

RESOLUTION OF THE MINNESOTA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD

Approval of EQB Tribal Coordination and Consultation Policy

EQB recognizes and supports the unique status of Tribes and their absolute right to existence, self-governance, and self-determination. Minnesota Statutes, section 10.65, subpart 3(k) encourages and allows all agencies and boards to “engage in consultation and communication with the Minnesota Tribal governments for all matters that have Tribal implications.”

EQB seeks to facilitate positive government-to-government relations with all federally recognized Tribal Nations that share geography with the State of Minnesota, and therefore wishes to establish a Tribal Coordination and Consultation policy in alignment with Minn. Stat. § 10.65.

The purpose of this policy is:

- 1) to develop, maintain, and improve meaningful government-to-government relationships.
- 2) to ensure effective communication and coordination on specific EQB actions and decisions that may affect one or more of the Tribal Nations that share geography with Minnesota.

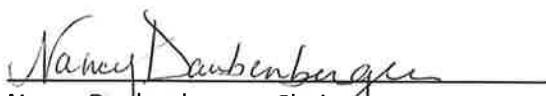
This policy is prepared in accordance with Minnesota statutes and rules, federal statutes, and regulations. It does not apply to Board member agencies acting within the scope of their own authorities and consultation policies.

The Board resolves to adopt the attached 2024 EQB Coordination and Consultation Policy with the following changes:

- With the newly adopted mission statement under the section “Roles and Responsibilities of the EQB”
- With the addition of the words “and consider” to the bullet point “Listen to input” under the coordination section

By doing so, the Board agrees to adhere to the processes outlined in the EQB Coordination and Consultation Policy, which also involves updating the policy as necessary to better reflect the needs of Tribes that share geography with the State of Minnesota.

The Board approved and adopted this resolution on July 17, 2024.


Nancy Daubenberger, Chair
Minnesota Environmental Quality Board

Date: 7/17/2024

Attachments: EQB Tribal Coordination and Consultation Policy