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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>

Minnesota Environmental Congress Website Live!

Join us at the Environmental Congress to learn about innovative climate work happening across the state and explore ways to apply solutions in your community.

This free, daylong conference will include sessions on community preparedness, innovative practices in agriculture, transitioning to a low-carbon transportation system, protecting our water resources, and more. Participants will lead discussion groups in the afternoon and contribute ideas on how we can work together in new, equitable, and creative ways to take meaningful action. The Congress is a space to harness the energy and hopes of fellow Minnesotans and cooperatively build a healthy future for our communities, wildlife, lands, and waters.

All are welcome! Sign up at our website below to receive news updates:

www.eqb.state.mn.us/environmentalcongress

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EQB Environmental Review Implementation Subcommittee Meeting – October 16, 2019

We invite you to join the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) at their next Board meeting on October 16 from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm at the MPCA in St. Paul! The October 16, 2019 EQB meeting will address two informational items and feature a public input period:

1. Environmental Review Implementation Subcommittee
2. Climate Change and Environmental Review
3. Public Input and Discussion of Next Steps on Climate Change

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

Petition

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 Lake Elmo, Proposed construction of mountain biking trails in Sunfish Lake Park
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Environmental Assessment Worksheet

Project Title: Seven Corners Development

Comment Deadline: November 13, 2019

Project Description: This EAW studies the proposed Seven Corners Development located at 1413, 1417, 1419, 1421, 1425, 1427 and 1429 Washington Avenue South and 242 15th Avenue South in Minneapolis. The proposed Seven Corners Development will result in the redevelopment of an approximately .9-acre site. Mortenson Development, Inc. (Mortenson) is proposing construction of the Seven Corners Development mixed-use project in the Cedar Riverside neighborhood of Minneapolis. The proposed Project would include development of retail, student residential (400 units), and hotel uses (160 rooms), along with parking to accommodate those uses. The new building is being designed to include a 4-story base with two towers; the hotel tower would be 12 stories tall and the student residential tower would be 30 stories tall.

Copies of the EAW will be available for review at the downtown Minneapolis Central Library located at 300 Nicollet Mall, and in the office of the City's CPED, Land Use, Design and Preservation Section at 250 S. 4th Street, Room 300 Public Service Center. Notice will be published in the EQB Monitor on Monday, October 14, 2019.

Public comments on the EAW must be made within the 30-day comment period, which ends at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 13, 2019. It is anticipated that the Zoning and Planning Committee at its regular meeting on Thursday, December 5, 2019, or at a subsequent meeting, will receive a report and recommendation from City staff, hear comment from all parties and consider the adequacy of this EAW and the need for an Environmental Impact Statement for this proposal. The City Council will act on the recommendation of this Committee at a subsequent meeting on Friday, December 13, 2019. This EAW and supporting information will also be available for review on the City of Minneapolis web site: http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/planning/cped_eaw. Copies of this EAW can also be provided to individuals by email. For further information or to submit comments on the EAW, contact Hilary Dvorak, Principal City Planner, at 612.673.2639 or via email hilary.dvorak@minneapolismn.gov.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): City of Minneapolis

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Environmental Impact Statement Supplement Preparation Notices

Project Title: SEIS Preparation Notice for Burnsville Sanitary Landfill Expansion Project 2019

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) will prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) on the Burnsville Sanitary Landfill Expansion Project 2019 located in Burnsville, Minnesota. Burnsville Sanitary Landfill, Inc. (BSL) proposes to expand its currently-permitted 25.4 million cubic yard capacity to an ultimate capacity of approximately 47 million cubic yards. The proposed expansion will provide approximately 26 million cubic yards of additional Mixed Municipal Solid Waste (MMSW) disposal capacity by creating 22 million cubic yards of new airspace and converting the permitted 4.1 million cubic yard industrial solid waste capacity to MMSW (Project). BSL will increase the finished height of the facility from currently-permitted 821.5 foot peak elevation to proposed 1,082 peak elevation, an approximate 260-foot vertical expansion. On September 30, 2019, the MPCA Commissioner adopted the Final Scoping Decision Document for the SEIS. The scope of the SEIS includes the preparation of technical reports on alternatives, groundwater impacts and air quality. This document discloses all environmental issues to be addressed in the SEIS and can be found at <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/regulations/projects-under-mpca-review>. This webpage will also be periodically updated as needed to reflect the SEIS process development.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): Pollution Control Agency

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Notice

Metropolitan Airports Commission/Assessment of Environmental Effects of the 2020-2026 Capital Improvement Program for MSP and Reliever Airports

Minnesota Statutes, Section 473.614 requires the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) to prepare an Assessment of Environmental Effects (AOEE) for projects in the Commission's seven-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) 2020-2026 for airports included in its system.

An Environmental Assessment Worksheet, Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Study has been previously completed and a public hearing held for each Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport (MSP) and reliever airport project in the 2020-2026 CIP as required under Section 473.614. An assessment of the cumulative environmental effects of CIP projects at each affected airport in the system is presented in the AOEE.

A copy of the AOEE may be downloaded on or after October 14, 2019, online:

<https://metroairports.org/airport-authority/metropolitan-airports-commission/administration/publications>

Additionally, a copy of the AOEE may be obtained by contacting Jenn Felger, Metropolitan Airports Commission, 6040 28th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55450; 612-726-8189. Comments concerning the AOEE may be given at a public hearing to be held on Monday, November 4, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. in room 3048A, Mezzanine level, Terminal 1, Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, or in writing to Jenn Felger at 6040 28th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55450 or via email to jenn.felger@mspmac.org. Comments on the AOEE must be received by the close of business on Tuesday, November 12, 2019.