

The *EQB Monitor*

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EQB Announcements



Bee Lucky for Pollinators

The EQB collaborated with the Minnesota Lottery to create the Bee Lucky scratch ticket that features the endangered rusty patched bumble bee (*Bombus affinis*), Minnesota's state bee. The Interagency Pollinator Protection Team and Dr. Elaine Evans from the UMN Bee Lab worked together to provide the technical and scientific information that populates the Bee Lucky ticket landing page, and the Bee Informed box included in each ticket. This ticket will raise awareness about Minnesota's imperiled pollinators and ways to help them. Additionally, Bee Lucky ticket sales will generate lottery proceeds that support environmental projects, including improving pollinator habitat.

For more information please go the Bee Lucky Media Kit through this link: [MN Lottery - Minnesota Lottery](#)

Apply now to be an Environmental Quality Board member

The application is open for a Public Board Member position representing Minnesota's Congressional District 6. This district spans parts of Benton, Carver, Sherburne, Stearns, Wright, Anoka and Washington counties, including cities such as Saint Cloud, Big Lake, Hugo, and Waconia.



Serving on the Environmental Quality Board is a unique opportunity to shape environmental issues in Minnesota. Public Board Members bring the voices of Minnesotans from around the state into decision making, helping the Board think in new ways about environmental challenges and solutions.

To learn more, visit the Environmental Quality Board's [Join the Board](#) page. The position is open until filled, and begins in January 2022.

Citizen Petition

The following petition has been filed with the EQB requesting preparation of an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW). The EQB has assigned the indicated unit of government to review the petition and decide on the need for an EAW.

Petition Name: Noble Hill

Responsible Government Unit (RGU): City of Eden Prairie

Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Otterrock Resort

Comment Deadline: May 27, 2021

Project Description: Emily and James Bujold are proposing to develop a micro-resort (Otterrock Resort) on their 3.4 acre/2 parcel property on Jay Gould Lake. The resort will include three 480sf cabins which are already built and will be moved to the property as well as the existing 700sf unit. They intend to rent out these four units to the public as short-term vacation rentals, for stays of one night or more, geared to the 'silent sports' enthusiasts.

Link to Document: No link provided. See RGU contact information below.

First Public Meeting Date: May 25, 2021

First Public Meeting Time: 7:05 p.m.

First Public Meeting Location Name and Address: Cohasset Community Center, 305 NW 1st Avenue, Cohasset, Minnesota

RGU: City of Cohasset

RGU Contact: Greg Tuttle, 218-328-6225, gregt@cohasset-mn.com

South District Trunk Sanitary Sewer

Comment Deadline: May 27, 2021

Project Description: The City of Cottage Grove proposes to construct a new 5,095 foot South District Trunk Sanitary Sewer collection system that will serve the City's South District. The South District has yet to develop or tie into the City's sanitary sewer system. The proposed South District Trunk Sanitary Sewer will connect into the existing Metropolitan Council Environmental Services interceptor pipe that will convey the wastewater and treat it at the Eagles Point Wastewater Treatment Plant. The South District Trunk Sanitary Sewer will have a peak ultimate design flow of 6.705 million gallons per day.

Link to Document: <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/regulations/projects-under-mpca-review>

RGU: Pollution Control Agency

RGU Contact: Patrice Jensen, 651-757-2465, patrice.jensen@state.mn.us

Minnewawa Lodge Renovation

Comment Deadline: May 27, 2021

Project Description: The owners of the Minnewawa Resort are requesting to demolish and reconstruct 3 historic buildings on the subject property. These structures have fallen into disrepair affecting both the aesthetic and safety of the residents of the community and visitors of the resort. The 3 buildings are an old lodge, cabin, and motel. These buildings will be carefully demolished with the intent of salvaging items and construction materials to be used in the reconstruction of these structures, keeping the memories of the old buildings alive for years to come. The construction project timeline will be approximately 1 year.

Link to Document: No link provided. See RGU contact information below.

RGU: City of Nisswa

RGU Contact: Brittney Cotner, 218-963-2402, zoningadmin@ci.nisswa.mn.us

Environmental Impact Statement Need Decisions

The noted responsible governmental units have determined the following projects do not require preparation of Environmental Impact Statements (EISs).

White Bear Lake Independent School District (ISD #624) High School Expansion

Decision: Negative, April 12, 2021

Link to Document: No link provided. See RGU contact information below.

RGU: City of White Bear Lake

RGU Contact: Anne Kane, 651-429-8526, akane@whitebearlake.org

Fields of Winslow Cove

Decision: Negative, April 6, 2021

Link to Document: <https://www.andovermn.gov/498/Environmental-Assessment-Worksheet-EAW>

RGU: City of Andover

RGU Contact: Peter Hellegers, 763-767-5147, p.hellegers@andovermn.gov

General Notices

Notice of Public Comment on Minnesota Forest Resources Council's East Central Landscape Forest Resources Plan

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE the Minnesota Forest Resources Council (MFRC) is seeking comment on the draft East Central Landscape Forest Resources Plan. Electronic versions of the draft plan and other relevant documents are available on the MFRC website: <http://mn.gov/frc/east-central-committee.html> The draft East Central Landscape Forest Resources Plan provides cross-ownership recommendations for long-term forest sustainability in the East Central Landscape which covers Benton, Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Pine, Sherburne, and Wright counties. Comments on the draft plan are due on Thursday, May 27, 2021.

If you have any questions about this document or would like more information, please contact Ashlee Lehner, Landscape Planning and Policy Coordinator at 218-322-2509 or ashlee.lehner@state.mn.us.

Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms

KWS Seeds, LLC filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification # **21-NO-26**. Notification is for genetically modified **SUGARBEET**, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for release in Application **AUTH - 0000096166**. The counties identified for release include the following: **Dakota-1 locations with 10 acres**. Project categories include **HR (Herbicide Resistance)**.

For additional information contact Denise Thiede, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-402-3149, denise.thiede@state.mn.us.

Links to environmental review documents were provided by the RGU. In the event that the link does not work, you may contact the RGU directly to request either a paper or electronic copy of the documents. If you are not able to connect with the RGU, please email EQB staff at Env.Review@state.mn.us, call 651.757.2873, or visit our [website](#).
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