

EQB Monitor

Weekly announcements and environmental review notices

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EQB Announcements

Environmental Quality Board meeting

Wednesday, December 14, 1 – 4 p.m.

Join us in person or virtually for the December Environmental Quality Board meeting. At this meeting, the board will consider changes to the environmental assessment worksheet and will hear a presentation about plans for the continuous improvement process for environmental review. More information about the meeting, including the meeting packet and Webex link, can be found on the [board meeting webpage](#).

Required public notices



Environmental review project notices

EQB publishes environmental review notices provided by responsible governmental units. For more information on a project undergoing environmental review, click on the individual project links below. You can also find information about active projects in your community on the [Environmental Review Projects Interactive Map](#).

Whetstone River Restoration Project

Location: Ortonville, Big Stone County, Minnesota and in Big Stone, Grant County, South Dakota

Process: Environmental assessment worksheet (EAW)

Step: EAW available

End of comment period: January 5, 2023

Project description: The Upper Minnesota River Watershed District is proposing hydrologic restoration efforts to reconnect the Whetstone River to the historic Whetstone River channel. A tributary of the Minnesota River, the Whetstone River is approximately 35 miles in length beginning in the Coteau des Prairies region of South Dakota. The historic Whetstone River channel flowed directly into the Minnesota River but is currently diverted into the Big Stone Lake just upstream of the Big Stone Lake Dam. The proposed project will restore the hydrologic connectivity of approximately 9,000 feet of the historic Whetstone River channel between the current Whetstone River and its confluence with the Minnesota River. The Whetstone River Restoration Project

will also reestablish the downstream floodplain and floodplain wetlands along the restored historic Whetstone River channel.

Link to public documents: [Whetstone River Restoration Project EAW](#)

Location of public documents: Upper Minnesota River Watershed District Office, 211 2nd Street SE, Ortonville, MN 56278

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Upper Minnesota River Watershed District, [Amber Doschadis](#), 320-839-3411

Adelmann Farm Industrial Park

Location: Lakeville, Dakota County

Process: Alternative urban areawide review (AUAR)

Step: Draft AUAR

End of comment period: January 5, 2023

Project description: The AUAR study area encompasses an area totaling approximately 115.6 acres on two tax parcels in the City of Lakeville, entirely within Dakota County, Minnesota, the Adelmann Farm, shown on Figure 2. Formerly used as agricultural land in Eureka Township, the City of Lakeville annexed the study area in May 2021. Launch Properties is proposing to redevelop the study area to industrial uses. Redevelopment of the study area would include new infrastructure, including water service, sewer, stormwater, streets, and utilities, and most of the new services would be extensions to existing infrastructure or upgrading existing systems to support the new land uses.

Link to public documents: No link to documents provided. See responsible governmental unit contact information below.

Location of public documents: Lakeville City Hall, 20195 Holyoke Avenue, Lakeville, MN 55044

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Lakeville, [Kati Bachmayer](#), 952-985-4425

General notices

Notices published in this section may be required under Minnesota Statute or Rule.

Notice of Public Information and Environmental Assessment Scoping Meeting

Notice description: The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) and Minnesota Department of Commerce (Department) will hold a public information and environmental assessment scoping meeting on the route permit application of Great River Energy (GRE) for its proposed transmission line rebuild project in Stearns County, Minnesota. The purpose of the meeting is to: (1) provide information to the public about the proposed project and the state's high-voltage transmission line route permitting process; and (2) provide members of the public an opportunity to participate in developing the scope of the environmental assessment. This includes commenting on issues or concerns related to the proposed project and proposing alternatives for consideration. This information will be available on eDockets (Number: ET-2/TL-22-235) and on the project webpage (<https://apps.commerce.state.mn.us/eera/web/project/14925>).

First public meeting date, time, location: December 7, 2022, 6 p.m., virtual

First public meeting virtual link: [Join online](#)

First public meeting additional details: Webinar Number: 2497 368 5485 Webinar Password: jRTt3mku5C3 (57883658 from phones) Join by Phone: 1-855-282-6330 Toll Free Access Code: 249 736 85485 If you are joining the meeting by WebEx and would like to ask a question or make a comment during the designated portion of the meeting, use the chat function to send a message to the meeting moderator. If you are joining the meeting by phone, press *3 on your phone. When it is your turn to speak, your line will be unmuted, and you will be able to ask questions and provide comments. Additional information and instructions are available at:

<https://mn.gov/puc/activities/meetings/webex/>

Second public meeting date, time, location: December 8, 2022, 6 p.m., Millstream Park Meeting Facility, 725 County Road 75 W St. Joseph, Minnesota, 56374

Second public meeting additional details: Link to Google Map:

<https://goo.gl/maps/KscEgwuRMLaZsyss7> To find out if a meeting is canceled due to bad weather or other call 1-855-731-6208 or 651-201-2213 or visit mn.gov/puc.

Link to additional information: [Notice of Public Information and Environmental Assessment Scoping Meeting additional information](#)

Contact: Minnesota Department of Commerce, [Jamie MacAlister](#), 651-539-1775

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