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Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Comment Deadline: June 10, 2015

Project Title: Pillsbury A-Mill Artist Lofts Hydroelectric Project

Project Description: Minneapolis Leased Housing Associates IV, Limited Partnership (MLHA) is proposing the development and operation of the A-Mill Artist Lofts Hydroelectric Project (Project), restoring hydroelectric renewable energy using existing, historic infrastructure at the Pillsbury A-Mill building on the Mississippi River in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The Project would generate up to 600 kilowatt (kW) of renewable power to meet approximately 70% of on-site residential demands and would be located at St. Anthony Falls on the Mississippi River at river mile (RM) 854 in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota.

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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 (EIS). The dates given are, respectively, the date of the determination and the date the environmental assessment worksheet (EAW) notice was published in the EQB Monitor.

- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Roseau River Wildlife Management Area (RRWMA) Pool Enhancement, 4-28-15 (2-16-15)
 - City of Lakeville, Avonlea Residential Development, 1-5-15 (10-27-14)
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Petition

The following petition has been filed with the EQB requesting preparation of an EAW. The EQB has assigned the indicated unit of government to review the petition and decide on the need for an EAW.

- Morrison County, Fish Trap Lake Campground and RV Resort
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Alternative Urban Areawide Review Updates

Project Title: East Ravine AUAR Update

Comment Deadline: May 21, 2015

Project Summary: The City of Cottage Grove has updated the 2006 East Ravine Alternative Urban Areawide Review. This document was created to address planned growth within the East Ravine Planning District up to the year 2030. The City's 2030 Comprehensive Plan was adopted with information from this planning process. After the 30-day comment period ended on February 18, 2015, the City compiled the public comments received and provided responses to those comments. At the April 15, 2015, City Council meeting, the Council approved the comment and response document on the East Ravine 2015 Alternative Urban Areawide Review and mitigation plan update and authorized the distribution of the City's response to the public comments.

Project Information: The East Ravine Planning District is a master-planned portion of the community that was created in 2006 by the City of Cottage Grove to help guide growth in the East Ravine area and to understand the cumulative impacts of this growth on the City's infrastructure systems. The planning area includes roughly 4,000 acres and is generally bounded by Highway 61 on the south, Keats Avenue on the west, the municipal boundary on the north, and Kimbro Avenue on the east. The plan projects roughly 6,550 housing units and 850,000 square feet of commercial development and a number of public improvements to support the development. Development includes areas currently within the Metropolitan Urban Services Area (MUSA) and is expected to continue to 2030 and beyond. The City of Cottage Grove is the Responsible Government Unit (RGU) for this AUAR update.

As part of this planning project, the City completed an environmental review document called an Alternative Urban Areawide Review, or AUAR. This document was prepared following rules outlined in Minnesota State Statutes governing environmental reviews of development projects. It has been over five years since the master planning document and AUAR were created and adopted. The available update is mandatory and in conformance with State Statutes. Copies of the updated AUAR document are available for public review and comment.

The City of Cottage Grove's revised 2015 AUAR document and comments are available for review for the 10-day period ending May 21, 2015. The Cottage Grove City Council will take formal action to adopt the final document at their meeting on June 6, 2015.

RGU: City of Cottage Grove

The document can be viewed in the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board Monitor publication at www.eqb.state.mn.us/eqb-monitor; on the City website at www.cottage-grove.org; at the Washington County Public Library (Cottage Grove branch); or at City Hall, 12800 Ravine Parkway South. Written comments should be directed to:

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Project Title: Marion Road Trunk Sanitary Sewer Project

Comment Deadline: June 10, 2015

Project Description: The City of Rochester has prepared its second update to the Alternative Urban Areawide Review and Mitigation Plan prepared as part of its 2002 Marion Road Trunk Sanitary Sewer Project.

RGU: City of Rochester

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Notices

Minnesota Department of Agriculture Notification of Releases of Genetically Engineered Organisms

MDA Notification	Applicant	Crop	Project Category	County(s)
15-NO-048	USDA-ARS	barley	Fungus Resistance	Dakota

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