: *Chloride Management (MPCA)*
- 2: *Parklands Impacted by Upstream Land Use (DNR)*

## Issue Prioritization

An Issue Prioritization summary document was presented to the Steering Committee. This document included draft issue statements and resource maps for four resource categories:

1. *Surface Water*
2. *Land Stewardship*
3. *Habitat*
4. *Groundwater*

The Issue Prioritization summary document was used to orient the Steering Committee about which specific issues may be impacting one planning region more than another, which in turn will aid in prioritizing issues by planning region. Following review and discussion about the document, the Steering Committee was asked to identify the top 6 priority issues for each planning region using Google Forms. Issues receiving the most votes by planning region are indicated below. The results of this survey are also attached.

- **Headwaters:** *Contaminants in Groundwater (3); Excess Bacteria (3); and In-channel erosion and channel instability (3)*
- **Lower Tamarac:** *Flooding (5)*
- **Lower Middle:** *Flooding (5)*
- **Snake River:** *Inadequate drainage of agricultural land (5); Flooding (5)*

The results of this survey are an initial “temperature check” from members of the Steering Committee. Based on outcomes, two issues will be changed:

1. *Chloride issue was moved to an emerging issue and*
2. *Terrestrial wildlife was grouped with native prairie conversion.*

Issues will be formally prioritized for each planning region by the Steering Committee during the July 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, when the Steering Committee can also consider outcomes from the Advisory Committee prioritization and the public kickoff. Priority issues will then be brought to the Policy Committee for approval.

## Public Kickoff Meeting

The purpose of the kickoff meeting is to inform the public about the process and to gather public input on three main items: identifying issues, prioritizing issues, and prioritizing areas of concern. To gather public input, the following methods will be used:

1. To identify issues: sticky notes in person and Jamboard remotely
2. To prioritize issues: public survey, printed and online
3. To prioritize areas of concern: large-scale maps to circle problem areas

A PowerPoint to introduce the planning process will be given at the meeting. The Land and Water Resources Narrative (LWRN) will also be available (printed) for those attending in person.

- **When:** Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00- 11:00 AM
- **Where:** Warren Courthouse with remote log-in options

Katrina Haugen will publish the notice for the public kickoff meeting in local papers, including: Warren Sheaf; Crookston Times; Stephen Messenger; The Honker; Northern Watch; Roseau Times; Thief River Times; and Argyle Messenger.

## Next Meetings

Regularly scheduled meetings for each planning committee are as follows:

- **Steering Committee:** First Wednesday of every month, 9:00 – 11:00 AM
- **Advisory Committee:** Third Wednesday, every other month, 9:00 – 11:00 AM
- **Policy Committee:** Third Wednesday, every other month (following the Advisory Committee meeting), 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Next Scheduled Meetings:

- **Advisory Committee:** June 16, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
- **Public Kickoff:** June 23, 9:00am – 11:00 AM
- **Steering Committee:** July 7, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM