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EQB Announcements

Climate and Environmental Review Listening Session – December 18, 2019

The listening session will be held from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm at the EQB/MPCA St. Paul office

Commissioner Laura Bishop (Chair, Environmental Quality Board) and Commissioner Sarah Strommen (Chair, Environmental Review Implementation Subcommittee) are hosting a listening session to provide for further public input and dialogue on the topic of incorporating climate-related information into the environmental review program.

The listening session will be an open forum discussion and all perspectives are welcome. You can view the full [Listening Session Discussion Guide](https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/content/environmental-review-implementation-subcommittee-eris#) on the EQB webpage using this link: <https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/content/environmental-review-implementation-subcommittee-eris#>

Citizen Board Member Opening - 4th Congressional District

Applications are now open for an EQB Citizen Board Member in the 4th Congressional District. The 4th Congressional District includes St. Paul and surrounding suburbs such as Woodbury, Maplewood, Roseville, New Brighton, White Bear Lake, and Stillwater.

The position is for a four-year term starting January 1, 2020. The position is open until filled. For details and to apply: <https://commissionsandappointments.sos.state.mn.us/agency/details/107>

Citizen Environmental Review Survey

The Environmental Quality Board, which oversees the state's Environmental Review program, is undergoing a continuous improvement project to monitor and improve the effectiveness of Environmental Review. Minnesota citizens who have participated in the Environmental Review process during this calendar year are asked to consider taking 10 minutes to complete the survey at the link below. Engagement in the process may include: reviewed a document, attended a public meeting, wrote a comment, contacted staff, etc. <http://survey.mn.gov/s.asp?k=156822169253>

2020 State Water Plan: Survey

The 2020 State Water Plan is a project of Minnesota State Government to present a clear vision for water action in the coming decade in the face of climate change. The purpose of this survey is to gather input from you, the residents of Minnesota, about how to address the impacts of climate change on waters in your community and across the State. Take the Survey and provide your input by clicking here: (<http://survey.mn.gov/s.asp?k=157315792614>)

MPCA Environmental Justice Advisory Group

MPCA seeks additional members for environmental justice advisory group. Apply by January 8, 2020.

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency is actively seeking members from greater Minnesota for its Environmental Justice Advisory Group, especially the southern part of the state. Members advise MPCA Commissioner Laura Bishop on integration of environmental justice principles into the agency's work.

More information about the advisory group, including the application, [is here](#). Application deadline is January 8, 2020

Ideal candidates for the advisory group include: residents of overburdened communities and individuals experienced in community engagement, public involvement, policy development, advocacy, or program implementation around environmental justice, health equity and low-income issues. This could include community members, community organizers and advocates, local government staff, representatives from non-profit organizations, academic institutions, and others.

Please consider applying and pass along this information to your networks. For more information please contact Ned Brooks at 651-757-2557 or ned.brooks@state.mn.us

Petitions

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.

- Minnesota Department of Transportation, Shoreham Yards East Side Shipping Container Drop-off

Environmental Impact Statement Need Decisions

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

- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Upper Post Flats Affordable Housing, Fort Snelling State Park, 12-5-19 (8-26-19)
RGU contact: Lisa Fay, 651-259-5110, lisa.fay@state.mn.us
Link to document: <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/input/environmentalreview/upperpost/index.html>
- City of St. Louis Park, Parkway Residences, 12-2-19 (10-21-19)
RGU contact: Jennifer Monson, 952-928-2841, jmonson@stlouispark.org
Link to document: [Parkway Residences Findings of Fact](#)