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EQB Announcements



Young Leaders Talk Climate

Joint meeting of the EQB & the Climate Change Subcabinet Wednesday, May 19, 2021, 6:00-8:00 p.m. | Watch on YouTube

Join us for an interactive event to explore young people's perspectives on climate change – how it is impacting their current realities and how our actions today will shape their futures.

Young leaders will share their stories and engage with the Climate Change Subcabinet and Environmental Quality Board to discuss the challenges they face, their approaches to climate action, and their priorities for a healthy climate future. Young Minnesotans and those interested in youth perspectives on climate are encouraged to join and interact virtually using the online platform Slido (https://www.sli.do/ – more details will be provided at the start of the event).

The conversation will be led by members of the Emerging Environmental Leaders program, which is an ongoing collaboration between the Environmental Quality Board and the University of Minnesota's Institute on the Environment. Please see the meeting agenda for more information and bios of the Emerging Environmental Leaders cohort members.

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 to arrange an accommodation.

Citizen Petition

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

Petition Title: Victoria Shores

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): City of Roseville

Environmental Assessment Worksheet

Burandt Development in Woodbury, MN

Comment Deadline: June 17, 2021

Project Description: The Burandt project is a proposed low-density residential development on three existing properties totaling approximately 120 acres in the City of Woodbury, Washington County, Minnesota. The proposed project includes the construction of approximately 470 single family and multi-family residential units and is located on the north and south sides of Dale Road near the intersection of Dale Road and Woodbury Drive. The project will include a roadway network, stormwater infrastructure, the installation of municipal sewer and water systems, and a trail and park system.

Link to Document: www.woodburymn.gov/EAW

RGU: City of Woodbury

RGU Contact: Jennifer McLoughlin, 651-714-3522, jennifer.mcloughlin@woodburymn.gov

Environmental Impact Statement Need Decision Extension

Hiawatha Maintenance Facility Expansion

Notice Description: This notice is not required by Minnesota rule. It is being published at request of the responsible governmental unit. The Business, Inspections, Housing & Zoning (BIHZ) Committee held a public meeting on the adequacy of the EAW for the Hiawatha Maintenance Facility Expansion project on May 4, 2021. At this meeting, the City Council referred the item to the City Council Committee of the Whole meeting on August 5, 2021.

Minn. R. 4410.1700, subd. 2a(B) permits the RGU to postpone the decision on the need for an EIS in order to obtain information necessary to a reasoned decision about the potential for, or significance of, one or more possible environmental impacts. Given the action taken at the

BIHZ Committee, the RGU is postponing the decision on the need for an EIS until August 31, 2021.

Project Description: This EAW studies the proposed Hiawatha Maintenance Facility Expansion located at 1911 East 26th Street, 1860 East 28th Street and 2717 Longfellow Avenue in Minneapolis. The Minneapolis Public Works Department is proposing to expand their Hiawatha Maintenance Facility, located at 1911 East 26th Street, into the property immediately to the south. This will involve the relocation and consolidation of water distribution maintenance office, shop, yard and vehicle/equipment storage functions, and sewer and stormwater office staff from elsewhere, requiring the demolition of the former Roof Depot warehouse building, and construction of approximately 328,000 square feet of new buildings, and parking (surface and structured) for an additional 360 City and personal vehicles.

Link to Documents: http://www2.minneapolismn.gov/cped/planning/cped_eaw

RGU: City of Minneapolis

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

Environmental Impact Statement Need Decision

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

Gertens Greenhouse Expansion

Decision: Negative, May 3, 2021

Link to Document: No link provided. See RGU contact information below.

RGU: Denmark Township

RGU Contact: Kathy Higgins, 651-239-1328, higg5@msn.com

Warroad Safe Harbor Project

Decision: Negative, May 10, 2021

Link to Document: No link provided. See RGU contact information below.

RGU: City of Warroad

RGU Contact: Kathy Lovelace, 218-86-1454, CityAdmin@warroadmn.org

Alternative Urban Areawide Review Draft

Burnsville Center Village Area

Comment Deadline: June 17, 2021

Project Description: The AUAR study area encompasses 426 acres, including 77 existing tax parcels generally located north and south of County Road 42 (CR 42) between County Road 5 (CR 5) and Interstate 35W (I-35W). One development scenario is proposed for evaluation in the AUAR. The AUAR development scenario is based on the maximum development allowed under the future land uses depicted in the Burnsville 2040 Comprehensive Plan and was identified in the Center Village Redevelopment Vision (January 2019). The intent of the AUAR is to identify the worst-case potential impacts and the mitigation measures that may be taken to compensate for those impacts.

