

Cannon River 1W1P

Technical Advisory Group

Meeting #2 Notes

October 18, 2017

9:00am – 12:00pm

Rice County Government Center
320 Third St NW, Faribault, MN 55021

Technical Advisory Group: Mark DuChene (*City of Waseca*), Spencer Herbert (*MDA*), Cole Johnson (*City of Northfield*), Melissa King (*City of Faribault*), Todd Piepho (*DNR*), Kristi Pursell (*CRWP*), Bradley Rademacher (*City of Owatonna*), Jennifer Ronnenberg (*MDH*), Justin Watkins (*MPCA*)

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BWSR Advisory Staff: Jenny Mocol-Johnson

EOR Consulting Staff: Camilla Correll and Meghan Funke

❖ Review Draft Groundwater Restoration and Protection Strategies (GRAPS)

- The draft GRAPS has been released by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and is posted on their website. An interagency team worked together to develop this document and bring relevant groundwater quantity and quality information together for the purpose of 1W1P planning in the Cannon River Watershed. Jennifer Ronnenberg with MDH worked through the document with the group highlighting content and explaining figures. There were a few comments and questions throughout including:
 - Locations of ambient wells should be reviewed for accuracy and completeness.
 - Under potential contaminants there was discussion as to why agriculture is not listed.
 - Are the implementation strategies from existing plans or did the team writing GRAPS develop these?
 - Need to think of ways to make the goals become measurable.
 - Discussion on how to know the 'status of our groundwater' and how there is lacking data, but it is also very area specific. There may also be a need for ground watershed mapping. Data gaps can be identified in 1W1P.

❖ Land and Water Resources Inventory Chapter Review

- EOR has completed the first draft of the Land and Water Resources Inventory and presented it electronically to the group. The document will be sent out for further review and TAG/PWG members can either use Google Docs for editing or send comments in via email. EOR worked through the electronic document with the group. Questions and comments included:
 - Socio-economic data/census data should be looked at and either clarified that this is full county data or clipped to the watershed boundaries within each county.
 - In the climate section it would be beneficial to call out some design criteria that are useful for NRCS/SWCD such as Atlas 14 rainfall data.
 - There are some edits to be made to the Gaps section after review of the GRAPS.

❖ Prioritization Exercise

- EOR worked with the group to go through a prioritization exercise that looked at zonation results, public input and TAG/PWG input on these results, the nonpoint priority funding plan, and HSPF/PTMApp pollutant loading. The group developed priorities based on each of these tools and then analyzed for overlap. EOR will summarize the discussion/results; however the group is not ready to take these to the Policy Committee as

final. The priorities should be reviewed and cross-checked with issues identified from local planning documents, state agency priorities, and the public engagement process. Finally the priorities should be reviewed on whether existing programs address any of the issues/concerns.

❖ **Check In-Next Steps**

- How did the group feel about the prioritization exercise?
 - Was difficult at first due to the large amount of information we are sorting through. We are not used to looking at the 'where' aspect of priorities first, but typically the watershed concerns first.
 - Many were happy with the final results.
 - Valuable input on all topics can be difficult; the group should consider or be open to bringing in other experts if needed.
 - Getting information out to the group with enough time for review before meetings is crucial for good input.
- Next meeting will be **November 15th**, same time and location, 9am at the Rice County Government Services Building.