



Legislative Water Commission

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Monday, February 9, 2015

Room 5, State Office Building

Rep. Paul Torkelson, Chair

Sen. Bev Scalze, Co-Chair

AGENDA

- I. Approval of minutes from January 12, 2015 meeting
- II. Update by DNR Commissioner Tom Landwehr on the Governor's buffer initiative
- III. Brief presentations on agricultural water policy issues: MN AgriGrowth Council
MN Farm Bureau
MN Farmers' Union
- IV. Discuss LWC goals and objectives

Overall Goal: During the 2015 session, utilize the meetings to help define who LWC is and how LWC can provide accurate and well-informed background to legislative colleagues in the future

Near-Shore Objectives:

1. Review and consider supporting the Clean Water Council and the Interagency Work Group activities and the (81) watershed monitoring and assessment approach
2. Assess the impacts of proposed legislation related to water policies, resources, and budgets (Ex: Governor's buffer initiative)
3. Assess Agency water roles and potentially make recommendations for adjustments (Ex: Groundwater management areas/competing appropriations)

Far-Shore Objective:

1. Assess local assets/capacity to implement water programs

- V. Discuss water-related proposed legislation
- VI. Discuss communication preferences, interest areas, and priority setting methods
- VII. Set next meeting date
- VIII. Other business as approved by the Chair