

Washington County Water Consortium January 5, 2011 Agenda

Date & Time:

Wednesday, January 5, from 2-4 pm

Location:

Washington County Government Center, **Lower Level Room 21**
14949 62nd St N, Stillwater MN 55082

2:00 – 2:15 **Introductions and Updates**

2:15 – 3:15 **State of Minnesota Local Government Roundtable for Water Governance**

Cliff Aichinger, Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District

Matt Moore, South Washington Watershed District

Jay Riggs, Washington Conservation District

The Minnesota Local Government Roundtable (LGR) is an affiliation of four of Minnesota's key local government players, MAWD, AMC, MASWCD, and LMC*. The LGR was created to focus on the planning and preservation of the state's water and land related resources. The goal is to provide consensus recommendations to the member organizations and state policy makers on water management delivery in Minnesota to be more efficient and effective in accordance with the economic realities of the state and nation and the accompanying pressures on state and local resources. The Local Government Roundtable Advisory Committee (RAC) has established three policy subcommittees to address policy items identified by the LGR. The policy groups will provide written recommendations to the LGR by January 10, 2011. The subcommittees are:

- Watershed and Basin Water Management.
- Comprehensive Water Planning & Management -- structure and process.
- State Funding Process for Local Water Plan Implementation.

Cliff, Matt, and Jay are each on one of these subcommittees. They will lead a panel discussion introducing the overall concept and will provide an update on the happenings of their subcommittees.

*Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts, Association of Minnesota Counties, Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and the League of Minnesota Cities

3:15 – 4:00 **Subwatershed Assessments Update**

Shawn Tracy, Metro Conservation Districts

Pete Young, Washington Conservation District

Pete Young with the Washington Conservation District has been leading subwatershed assessment efforts in priority areas of Washington County. Shawn Tracy with the Metro Conservation Districts developed much of the protocol for the assessments and provides technical assistance for staff within the 11-county metro area. Shawn and Pete will present an overview of the program and provide a status update, including results from completed assessments.