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## EQB Announcement

### October 21, 2020 Special Joint Meeting of the EQB and Climate Change Subcabinet

We invite you to join the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) and Climate Change Subcabinet at the next EQB meeting on October 21, from 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm.

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Environmental Quality Board will convene its October meeting exclusively digitally through the WebEx platform. Instructions for connecting to WebEx are included on page three of the Board packet.

### [Access Link to October Meeting](#)

The meeting will address several objectives:

- Build a shared vision on climate across the EQB and the Climate Change Subcabinet.
- Share about the work of the Climate Change Subcabinet, including how it is being structured and organized across agencies
- Introduce the Subcabinet's vision for engaging Minnesotans on climate change and invite public input and involvement
- Announce Our Minnesota Climate Forum Series
- Communicate about opportunities to stay involved and collaborate

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

Accessibility: This material can be provided in different forms, like large print, braille, or on a recording. Please contact EQB staff at least one week prior to the event at [info.EQB@state.mn.us](mailto:info.EQB@state.mn.us) to arrange an accommodation.

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# Environmental Assessment Worksheets

## Stony Creek Water Resource Management Project (WRMP)

**Comment Deadline:** November 18, 2020

**Project Description:** The Buffalo-Red River Watershed District (BRRWD) proposes the development of the Stony Creek Water Resource Management Project (WRMP) located in Clay County, Minnesota. The project requires an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) because work will change or diminish the course, current, or cross-section of one acre or more of a public water (Subp. 27) and the channel restoration will cause the realignment of more than 500 feet of the natural watercourse (Subp. 26). Project components along Stony Creek (Clay County Ditch No. 31) include the establishment of expanded permanent vegetated buffers, pushing back existing setback levees, the installation of sediment control best management practices (BMPs), stream restoration, and the construction of an off-channel floodwater impoundment. The project is located in Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 of Barnesville Township, Clay County. The project is a cooperative undertaking between the BRRWD, the Clay Soil and Water Conservation District, State, and Federal agencies.

**Link to Document:** <http://www.brrwd.org/project-post/stony-creek-restoration/>

**RGU:** Buffalo-Red River Watershed District (BRRWD)

**RGU Contact:** Erik Jones, 218-354-7710, [general@brrwd.org](mailto:general@brrwd.org)

## Establishment of Nelson Lake Outlet

**Comment Deadline:** November 19, 2020

**Project Description:** Currently, Nelson Lake does not have an adequate outlet. The establishment of Nelson Lake Outlet (Proposed Project), located two miles west of Parkers Prairie, Otter Tail county, MN, will provide an adequate outlet to address the rising water level that is impacting county roads and adjacent private property.

**Link to Document:** <https://ottertailcountymn.us/project/nelson-lake-outlet/>

**RGU:** Otter Tail County

**RGU Contact:** Kevin Fellbaum, P.E., 218-998-8492, [kfellbau@co.ottertail.mn.us](mailto:kfellbau@co.ottertail.mn.us)

## Ponds Behind Erie Pier Sediment Remediation

**Comment Deadline:** November 18, 2020

**Project Description:** The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, in partnership with the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Army Corps of Engineers, will hire a contractor to conduct environmental cleanup in the Ponds Behind Erie Pier in the St. Louis River Area of Concern. The remedial work consists of dredging approximately 45,000 cubic yards of contaminated sediments, temporarily storing and dewatering the sediments on site, disposing of the dewatered sediments at a certified off-site landfill, placing a residual cover of clean sediment over the dredged area, and revegetating the site post construction.

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

**RGU:** Pollution Control Agency

**RGU Contact:** Patrice Jensen, 651-757-2465 [patrice.jensen@state.mn.us](mailto:patrice.jensen@state.mn.us)

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## Environmental Impact Statement Need Decisions

The noted responsible governmental units have determined the following projects do not require preparation of Environmental Impact Statements (EISs). The dates below are the dates of the determinations.

## Norseman Motorcycle Club Recreation Area

**Decision:** Negative (no EIS ordered), October 6, 2020

**Link to Document:** No link to electronic copies of the documents was provided. For copies of the documents, see RGU contact information below.

**RGU:** Aitkin County

**RGU Contact:** Terry Neff, 218-927-7342, [terry.neff@co.aitkin.mn.us](mailto:terry.neff@co.aitkin.mn.us)

## Buck Run

**Decision:** Negative (no EIS ordered), October 6, 2020

**Link to Document:** No link to electronic copies of the documents was provided. For copies of the documents, see RGU contact information below.

**RGU:** Sherburne County

**RGU Contact:** Mitch Glines, 763-765-4466, [mitch.glines@co.sherburne.mn.us](mailto:mitch.glines@co.sherburne.mn.us)

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## General Notice

### Metropolitan Airports Commission Assessment of Environmental Effects 7-Year Capital Improvement Program 2021-2027

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) 2021-2027 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 2021-2027 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 document, titled Assessment of Environmental Effects - Seven Year Capital Improvement Program – 2021 to 2027, may be downloaded on or after October 19, 2020, 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 during a public hearing to be held as part of the MAC Planning Development and Environment Committee meeting, via conference call on Monday, November 2, 2020 at 10:30 a.m., or in writing to Jenn Felger at 6040 28th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55450 or via email to [jenn.felger@mspm.com](mailto:jenn.felger@mspm.com). Comments on the AOEE must be received by the close of business on Tuesday, November 17, 2020. Details on how to call in and make comment at the public hearing are contained in the AOEE document.

**Contact:** Bridget Rief, 612-725-8371, [bridget.rief@mspm.com](mailto:bridget.rief@mspm.com)

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