Potential LWC Testimony

2/9/2015

Who has presented already? (as of 2/9/15)

LWC History
- Sen Len Price (history of first LWC)
- Susan Schmidt (history of first LWC)

State Agencies
- Clean Water Fund Interagency Coordinating Team (Deborah Swackhamer & Rebecca Flood for MPCA, BWSR, DNR, MDH, Met Council, U of MN-WRC, MDA)
- DNR - Groundwater Management Areas (Jason Moeckel)

Local Government
- Association of Minnesota Counties (Duane Bakke)
- League of Minnesota Cities (Craig Johnson)

State/Local Government Advisory
- Clean Water Council (Michael McKay & Pam Blixt)

Non-Governmental Units (general)
- Freshwater Society (Steve Woods and Darrel Gerber)
- Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy (Scott Strand & Michael Schmidt)
- MN Environmental Partnership (Steve Morse)

Non-Geovernmental Units (agriculture)
- Agri-Growth Council (Perry Aasness)
- Farm Bureau (Doug Busselman)
- MN Farmers' Union (Doug Peterson)

Special Topic
- White Bear Lake Settlement Agreement Representatives (Barb Naramore DNR, James Markoe WBLHA, Shannon Whitaker WBLRA)

<u>ORGANIZATIONS</u> (in no particular order)

Local Implementers (ag)
- Lower MN River Watershed District ☐
- MN River Basin Congress (Scott Sparlin's grass roots effort) ☐
- MN Agriculture Water Resources Coalition ☐
- MN Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts ☐
  - 7 Mile Creek Project (1997 - 2007 by Nicollet Co SWCD, Karen Dallas) ☐
- MN Association of Watershed Districts ☐

Local Implementers (urban)
- MN Cities Stormwater Coalition ☐
- MN municipal water suppliers
  - MN Municipal Utilities Association ☐
  - American Water Works Association-MN Section ☐
  - MN Rural Water Association ☐
- MN wastewater operators
  - MESERB (municipal wastewater treatment plants) ☐
  - MN Onsite Wastewater Association (septics) ☐

Recreational interest groups
- Ducks Unlimited ☐
- MN Golf Course Superintendents Association ☐
- MN Outdoor Heritage Association ☐
- MN Waterfowl Association ☐
- Pheasants Forever ☐
- Trout Unlimited ☐

Non-Governmental Organizations
- Friends of the Mississippi River ☐
- Nature Conservancy ☐

Educational Institutions
- Aquatic Invasive Species Center ☐
- St Anthony Falls Laboratory ☐
- U of MN Extension ☐

Advancing Water Technologies/Economic Development
- Ecolab ☐
- Pentair ☐
- U of MN ☐

TOPICS (in alphabetical order)

- 1 Watershed 1 Plan (BWSR) ☐
- Advancing water technologies/economic development ☐
- Agency overlap/service delivery (structure of state agencies involved in water)/accountability ☐
- Agricultural incentive programs ☐
- Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program ☐
- Buffers ☐
- Capital projects - funding sources, past projects/precedents ☐
- Climate change/adaptation ☐
- Drainage ☐
- Education ☐
- Fairness between Ag and Urban water issues ☐
- Farmer led solutions ☐
- Floodplain management/flood mitigation ☐
- Groundwater appropriations/permitting ☐
- Groundwater Management Areas ☐
- Groundwater/uses ☐
- Infrastructure replacement (aging infrastructure/upsizing) ☐
- Local capacity/funding ☐
- MN Water Law - quantity and usage regulations ☐
- MN Water Research Digital Library ☐
- MN Water Sustainability Framework - Progress Update ☐
- Navigating the water agencies (people don't know where to go for assistance/permits/funding) ☐
- Nitrates (in surface and groundwater; e.g., ag runoff, Pines to Potatoes ☐
- Nonpoint source pollution ☐
- Private wells and septic systems (possibly Mark Hayes, MN Geotech Services; ref by Sen Chamberlain) ☐
- Sedimentation (e.g., Lake Pepin filling, flood damage, near-channel erosion) ☐
- Sensitive Natural Resources (e.g., trout streams, calcareous fens, endangered/threatened/special concern species) ☐
- Silica sand mining (water quality impacts) ☐
- Sustainable water use (groundwater and surface water) ☐
- Tiered Aquatic Life Uses (MPCA) ☐
- Water 101 ☐
- Water Conservation (including pricing)/Reuse ☐
- White Bear Lake findings (USGS) ☐
- WRAPs (MPCA) ☐

Others?

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