



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Intergovernmental Relations

Date: October 9, 2014

To: Council Vice President, Elizabeth Glidden, Chair of IGR

Subject: Informational presentation by Metropolitan Council staff on regional water supply planning and the Water Resources Policy Plan

Recommendation: Receive and file

Department Information

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The Metropolitan Council is statutory charged to adopt a long-range comprehensive plan for wastewater treatment; to develop a water resources plan that includes management objectives for watersheds in the metropolitan area to achieve federal and state water quality standards, provide effective water pollution control, and help reduce unnecessary investments in advanced wastewater treatment and to carry out planning activities addressing the water supply needs of the metropolitan area as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 2.

Consistent with these obligations, the Met Council is in the process of updating the Water Resources Policy Plan and the Master Water Supply Plan. The draft of the former is available for review and the Met Council is currently conducting a public outreach process. The latter plan is expected to be available at the end of the year. Met Council staff will touch on the status and content of the plans and the water supply planning activities of the Met Council generally.