

May 2, 2013

Susan Haigh
Chair, Metropolitan Council
390 Robert Street North
St. Paul, MN 55101

RE: Request for Metropolitan Council to Coordinate Northeast Metro Discussions

Ms. Haigh,

The White Bear Lake Conservation District (WBLCD) is concerned about the decreasing water level in White Bear Lake. The WBLCD Board recently approved a report prepared by a committee of the WBLCD, the Lake Level Resolution Committee (LLRC). The LLRC report, dated April 16, 2013 recommends that water conservation activities be increased in the northeast metro area in order to reduce the stress on the groundwater aquifers in the area. Further, the LLRC report identified options for further analysis, one of which was conversion of the northeast metro water supplies to a surface water source. A copy of the LLRC report is attached for your information.

As you are aware, Metropolitan Council projections predict that the population in the northeast metro area will increase by 60,000 people by 2030, with an associated water demand of 6 million gallons per day. We believe that the negative impacts resulting from the current groundwater allocations in this area will be exacerbated by increased demands on groundwater resources. Solutions include promoting water conservation activities, and reducing our reliance on groundwater as a water supply source, however these solutions must be implemented on a regional basis. We are writing to request that the Metropolitan Council accept the responsibility of coordinating discussions amongst the stakeholders in the northeast metro area regarding these two items. In addition, we request that representatives from the WBLCD be included in these discussions.

Thank you for your consideration of this request, and please contact us with any questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,
White Bear Lake Conservation District

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Stawnychy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mike" and last name "Stawnychy" clearly legible.

Mike Stawnychy
Board Chairman

cc: Leisa Thompson, MCES General Manager
Attachment: LLRC Report Dated April 16, 2013