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Weekly announcements and environmental review notices

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Announcements

Environmental Quality Board meeting

Wednesday, January 18, 1 – 4 p.m. Join us virtually for the January Environmental Quality Board meeting. At this meeting, the board will hear an overview of the EQB budget and workplan for the first half of 2023, and an overview of the budget request for a Minnesota-based emissions assessment tool and guidance to support implementation of the EAW process. The board will also hear a process update in regard to the environmental review continuous improvement effort. More information about the meeting, including the meeting packet and Webex link, can be found on the board meeting [webpage](#).

Share your ideas for enhancing Minnesota's Environmental Review Program

We are developing a new process for identifying and prioritizing Environmental Review Program improvement initiatives and we want to hear from you. Visit our [engagement platform](#) to share your ideas for program improvement and learn more about our continuous improvement effort. The online forum closes Friday, February 17.

You can also join a virtual listening session to share your ideas. This meeting will be facilitated by consultants from Minnesota Management and Budget and will take place virtually on January 30 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. [Register here](#).

REQUIRED PUBLIC NOTICES



Environmental review project notices

EQB publishes environmental review notices provided by responsible governmental units. For more information on a project undergoing environmental review, click on the individual project links below. You can also find information about active projects in your community on the [Environmental Review Projects Interactive Map](#).

Pelican Bay Addition Residential Development

Location: Lake Sarah Township, Murray County

Process: Environmental assessment worksheet (EAW)

Step: EAW available

End of comment period: February 16, 2023

Project description: Rupp Construction is proposing a residential development on a 34-acre project site. The Pelican Bay Addition project will develop 29 residential lakeshore lots along the shoreline of Lake Shetek in Murray County, Minnesota. The first phase of construction will include limited grading and site preparation for selling individual lots and construction of the residential road on the project site. Construction will also include

development of attendant features for the development including the improvement of an existing private field road to a new public access road and installation of utilities to serve the development, including sanitary sewer connection and a new community well. The project is located within the 1,000 ft Shoreland Overlay District of Lake Shetek.

Link to public documents: [Pelican Bay Addition EAW](#)

Location of public documents: Murray County Government Center, 2500 28th St, Slayton, MN 56172

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Murray County, [Jean M. Christoffels](#), 507-836-1166

Application of Hayward Solar LLC for a CN & Site Permit for a Solar Project in Freeborn County

Location: Hayward, Freeborn County

Process: Alternative review

Notice title: Public Utilities Commission - Notice of Decision on the Hayward Solar Project

Notice description: In the Matter of the Application of Hayward Solar LLC for a Certificate of Need and Site Permit for the up to 150 MW Hayward Solar Project in Freeborn County, Minnesota – Public Utilities Commission Docket Nos. IP-7053/CN-21-112, and IP-7053/GS-21-113 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in an order issued on November 30, 2022, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission: (1) found that the environmental assessment prepared by the Department of Commerce and the record created at the public hearing addressed the issues identified in the scoping decision; (2) granted a certificate of need; and 3) issued a site permit to Hayward Solar LLC for its up to 150-megawatt solar energy generating system, a 3-4.5 mile 345 kilovolt overhead transmission line, and associated facilities located in Freeborn County, Minnesota.

Project description: Hayward Solar LLC is authorized to construct and operate an up to 150-megawatt solar energy generating system and associated facilities in Freeborn County.

Link to public documents: [Application of Hayward Solar LLC Alternative Review](#)

Location of public documents: Minnesota Department of Commerce - Energy Environmental Review & Analysis Unit, 85 7th Place East, Suite 280, Saint Paul, MN 55101

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Public Utilities Commission, [Michael Kaluzniak](#), 651-201-2257

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