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September 2020 Environmental Quality Board Decision

Adopting the Document: “2020 State Water Plan: Water and Climate”

At the September 2020 Environmental Quality Board (EQB) meeting, the EQB meeting considered a resolution to adopt the 2020 State Water Plan: Water and Climate. A motion to adopt the water plan was moved by Commissioner Thom Petersen and seconded by Public Board Member Alan Forsberg.

The motion passed with 11 Board Members in favor, one opposed, and two not present and the resolution was adopted. The EQB approved and adopted the 2020 State Water Plan: Water and Climate and orders that it be sent to the Minnesota House of Representatives and Minnesota Senate Committees with jurisdiction over the environment, natural resources, and agriculture and the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources.

September Board Meeting Recording and Handouts can be found:
<https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/content/september-9-2020-board-meeting>

Environmental Assessment Worksheets

21 North Washington

Comment Deadline: October 14, 2020

Project Description: The proposed project includes the redevelopment of 270 Hennepin (formerly known as 240 Hennepin), 21 North Washington (formerly known as 17 North Washington), and part of 24 3rd Street North in downtown Minneapolis, MN. The site consists of numerous parcels, which are currently surface parking lots, the existing Dolphin Group Building, and a redevelopment of 270 Hennepin that is currently under construction. The project anticipates two developments accommodating up to 798 residential units, 28,000 square feet of retail, and up to 694 parking spaces. The site is bound by Washington Avenue North, Hennepin Avenue, 1st Avenue North and North 3rd Street. Copies of the EAW will be available for review at the downtown Minneapolis Central Library located at 300 Nicollet Mall. Public comments on the EAW must be made within the 30-day comment period, which ends at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 14, 2020. It is anticipated that the BIZ Committee at its regular meeting on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, or at a subsequent meeting, will receive a report and recommendation from City staff 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 4, 2020.

Link to Document: http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/planning/cped_eaw

RGU: City of Minneapolis

RGU Contact: Hilary Dvorak, 612-673-2639, hilary.dvorak@minneapolismn.gov

US 52 Southbound Reconstruction - SP 2506-83

Comment Deadline: October 14, 2020

Project Description: The proposed project includes: reconstructing southbound US 52 pavement from Cannon Falls to Zumbrota; resurfacing 2.9 miles of northbound US 52 pavement north of County 7; constructing an interchange for TH 57/County 8 Boulevard over US 52 in Hader; extending County 14 Boulevard to 57th Avenue; constructing frontage roads at Wagner Hill Way and CSAH 50; replacing bridges carrying US 52 over Butler Creek, two unnamed creeks, North Fork Zumbro River, and TH 60E, and TH 60W over US 52; and access management.

Link to Document: <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/d6/projects/hwy52-hader-southbound-improvements/documents.html>

RGU: Department of Transportation

RGU Contact: Jai Kalsy, 507-286-7545, jai.kalsy@state.mn.us

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 date of the determination.

Van Ede Site Project

Project Description: Jeremy and Jill Van Ede propose to expand an existing, total confinement, 720 Animal Unit (AU) swine facility to 1,440 AU in Section 9, Westside Township, Nobles County. The expansion will add one power-ventilated barn with an 8-foot deep, concrete liquid manure storage area below the barn and an office/load out building between the two barns.

Decision: Negative (No EIS ordered), August 31, 2020

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

RGU: Pollution Control Agency

RGU Contact: Charles Peterson, 651-757-2856, charles.peterson@state.mn.us

Central Commons Project

Project Description: The Central Commons mixed-use development is proposed on approximately 35.3 acres of primarily vacant land. The Project proposes construction of a grocery store, convenience store with associated fuel pumps, three retail buildings, a hotel, and an apartment complex. Approximately 13 acres of undeveloped area is also planned, which will include landscaping, buffers, trees, wetlands, and stormwater basins.

Decision: Negative (No EIS ordered), August 4, 2020

Link to Document: <https://public.ci.stillwater.mn.us/weblink/Browse.aspx?startid=175383>

RGU: City of Stillwater

RGU Contact: Abbi Jo Wittman, 651-430-8820, awittman@ci.stillwater.mn.us

LJP Enterprises of North Mankato, LLC

Project Description: LJP Enterprises of North Mankato, LLC at 2160 Ringhofer Drive in North Mankato, Minnesota, proposes to double the processing capacity of source separated industrial waste from 23,890 tons per year to 47,780 tons per year with installation of a new shredder at their existing solid waste transfer station. The new solid waste permit amendment will allow for processing of refuse derived fuel by using the new shredder.

Decision: Negative (No EIS ordered), September 3, 2020

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

RGU: Pollution Control Agency

RGU Contact: Jenna Ness, 651-757-2276, jenna.ness@state.mn.us

Final Alternative Urban Areawide Review Adoption

Interstate South Logistics Park

Project Description: The Interstate South Logistics Park AUAR study area is 175.8 acres located in the southwest corner of Dodd Boulevard and County Road 70 in the City of Lakeville, Dakota County, MN. As the Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU), the City of Lakeville adopted the Interstate South Logistics Park Final AUAR and Mitigation Plan in June 2015. Pursuant to Minnesota Rules, part 4410.3610, subpart 7, an AUAR and plan for mitigation must be revised every five years until all development in the study area has received final approval. Since the study area has not been fully developed, the purpose of this document is to update the Interstate South Logistics Park AUAR pursuant to Minnesota Rules.

Decision Date: Adopted, August 31, 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: City of Lakeville

RGU Contact: David Olson, 952-985-4421, dolson@lakevillemn.gov

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