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EQB Announcements

Environmental Review Program Updates for Local Government

Are you a local government unit responsible for preparing environmental documents and performing technical assessments that are required by the State Environmental Review Program? The Environmental Quality Board and the Department of Administration are hosting an educational meeting to talk about recent Environmental Review Program Updates

The meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 21, 2020 at 1pm at the EQB/Minnesota Pollution Control Agency St. Paul Office; 520 Lafayette Road N., St Paul, MN. To register to attend this event, **please RSVP at [EventBrite](#)**.

The first hour will focus on the [Master Contract for Environmental Review and Technical Services](#) followed by a presentation on changes to [Minnesota Rules Chapter 4410](#). The session will be live-streamed and uploaded to the [EQB's website](#) for future review. RSVPs will receive the WebEx link prior to the meeting.

Agenda

- 1:00 – 1:30 pm: Master Contract Presentation
- 1:30 – 2:00 pm: Questions and Answers (online participants can submit questions via WebEx)
- 2:00 – 2:30 pm: Environmental Review Rule Changes
- 2:30 – 3:00 pm: Questions and Answers (online participants can submit questions via WebEx)

If you have any questions, please contact the [EQB Environmental Review](#) staff at 651.757.2873.

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>)

Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Project Title: Eveleth-Gilbert-Virginia Public School Relocations

Comment Deadline: March 4, 2020

Project Description: The Cities of Eveleth, Gilbert, and Virginia, along with the Eveleth-Gilbert School District (ISD 2154) and Virginia School District (ISD 706), plan to consolidate the cities' elementary and high school into an integrated campus with potential to share some facilities like parking and athletic fields. The project will result in the redevelopment of an approximately 201-acre site located east of US 53 and south of Bourgin Road. Construction is planned to begin on the elementary school as early as May 2020 and will open for students by Winter 2021 at the earliest. Construction for the high school will begin in Summer 2020 and be open for students in Fall 2023.

The EAW can be viewed in hard copy at the following locations: Gilbert Public Library – 17 Broadway, Gilbert, MN 55741; Eveleth Public Library – 614 Pierce Street, Eveleth, MN 55734; and Virginia Public Library – 215 S 5th Avenue, Virginia, MN 55792.

Link to Document:http://www.virginiamn.us/resource_center/

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): City of Virginia

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Project Title: KMM Burnsville Quarry PUD Amendment

Comment Deadline: March 4, 2020

Project Description: Kraemer Mining and Materials Inc. is proposing a 72-acre expansion of its existing quarry located in Burnsville, MN. The quarry has operated since the later 1950's. The proposed expansion involves two areas located within the site's property boundaries. The two expansion areas were previously utilized by ancillary activities of the operation but are outside the current extraction limits.

Copies of the EAW will be available at the Environmental Conservation Library-Hennepin County Library and the Burnhaven Library in Dakota County. All comments should be submitted to Gina Aulwes.

Link to Document: No link provided. Contact the RGU for a copy of the document.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): City of Burnsville

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Project Title: TH 169/TH 282/CR 9 Intersection Improvement Project

Comment Deadline: March 4, 2020

Project Description: The City of Jordan, in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) and Scott County, is proposing intersection and roadway improvements in the area of the TH 169, TH 282, and CR 9 intersection. The improvements include the construction of a new interchange, two bridges, access modifications, sidewalk, and a traffic signal in order to improve vehicle safety and mobility as well as pedestrian and bicycle connectivity. The project is not currently funded; however, the City of Jordan, Scott County, and MnDOT plan to advance this project when funding becomes available.

The EAW will be available in hard copy at the following location: Jordan Library – 275 Creek Lane S, Jordan, MN 55352.

Link to Document: <https://www.scottcountymn.gov/1913/TH-169TH-282CR-9-Interchange-Preliminary>

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): Scott County

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Project Title: Timber Creek/Song Property Residential Development

Comment Deadline: March 4, 2020

Project Description: Timber Creek is a proposed residential development in Carver. The development is proposed on approximately 161.4 acres of primarily agricultural land. The project proposes 74 town homes and 270 single-family homes. 70 acres of the site are planned as open space including parks, buffers, woodlands, wetlands and stormwater basins.

The EAW is available at www.cityofcarver.com/timber-creek, Carver City Hall or the U.S. Post Office in Carver.

Link to Document: www.cityofcarver.com/timber-creek

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Project Title: Yellow Medicine Quarry Continuation

Comment Deadline: March 4, 2020

Project Description: Martin Marietta proposes to continue mining aggregate from its quarry located at 200 14th Street, Granite Falls, Minnesota following a planned pit progression along its southwestern edge to include approximately 1.35 acres of Wetland identified in 2015 as part of Public Water Basin 87-45W.

