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EQB Announcements

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>

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.

- City of New Prague, New Prague Kwik Trip

Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Project Title: Interstate Island Avian Habitat Restoration Project

Comment Deadline: December 26, 2019

Project Description: Minnesota DNR proposes to restore and protect imperiled avian habitat on Interstate Island Wildlife Management Area (WMA). The WMA is the largest of two remaining Common Tern nesting areas in the Lake Superior watershed and is the only federally-listed critical habitat for Piping Plover in Minnesota. Recent high water levels have caused significant loss of critical habitat on the island.

Link to document:

<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/input/environmentalreview/interstate-island/index.html>

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): Department of Natural Resources

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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 St. Michael, Anton Village Residential Development, 11-12-19 (9-16-19)
RGU contact: Marc Weigle, 763-416-7932, mweigle@ci.st-michael.mn.us
Link to document: No link available. Contact RGU for a copy of the document.
 - Coon Creek Watershed District, Middle Sand Creek Corridor Restoration Project, 11-12-19 (10-7-2019)
RGU contact: Tim Kelly, 763-755-0975, tkelly@cooncreekwd.org
Link to document: <https://www.cooncreekwd.org/>.
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Alternative Urban Areawide Review Adoption

Project Title: Capstone 500

Project Description: The Capstone AUAR area will cover 560 acres in the City of St. Michael and address two development scenarios. Scenarios 1 and 2 both include residential development, commercial development, and parks and ball fields. Scenario 2 will maintain some land in agriculture and be consistent with the adopted Comprehensive Plan. The St. Michael City Council adopted the Final AUAR Order by resolution on November 12, 2019.

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

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): City of St. Michael

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Notices

Minnesota Department of Agriculture-- Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms

Project Description: BASF Corporation filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number 19-NO-41. Notification is for genetically modified WHEAT, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for the environmental release of transgenic wheat, referenced as Application Number 19-270-101rm.

The counties identified for release include the following: Clay-2 locations with 50 acres per location. Project categories include AP (Agronomic Performance) and HT (Herbicide Tolerance).

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