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# **Environmental Assessment Worksheets**

**Project Title: Long Shore Resource Project** 

Comment Deadline: November 29, 2017

**Project Description:** Strata Corporation is proposing to develop a new sand & gravel pit approximately two (2) miles west of Detroit Lakes, Minnesota on agricultural property. The proposed project is titled the "Long Shore Resource Project" and would involve mining ±92 acres of sand & gravel resources plus an associated facility area on a property located in Section 31, Township 139, Range 41 of Becker County, Minnesota. The purpose of this project is to extend the life of Strata Corporation's aggregate reserves in the Detroit Lakes area.

#### Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): Becker County

**RGU Contact Person:** 

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## **Project Title: Owatonna Four-Story Warehouse**

Comment Deadline: November 29, 2017

**Project Description:** The proposed Project includes the demolition of the existing four-story warehouse structure located on the north portion of 112 Broadway Street East, Owatonna and subsequent development of a paved parking lot. The total Project area encompasses approximately 0.03 acres and is anticipated to be developed with three to six parking spaces. The proposed use will comply with the local zoning designation.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): City of Owatonna

**RGU Contact Person:** 

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## Project Title: Kayak Bay Village Development EAW

Comment Deadline: November 29, 2017

**Project Description:** Spirit Valley Land Company, LLC is proposing a development called Kayak Bay Village that will include adding parking areas, residential buildings (multi-family and townhomes), commercial buildings, and office buildings in the St. Louis River Corridor. A citizen petition is the reason for this EAW being conducted.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): City of Duluth

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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.

- · Houston County, Winnebago Quarry, 10-17-17 (8-7-17)
- · Houston County, Underpass Quarry Expansion, 10-17-17 (8-7-17)

# **Alternative Urban Areawide Review Update Adoptions**

### **Project Title: Everton Avenue Neighborhood Study Area**

**Project Description:** The Everton Avenue Neighborhood study area is approximately 2.3 square miles (1,500 acres) and is located near the western border of the City of Hugo (see Figure 1). It is bounded by 165th Street on the north, Highway 61 (TH 61) on the east, CSAH 8 on the south, and Elmcrest Avenue on the west. The City adopted the AUAR Update on October 2, 2017.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): City of Hugo

**RGU Contact Person:** 

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### **Notice**

### Project Title: Public Meeting on the Stoneray Wind Project

Comment Deadline: November 22, 2017

**Project Description:** Stoneray Wind Project Site Permit in Pipestone and Murray Counties: PUC Docket Numbers: IP6646/CN-13-193, WS-13-216 Public Meeting Date: November 6, 2017 at 6 pm Location: Lake Wilson Legion, 137 Broadway Ave (near Broad Ave and Main Street), Lake Wilson, MN 56151. The Stoneray Wind Project is a 105-megawatt wind project approved by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission in May 2014 for construction by Stoneray Power Partners, LLC (Stoneray).

Stoneray has requested modifications to their Site Permit and the Commission is seeking input on whether it should authorize the requested project changes which include modifications to turbine types, turbine layout, site boundary and the permit expiration date. There are newly affected landowners as a result of Stoneray acquisition of the county-permitted Rock-Aetna project. The Rock-Aetna project was originally permitted by the County and Stoneray is seeking to incorporate the Rock-Aetna project area into its Stoneray project. Initial comment period closes November 22, 2017 at 4:30 pm.

To submit comments: Online Visit: mn.gov/puc, select Speak Up!, find this docket, and add your comments to the discussion. U.S. Mail: Public Utilities Commission, 121 7th Place East, Suite 350,

St. Paul MN 55101. eFiling Visit: mn.gov/puc, select eFiling, and follow the prompts.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): Minnesota Public Utilties Commission

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