

**Lake Level Resolution Committee (LLRC) Meeting
Expansion Room, City Hall, White Bear Lake, Minnesota
Wednesday, July 10, 2013
7:00-8:15 P.M.**

Members Present: Tom Alvarez, Paul Bolstad, Bryan DeSmet (chair), Suzanne Donnell, Mike Downing, Bill Foussard, Janice Hallman, and Terry O'Loughlin

Members Absent: Margaret Behrens, Ali Elhassan, Scott Mueller, Todd Stutz

Agenda:

1. Update on requests made to DNR, Met Council, and City of White Bear Lake.

Bryan DeSmet updated the members on these items. Conservation activities include a booth at Marketfest, which is discussed later in this document.

The Met Council is starting to establish a Northeast Metro working group that will focus on (1) conservation and (2) beginning the discussion of converting municipalities to a surface water source. We know that the conversion to surface water will take a long time, but we need to keep this conversation moving along.

The City of White Bear Lake is talking internally and with the MN DNR regarding the pumping of their Mount Simon Hinckley aquifer well.

Mike Downing said that he recently asked White Bear Township about the cost to shut down their wells. They will provide a cost at the end of the year.

Bryan said that the Met Council is working on preparing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Feasibility Study. It's currently being vetted internally and will be put out soon. Draft information from this RFP should be available in January 2014.

Paul Putzier is our contact with the DNR regarding the Groundwater Management Area. Paul feels the boundaries of this area will be identified by October 2013.

2. Discussion of upcoming water conservation activities.

The White Bear Lake Conservation District has agreed to pay for the booth, shower heads, faucet aerators and colored copies that will be part of the Marketfest activities. The final night of Marketfest will be July 25, 2013. Janice Hallman, Bryan, Ali Elhassan and Suzanne Donnell will staff the booth that night. Janice estimated that, with the water saving fixtures that have been handed out to this point, 1.6 million gallons of water will be saved. The drawing for the low flow toilet and four low flow shower heads will be held at 8:00 p.m. the night of July 25th.

3. Discussion of the Strategic Communications Plan.

Mike sent the LLRC an email prior to the meeting that contained Key Messages that he felt the LLRC might want to adopt. He asked that all committee members review it and give him input prior to the next meeting.

He asked if the LLRC needs an “awareness” web page. He and his son would support this project and his son can quickly and efficiently build a web page that would carry the LLRC message, as well as others. The members felt this would be a good avenue for getting the LLRC goals to the public.

Paul Bolstad said that he’s going to a meeting at the USGS on July 18th to discuss the scope for the next phase of the USGS study. He said this is the first year in the last 15 years where the lake level has gone up.

The final “Our Water, Our Future” Symposium will be held at Century College in the Lincoln Mall on the East Campus on Tuesday, July 16, from 6:00-8:00 P.M. Janice will give a presentation on Water Conservation.

The next LLRC meeting will be held on August 14, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the upstairs Expansion Room of White Bear Lake City Hall.