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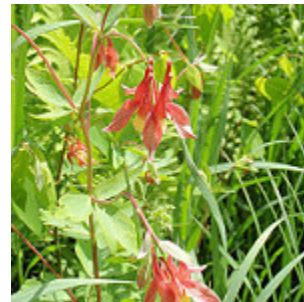
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EQB Announcements

Apply to serve on Governor Mark Dayton's Wild Rice Taskforce

On Wednesday, May 30, Governor Dayton [issued Executive Order 18-08](#) to establish the Governor's Wild Rice Task Force, to review the scientific literature concerning wild rice and sulfates, recommend a list of wild rice waters, and produce a report including recommendations for best practices. To read Governor Dayton's Executive Order, [CLICK HERE](#). To apply for the Task Force, visit the [open positions listings](#) at the Minnesota Secretary of State's website. **Apply by June 22** to make sure your application is considered.

Join EQB's Staff Team

EQB is hiring an **Environmental Review (ER) professional** to provide technical assistance to local governments, state agencies, citizens and project proposers, manage ER data collection, and support the program improvement work of the Board. Visit the [State of Minnesota career website](#) and search for **job ID#24049**.

Apply to be a member of the Environmental Quality Board

Applications are open for Board Members from the **3rd Congressional District**. You can find more details about being a board member and information on how to apply at the [Minnesota Secretary of State's website](#). To find out what Congressional District you are located in, view the Secretary of State's [Congressional Maps](#). EQB's mission is to enhance Minnesota's environmental quality for current and future generations by leading interagency work to advance meaningful public engagement and facilitate informed decision-making on critical environmental issues.

Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Project Title: Fergus Falls Regional Treatment Center Phase 2 Demolition Project

Comment Deadline: July 11, 2018

Project Description: This proposed project will remove Building 3 (Auditorium), Building 25 (Kitchen), and Building 32 (Powerhouse). Building 3 is not part of the Historic designation. Buildings 25 and 32 designs were very specific and re-purposing is not feasible. The 30-day comment deadline is July 11, 2018. Copies of the EAW will be available for review beginning Monday, June 11, 2018 at the Fergus Falls City Hall, Otter Tail County Highway Administration Offices, and the City of Fergus Falls Public Library. A copy of the EAW will also be posted on the City of Fergus Falls Website at <http://www.ci.fergus-falls.mn.us/>.

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Project Title: Catalpa, LLC (comment period extended)

Comment Deadline: July 3, 2018

Project Description: Catalpa, LLC proposes to construct and operate a new 1,992 animal unit swine farrowing facility (4,980 sows) in Sections 7 and 18, Newburg Township, Fillmore County consisting of two barns, an animal mortality composting building, one stormwater basin, and a livestock watering well. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency will host a public informational meeting on Tuesday, June 19, at 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, regarding the Environmental Assessment Worksheet and the proposed feedlot permit for Catalpa LLC. The meeting will be in Mabel, Minnesota, at the Mabel Community Center, 201 Main St S, Mabel, MN 55954.

The MPCA is extending the comment period to Tuesday July 3, 2018 at 4:30 PM. All comments received on the EAW to date will be included in the record for the EAW and do not need to be resubmitted. A copy of the Notice of Availability and the EAW can be found on the MPCA website at the following address: <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/eaw> Minn. R. 4410.4300, subp. 29A

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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.

- MN Department of Natural Resources, Kingsbury Bay - Grassy Point Habitat Restoration Project, 5-30-18 (3-19-18)

Notices

Notice of Availability of Environmental Report In the Matter of the Certificate of Need Application for the Nobles 2 Wind Project PUC Docket Number: IP6964/CN-16-289

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Minnesota Department of Commerce Energy Environmental Review and Analysis staff has completed an Environmental Report (ER) for the proposed project. The ER analyzes the potential human and environmental impacts of the proposed project and alternatives to the project.

The ER, and all material constituting the official record for the certificate of need, can be found on the eDockets system at: <https://www.eDockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp>; search on the year "16" and number "289."

Electronic versions of the ER and selected other documents relevant to this matter are available for viewing on the Department's energy facility permitting website: <https://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/resource.html?Id=34736>

Project Description. On October 13, 2017, Nobles 2 Power Partners, LLC (Nobles 2) submitted applications to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission to construct and operate a large wind energy conversion system (LWECS) in Nobles County. In order to construct the Nobles 2 Wind Project, the applicant must be granted a certificate of need and a site permit from the Commission.

The proposed project would entail construction of between 65 to 82 wind turbines for a combined nameplate capacity of up to 260 megawatts (MW) in Bloom, Larkin, Leota, Lismore, Summit Lake, and Wilmont townships in Nobles County. Facilities associated with the project include underground electrical collection and communication lines, a project substation and interconnection switchyard, an operations and maintenance building, and permanent meteorological towers and gravel access roads.

Project Contacts: If you have questions or would like further information about this project, please contact the following.

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Notice of Joint Public Hearings and Draft Site Permit Availability - Nobles 2 Wind Project

Date: June 20, 2018

Time: 1:00 PM and 6:00 PM

Location: Wilmont Community Center, 316 4th Avenue, Wilmont, MN

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The Public Comment Period for the project will remain open until Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at 4:30 PM. Visit mn.gov/puc, select Speak Up!, find this docket, and add your comments to the discussion. See all documents filed in this docket via the Commission's website - mn.gov/puc, select "Search eDockets," enter the year (16 for the certificate of need, 17 for the site permit application) and the docket number (289 for the certificate of need, 597 for the site permit application), select "Search."

The certificate of need, site permit application, and environmental report are available at these locations: • Nobles County Library, 407 12th St, Worthington, MN • Nobles County Government Center – Auditor's Office, 315 10th St. Worthington, MN • Wilmont City Hall, 316 4th Avenue, Wilmont, MN • Lismore City Hall, 249 East 2nd St, Lismore, MN For questions about this docket or Commission process and procedure, contact Commission staff analyst Michael Kaluzniak, at mike.kaluzniak@state.mn.us or 651-201-2257 or the public advisor Charley Bruce, at publicadvisor.puc@state.mn.us or 651-201-2251.

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