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EQB Announcements

Environmental Quality Board Meeting: September 9th, 2020

We invite you to join the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) at their next Board meeting on September 9 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the EQB will exclusively convene its September Board meeting virtually through the WebEx platform. Instructions for connecting to WebEx are included on page six of the Board Packet

Access Link to the August 12,2020 EQB Meeting

The meeting will address one decision objective, then two informational objectives:

- Review and approve final 2020 State Water Plan
- Provide feedback on the progress of the 2020 Pollinator Annual Report and the Civic Engagement Process framework
- Provide an update on the Minnesota Sands, LLC proposed project in Fillmore County

You can also view our full agenda on the **EQB** website.

Accessibility: This material can be provided in different forms, like large print, braille or on a recording. Please contact EQB staff at least one week prior to the event at info.EQB@state.mn.us to arrange an accommodation.

Applications are currently open for Environmental Quality Board Member Positions in Congressional Districts 4 and 5

Applications are currently open for two Public Board Member positions: one each representing the public from Minnesota's Congressional Districts 4 and 5 (CD4 and CD5). CD4 includes part of Washington County and most of Ramsey County, including Saint Paul; and CD5 includes parts of Anoka and Hennepin Counties including Minneapolis. The positions are for a four-year term and are open until filled.

Serving on the <u>Environmental Quality Board</u> is a unique opportunity to shape environmental issues in Minnesota. Public members of the Board help bring the voices of Minnesotans from around the state into decision making, prompting our government to think in new ways about environmental challenges and solutions.

To apply, visit the Minnesota Secretary of State's website.

Questions? Contact us:

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Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Mayowood Estates

Comment Deadline: September 30, 2020

Project Description: Clark Development is proposing to develop approximately 203 acres of agricultural lands into the Mayowood Estates housing development in Rochester Township, Olmsted County. The project will be developed in multiple phases totaling 66 large-lot single family units with individual sewage treatment systems, shared community wells, rural internal roads, and stormwater treatment facilities. The EAW is available at the Rochester Town Hall, 4111 11th Ave SW, Rochester, MN or by using the link below.

Link to Document: https://tcpamn.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/015630-000-Mayowood-EAW-073020.pdf

RGU: Rochester Township

RGU Contact: Roger Ihrke, 507-529-0774, roger@tcpamn.org

Waukon Dairy (comment period extended)

Comment Deadline: October 16, 2020

Project Description: Riverview, LLP proposes to build a 10,500-animal unit Jersey dairy feedlot in Section 32, Waukon Township, in Norman County. Riverview, LLP will house the cows in a cross-ventilated, total confinement, free-stall barn and will use earthen basins with impermeable covers to collect and store the manure and wastewater. Riverview, LLP will transfer liquid manure to area farmers each fall for use as fertilizer on cropland following crop harvest.

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

RGU: Pollution Control Agency

RGU Contact: Charles Peterson, 651-757-2856, charles.peterson@state.mn.us

Blake Road Station Development

Comment Deadline: September 30, 2020

Project Description: As the designated Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU), the City of Hopkins has prepared an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) for the Blake Road Station Development. The proposed project includes the redevelopment of 6.4 acres of existing commercial uses at the intersection of Excelsior Boulevard and Blake Road South in Hopkins, located adjacent to the future METRO Green Line Blake Road Station. The proposed project is a multi-modal transit-oriented development that will be constructed in three phases. Construction of the first phase is anticipated to start in spring 2021 and be complete in summer

2022. Construction of the second and third phases will depend on the existing lease agreements with the current tenants.

Link to Document: https://www.hopkinsmn.com/1059/Blake-Road-Station

RGU: City of Hopkins

RGU Contact: Kersten Elverum, 952-548-6340, kelverum@hopkinsmn.com

Environmental Impact Statement Need Decisions

The noted responsible governmental units have determined the following projects do not require preparation of Environmental Impact Statements. The date below is the date of the determination.

Project Green Jay

Decision: Negative (No EIS ordered), August 20, 2020

Link to Document: No link to electronic copies of the documents was provided. For copies of the documents, see RGU contact information below.

RGU: City of Waseca

RGU Contact: Tom Kellogg, 507-308-4887, cityengineer@ci.waseca.mn.us

Oak Ridge Development

Decision: Negative (No EIS ordered), August 17, 2020

Link to Document: https://www.chaskamn.com/

RGU: City of Chaska

RGU Contact: Liz Hanson, 952-227-7527, ehanson@chaskamn.com

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