Link to Document: https://www.co.ym.mn.gov/index.asp?Type=B_PR&SEC={E9B36597-8F98-46D8-A756-A1A2A5C42198}&DE={0819A99B}

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Project Title: York Avenue Sanitary Sewer Extension

Comment Deadline: March 4, 2020

Project Description: The City of Edina proposes to improve the sanitary sewer system in the York Avenue (CSAH 31) corridor in seven phases over the next several years. Replacement of the current system will result in a more efficient network with increased capacity to address anticipated issues resulting from redevelopment in southeastern Edina.

MANDATORY CATEGORY RULE CITATION: Minn. R. 4410.4300, subp. 18.A.

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

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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.

- City of Becker, Becker Data Center Project, 7-16-19 (5-20-19)
RGU contact: Marie Pflipsen, 763-200-4246, mpflipsen@ci.becker.mn.us
- City of Hanover, Mahler Aggregate Mine, 9-17-19 (8-12-19)
RGU contact: Cindy Nash, 763-497-3777, cnash@collaborative-planning.com
- New Brighton, Midtown Village, 5-28-19 (4-15-19)
RGU contact: Ben Gozola, 651-638-2059, Ben.Gozola@newbrightonmn.gov

Draft Environmental Impact Statements

Project Title: Merriam Junction Sands

Comment Deadline: March 10, 2020

Project Description: Scott County has prepared a draft Environmental Impact Statement for Merriam Junction Sands. The Merriam Junction Sands project is proposing the addition of sandstone mining and processing of silica sand to an existing sand/gravel and limestone mining operation. The project encompasses 682 acres across multiple parcels located in Louisville Township, just south of US Highway 169 and Trunk Highway 41 intersection. The EIS compared 6 different alternatives and a no-build scenario. A public meeting has been set for February 25, 2020 from 4-6 PM at the Scott County Government Center in the County Boardroom. The comment period will be open from February 3, 2020 – March 10, 2020.

Link to Document: www.scottcountymn.gov/MJS

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Environmental Assessments

Project Title: Great River Energy Lake Eunice HVTL Conversion Project

On June 3, 2019, Great River Energy (GRE) submitted a route permit application to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) under the alternative review process (Minnesota Statute 216E.04; Minnesota Rule 7850.2800-3900). GRE proposes to convert an approximately 0.8 mile portion of GRE's 41.6 kilovolt (kV) LR-LET transmission line to 115 kV standards in Becker County, Minnesota to serve the proposed 115 kV conversion of the Lake Eunice Substation owned by Lake Region Electric Cooperative.

The project is being proposed to improve electrical service to members in the rural area southwest of Detroit Lakes, Minnesota including Lake Eunice, Dunn and Lake View townships. These proposed upgrades will allow over ten miles of 41.6 KV radial transmission to be replaced by a 0.8 mile 115 KV loop fed transmission line. This new line will improve the reliability of the transmission feeding the existing Lake Eunice Substation and thus improve the reliability of the approximate 2,000 members served off of this substation.

After the conversion to 115 kV, the south 0.8 mile and north 2.85 miles of the 41.6 kV conductor will be removed. Lake Region Electric Cooperative will own the remaining 6.59 miles of the 41.6 kV line for distribution purposes and retain all existing distribution lines in the area.

Link to document: <https://mn.gov/eera/web/project/13653/>

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Alternative Urban Areawide Review Drafts

Project Title: Adelman Family Property

Comment Deadline: March 4, 2020

Project Description: The Adelman Family Property is located along County State Aid Highway 2 (260th Street East) and I-35, east of Elko New Market in Scott County. The property is comprised of six parcels totaling 242.5 acres which define the AUAR Study Area. Proposed future land uses within the AUAR Study Area include business/limited industrial park (104.7 acres), commercial (93.7 acres), medium density residential (19.3 acres), and public road

right-of-way (24.8 acres). One development scenario, comprised of the following land uses, is proposed: • Business district (10.81 acres) • Business/limited industrial park (57.72 acres) • Highway (gateway) business/commercial district (82.29 acres) • Medium density residential for six townhouses and eight four-plex (7.20 acres) Non-developed acreage will remain as wetlands, wooded/forested, and brush/grassland. Phased development is proposed to occur over several years, beginning with portions of the property located adjacent to the CSAH 2 (260th Street East) corridor. Copies of the AUAR and Draft Mitigation Plan are available on the Elko New Market website. Comments must be received by March 4, 2020.

Link to Document: https://www.ci.enm.mn.us/index.asp?SEC=77A8D35B-7183-4AF8-9800-9D7DC96D8B43&Type=B_BASIC

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): Elko New Market

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Notices

Project Title: Grants for community strategies to adapt to climate change

Project Description: The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency is soliciting grant applications for approximately \$250,000 to research, develop, and implement strategies for communities to adapt to the impacts of climate change and improve community resilience while achieving positive environmental outcomes. These efforts will prevent or reduce the environmental impacts caused by warming temperatures and extreme precipitation while protecting public health and well-being. Refer to the posted request for proposals for complete details. Application deadline is 2:00 pm on March 11, 2020.

Link to document: <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/about-mpca/grants-community-strategies-adapt-climate-change>

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