



## Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works

**Date:** February 27, 2007  
**To:** Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee  
**Subject:** **Commissioner and Alternate Commissioner Appointments to the Bassett Creek Water Management Commission**

### Recommendation:

Adopt a resolution appointing the following Minneapolis residents to serve on the Bassett Creek Water Management Commission until January 31, 2010:

- Commissioner: Michael Welch
- Alternate Commissioner: Lisa Goddard

### Previous Directives:

- 2004R-033 January 30, 2004 – Appointment of Michael Welch and Lisa Goddard as the Minneapolis Commissioner and Alternate Commissioner to the Bassett Creek Water Management Commissioners for terms to expire January 31, 2007

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### Approved by:

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Steven A. Kotke, P.E., City Engineer, Director of Public Works

**Presenters:** Lois Eberhart, Interim Water Resources Administrator

Permanent Review Committee (PRC) Approval \_\_\_\_\_ Not applicable  X   
Policy review Group (PRG) Approval \_\_\_\_\_ Not applicable  X

### Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- X  No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)  
\_\_\_\_ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget  
\_\_\_\_ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget  
\_\_\_\_ Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase  
\_\_\_\_ Action requires use of contingency or reserves  
 X  Business Plan:  X  Action is within the plan. \_\_\_\_ Action requires a change to plan.  
\_\_\_\_ Other financial impact (Explain):  
\_\_\_\_ Request provided to department's Finance Dept. contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator

## **Community Impact**

Neighborhood Notification: Not applicable  
City Goals: Not applicable  
Comprehensive Plan: Not applicable  
Zoning Code: Not applicable

## **Background/Supporting Information**

The Bassett Creek Water Management Commission (BCWMC) was established in 1969 by a joint powers agreement among nine member cities. The member cities are: Crystal, Golden Valley, Medicine Lake, Minneapolis, Minnetonka, New Hope, Plymouth, Robbinsdale and St. Louis Park. The goal of the BCWMC is to control flooding, and to maintain and enhance the quality of surface and ground water resources in the watershed. The joint powers agreement commits each member city to appoint a commissioner and alternate commissioner to serve 3-year terms. The terms expired on January 31, 2007.

Recommendation: The Public Works Department is recommending that the following citizens be re-appointed to serve as the Minneapolis Commissioner and Alternate Commissioner to the BCWMC for a 3-year term expiring January 31, 2010:

- Commissioner: Michael Welch

Michael Welch is the current Minneapolis Commissioner for the BCWMC. He has served as Commissioner since 1999, and currently serves as the Chair of the Commission. Mr. Welch is a resident of the Bryn Mawr neighborhood which is in Ward 7, and he is an attorney with Smith Partners. He was formerly the Minnesota Environmental Initiative's Resources For Redevelopment Director.

- Alternate Commissioner: Lisa Goddard

Lisa Goddard is the current Minneapolis Alternate Commissioner for the BCWMC. She has served as Alternate Commissioner since 2004, and prior to that time served as a BCWMC Technical Advisory Committee member on behalf of the City. Ms. Goddard is a resident of the Harrison neighborhood which is in Ward 5, and she is a water resources engineer with SRF Consulting Group.

Both residents have been active neighborhood representatives to the Bassett Creek Valley Master Planning initiative over a period of several years. They both have extensive training and interest in water quality issues.

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