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EQB Announcement

COVID-19 Update

Environmental Quality Board staff are working remotely until further notice due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Staff are available by [email](#), phone, or the environmental review hotline at 651.757.2873. For general environmental review questions or if you are an RGU with specific questions related to Environmental Review Program requirements during the pandemic, please email Env.Review@state.mn.us.

For more information on the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), please visit the State of Minnesota's [COVID-19 Portal](#).

Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Project Title: Willow River Dam Restoration Project

Comment Deadline: June 3, 2020

Project Description: The DNR proposes to replace the damaged Willow River Dam with a rock rapids dam. The dam, built in the 1940s, breached in July 2016 after a large flood overtopped the dam. In its damaged state, the dam no longer holds lake levels at their former elevation. To restore lake levels and to provide for fish passage, the DNR is proposing to fill in the eroded channel and construct a series of rock arch weirs downstream of the existing dam. In addition to allowing fish passage, the rock arch rapids design eliminates safety issues associated with the previous dam structure.

Link to

Document: <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/input/environmentalreview/willowriver/index.html>

RGU: Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

RGU Contact: Becky Horton, Project Manager, 651-259-5122,
becky.horton@state.mn.us

Project Title: County Road 26 & County Road 63 Improvement Project

Comment Deadline: June 3, 2020

Project Description: Dakota County and the Cities of Inver Grove Heights and Eagan are proposing to expand approximately 2 miles of County Road (CR) 26 (Lone Oak Road in Eagan, 70th Street in Inver Grove Heights) from Trunk Highway (TH) 55 to TH 3 from an existing two-lane roadway rural section to a four-lane divided (urban) highway. The roadway will include turn lanes, improved stormwater management infrastructure, multi-use trails on both sides of the roadway, and access management of residential driveways and city streets. CR 63 (Argenta Trail) will be reconstructed from Amana Trail north to 65th Street and from 65th Street to old Argenta Trail (CR 63) to the north of CR 26. The County Road 63 construction will be on new alignment and include two lanes, stormwater infrastructure and trails on both sides of the roadway. A new roundabout will be constructed at CR 26 and the realigned CR 63.

Link to Document: <https://www.cr26andcr63improvements.com/>

RGU: Dakota County

RGU Contact: Mark Krebsbach, County Engineer, 952-891-7100, mark.krebsbach@co.dakota.mn.us

Environmental Impact Statement Need Decisions

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

Project: TH 169/TH 282/CR 9 Intersection Improvement Project 4-21-20 (2-3-20)

Link to Document: <https://clients.bolton-menk.com/jordanengineering/us169-hwy282-cr9interchange/>

RGU: Scott County

RGU Contact: Craig Jensen, Transportation Planner Manager, 952-496-8329, cjensen@co.scott.mn.us

Project: Daley Farms of Lewiston, LLP Supplemental Findings of Fact 4-24-20 (2-10-20)

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

RGU: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

RGU Contact: Kim Grosenheider, Principal Planner, 651-757-2170, kim.grosenheider@state.mn.us

Public Hearing

Dam Safety and Public Waters Work Permit No. 2018-0819 for the Fargo-Moorhead Flood Risk Management Project

A contested case hearing will be held at the Office of Administrative Hearings, 600 North Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101, *In the Matter of the Dam Safety and Public Waters Work Permit No. 2018-0819 for the Fargo-Moorhead Flood Risk Management Project*. This action was initiated to determine if the Fargo-Moorhead Flood Risk Management Project (Plan B Project) is reasonable, practical, and will adequately protect public safety and promote the public welfare. The hearing will begin on June 8, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. before Administrative Law Judge Ann C. O'Reilly. The hearing is scheduled for 10 (ten) consecutive business days, from June 8 – June 19, 2020. Any questions concerning this Notice may be directed to DNR's General Counsel, Sherry Enzler at 651-296-6157.

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