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EQB Meetings are regularly scheduled for the third Wednesday of the month.

There may be additional special meetings as well. The calendar with scheduled meetings is located at http://server.admin.state.mn.us/WebCalendar/month.php?cat_id=3&date=20120801. Meeting packets and agendas are at http://www.eqb.state.mn.us/WebCalendar/month.php?cat_id=3&date=20120801.

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Now available: new Environmental Assessment Worksheet Form

The Environmental Quality Board (EQB) has improved the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) form. The form has been modified to eliminate redundancies and present information in a more consistent manner. The updated form is available as a pdf and an rtf document at http://www.eqb.state.mn.us/EnvRevGuidanceDocuments.htm.

EAWs currently underway may be completed with the form dated 2008. New EAWs must use the form dated July 2013.

For more information, contact the EQB via email at <u>env.review@state.mn.us</u> or by phone at 651-757-2873.

Environmental Assessment Worksheets

EAW Comment Deadline: September 4, 2013

Project title: Lennar Residential Development Plan, Hennepin County

Project Description: The Lennar Residential Development Plan is a 264.6-acre residential master planned community with 437 units on 126.0 acres and 25.4 acres of parks and open space. The project is generally located at Gleason Road and County Road 101 in the City of Corcoran, Hennepin County, Minnesota.

RGU: City of Corcoran

Contact Person: Kendra Lindahl Corcoran City Planner 8200 County Road 116 Corcoran, MN 55340 Phone: 612-638-0225 Fax: 612-252-9077 Email: klindahl@landform.net

Project Title: Fields of Woodbury, Washington County

Project Description: The Fields of Woodbury is a proposed single family residential neighborhood which will include a mix of lot sizes, community facilities, and open space. The proposed development will include approximately 320-370 units and will be served by a primary access off of future Pioneer Drive, currently known as Mile Drive.

RGU: City of Woodbury

Contact Person: Sharon Doucette

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EIS Need Decisions

The noted responsible governmental unit has determined the following project does not require preparation of an EIS. The dates given are, respectively, the date of the determination and the date the EAW notice was published in the EQB Monitor.

• City of Fridley, Riverside Corporate Centre Site Development, (Anoka County), July 22, 2013 (May 27, 2013).

Final Environmental Impact Statement Available

10-Day Comment Deadline: August 19, 2013

Project Title: Minnesota Multi-Purpose Stadium, Hennepin County

Project Description: As the designated Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU), the Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority (MSFA) has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIS) under the Minnesota Environmental Policy Act for the proposed construction of the Minnesota Multi-Purpose Stadium. The Stadium will seat approximately 65,500 persons, with expansion up to 73,000 (maximum), and is for use by the Minnesota Vikings as well as other civic and community uses. The Proposed Project includes the Stadium structure and associated infrastructure improvements surrounding the Stadium site. The Stadium site is located from Park Avenue to 11th Avenue and 3rd Street to 6th Street on the current Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome site.

Copies of the Final EIS are being distributed to agencies on the current Minnesota Environmental Quality Board list and to all persons and organizations that submitted substantive comments on the Draft EIS. The MSFA will also issue a press release to at least one newspaper of general circulation within Hennepin County to announce the availability of the Final EIS and provide

instructions for submitting public comments. The Final EIS may be accessed electronically on the MSFA's website (www.msfa.com) and paper copies are available for review at the Minneapolis Central Branch of the Hennepin County Public Library (300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis).

RGU: Minnesota Sports Facility Authority

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Alternative Urban Areawide Review Update Available

10-Day Comment Deadline: August 19, 2013

Project Title: Gateway AUAR Update, City of Edina

Project Description: The City of Edina has prepared an AUAR Update for the Gateway Study Area. The 135-acre study area is currently developed and the environmental review evaluates redevelopment. The original AUAR was adopted in 2007. The AUAR Update is available for review at <u>http://edinamn.gov/index.php?section=community-development-planning</u>. All comments regarding this Update should be received no later than August 19, 2013 at 4:00 pm.

RGU: City of Edina

Contact Person: Mr. Cary Teague City of Edina 4801 West 50th Street Edina, MN 55424

Alternative Urban Areawide Review Adopted

Project Title: The COR (Formerly Ramsey Town Center) AUAR

Project Description: The City of Ramsey updated The COR (formerly Ramsey Town Center) AUAR. The AUAR was sent to review agencies on May 13, 2013. The comment period ended June 12, 2013. The City of Ramsey City Council passed a resolution adopting The COR AUAR

Update on July 9, 2013.

RGU: City of Ramsey

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Notices

Notice of Environmental Assessment

In the Matter of the Applications for a Route Permit for the MP 39 Line Relocation Project

PUC Docket Numbers: E015/TL-12-1123

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Energy Facility Permitting (EFP) announces the release of the environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed MP 39 Line Relocation project.

Electronic versions of the EA, the scoping decision, route permit application and other documents relevant to this matter are available on the Minnesota Department of Commerce's website: <u>http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?ld=32972</u>, and on the Department of Commerce eDockets website: <u>https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp</u> (enter the Docket Number Year "12" and Number "1123").

The Environmental Assessment is a written document that describes the human and environmental impacts of the transmission line project (and selected alternative routes) and methods to mitigate such impacts. Applications for high voltage transmission line route permits under the alternative permitting process require a public hearing upon completion of the EA pursuant to Minn. R. 7850.3800. A portion of the hearing must be held in a county where the proposed project would be located.

The public hearing will be noticed separately and in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 216E.03, subdivision 6.

If you have any questions about this document or would like more information, please contact the DOC EFP Environmental Manager: Bill Storm, 85 7th Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul, MN 55101; Tel: 651.539.1844; e-mail: <u>bill.storm@state.mn.us</u>.

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