Link to Document: https://www.burnsvillemn.gov/2268/AUAR

RGU: City of Burnsville

RGU Contact: Deb Garross, 952-895-4446, deb.garross@burnsvillemn.gov

Alternative Urban Areawide Review Final Order and Scoping Document for a Large Project

Upper Harbor Terminal

Notice Description: This notice is not required by Minnesota rule. It is published at request of the responsible governmental unit.

Date of Adoption: May 4, 2021

Project Description: The AUAR study area encompasses an area totaling approximately 53 acres (shown on Figure 2). United Properties, in partnership with First Avenue Productions, the City of Minneapolis, and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB), is proposing to redevelop the 53-acre Upper Harbor Terminal site, which was formerly used as a barge shipping terminal and is currently made up of city-owned land and quasi-public entities, including utilities and Canadian Pacific (CP) rail lines. The proposed development would include residential, hospitality, retail/service, office/employment, light industrial, an outdoor amphitheater, and recreational land uses.

Link to Document: https://lims.minneapolismn.gov/File/2021-00440

RGU: City of Minneapolis

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

Alternative Urban Areawide Review Update

Minnesota Vikings Headquarters and Mixed-Use Development

Comment Deadline: June 2, 2021

Project Description: The Minnesota Vikings Headquarters and Mixed-Use Development AUAR study area is approximately 200 acres, located in the southeast quadrant of the intersection of State Highway 149 and Interstate 494, between Lone Oak Parkway and Ames Crossing Road, City of Eagan, Dakota County, MN. MV Ventures Properties, LLC f/k/a MV Eagan Ventures, LLC is the majority owner of the project site and leading the development activities. This report is intended to serve as an update to the 2016 AUAR and includes information on development activities completed to date, an update to the environmental analysis where necessary, and a review of mitigation measures. MV Ventures has coordinated with the City on reviews of development projects throughout the previous five-year period and provided information to the City of projected future development within the 200-acre project site.

Link to Documents: https://cityofeagan.com/development

RGU: City of Eagan

RGU Contact: Mike Schultz, 651-675-5650, mschultz@cityofeagan.com

General Notices

Notice of Permit Decision

Public Utilities Commission Notice of Permit Decision in the Matter of the Application of Regal Solar, LLC for a Site Permit for the up to 100 MW Regal Solar Project in Benton County, Minnesota – Public Utilities Commission Docket No. IP7003/GS-19-395 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in an order issued April 26, 2021, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission: (i) 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; and (ii) issued a site permit to Regal Solar, LLC for its 100-megawatt solar energy generating system in Benton County, Minnesota. The order and site permit are available on the Commission's eDocket System at:

https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/ShowFile.do?DocNumber=20214-173356-01 Questions about this project may be directed to Scott Ek at scott.ek@state.mn.us or 651-201-2255.

Minnesota Department of Agriculture--Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms

University of Minnesota filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification # 21-NO-31. Notification is for genetically modified BARLEY, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for release in Application 21-084-106r. The counties identified for release include the following: Dakota-1 location with less than 1.5 acres. Project categories include FR(Fungal Resistance). For additional information contact Denise Thiede, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-402-3149, denise.thiede@state.mn.us.

In the Matter of the Order to Restore Lake Minnetonka (#27-133P) issued to William Michael Dunkley and In the Matter of the Order to Restore Lake Minnetonka (#27-133P) issued to Eric Joel Vogstrom OAH Docket No. 8-2002-37099

LEGAL NOTICE: A contested case hearing will be held at the Office of Administrative Hearings, via Zoom, *In the Matter of the Order to Restore Lake Minnetonka (#27-133P) issued to William Michael Dunkley and In the Matter of the Order to Restore Lake Minnetonka (#27-133P) issued to Eric Joel Vogstrom (OAH Docket No. 8-2002-37099). This action was initiated to determine whether cause exists for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to direct the restoration of Lake Minnetonka, public water number 27-133P, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 103G.2372 and Minn. R. 6115.0255. The hearing will begin on June 3, 2021 at 9:30 a.m., before Administrative Law Judge Eric P. Lipman. The hearing is scheduled to last two days. Any questions concerning this notice may be directed to Christina Brown, Assistant Attorney General, at 651-757-1424 and christina.brown@state.mn.us.*

Links to environmental review documents were provided by the RGU. In the event that the link does not work, you may contact the RGU directly to request either a paper or electronic copy of the documents. If you are not able to connect with the RGU, please email EQB staff at Env.Review@state.mn.us, call 651.757.2873, or visit our website.

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