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EQB Announcements

EQB Environmental Review Implementation Subcommittee Meeting – January 22, 2020

We invite you to join the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) at their next Environmental Review Implementation Subcommittee (ERIS) meeting on January 22 from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm at the MPCA in St. Paul. The January 22, 2020 ERIS meeting agenda will address climate-related information in relation to Minnesota's Environmental Review Program:

1. Draft Strategies for Integrating Climate Considerations into the Environmental Review Program
2. Open Discussion on Draft Strategies
3. Conclusions and Recommendations to the ER Climate Technical Team

You can view our [full agenda on the EQB website](#)

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

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

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.

<https://survey.mn.gov/s.asp?k=157841924739>

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 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.

- Department of Natural Resources, Scenic 69-kV Transmission Line and Substation 1-6-20 (6-24-19)
RGU contact: Cynthia Novak-Krebs, 651-259-5115, cynthia.novak-krebs@state.mn.us
Link to Document: <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/input/environmentalreview/69kv-transmission-line-substation/index.html>

Environmental Assessments

Project Title: County State Aid Highway 70 Expansion Project

Comment Deadline: February 12, 2020

Project Description: Dakota County is proposing to expand County State Aid Highway 70 (referred to in document as CSAH 70) from Kenrick Avenue/Kensington Boulevard to County State Aid Highway (CSAH 23) (Cedar Ave), to a four-lane divided highway. Improvements include two traffic lanes in each direction with a center median, the addition of turn lanes, access modifications, and a trail on both sides of CSAH 70.

Link to Document: <https://clients.bolton-menk.com/csah70>

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): Dakota County

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