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Subject: Update to the Rum 1W1P Steering Committee

Good morning Rum 1W1P Steering Committee members!

The Planning Team wanted to ensure you are up to date on planning progress. We also want to ensure the Policy Committee members feel confident that progress is being made and that they understand what that progress looks like. **Please communicate with your Policy Committee member and respective boards!** It is essential to make sure members feel prepared to sign off on the planning work in May.

This is where we are today:

The Policy Committee is not meeting again until May, when they will be asked to sign off on the refined issue statements, desired future conditions, and measurable goals. This means that they will have not had a meeting since they signed off on the direction of all of this content in their January meeting. The four months between meeting will feel even longer given the disruptions from coronavirus response. They received a status update in the place of their March meeting. However, this length of time could lead to disengagement, especially considering that it can be difficult to track information month-to-month.

Your help as local staff will be essential to making sure that Policy Committee members feel prepared to sign off on the work you've been doing, and give the go-ahead for our process to continue. You've seen the memos prepared by Julie for each discussion, participated in the small groups, and heard from your colleagues in large-group report outs. **When you meet with your Policy Committee member or present to your boards, please include a brief overview of the process we're using to give a detailed review of each goal (and the science behind it) to ensure measurability, appropriateness, and accurate language.** Depending on when you meet, we may have finalized sections for surface water, groundwater, or even natural resources. Please review these with them as well to make sure they're following along.

Once we get to the other side of the May Policy Committee meeting, we will be able to pivot in our process to drafting the actions and programs that will allow the planning partnership to actually *achieve* these goals and make progress towards the desired future conditions.

Thank you once again for ALL of your work already, and for how you are all thoughtfully engaging in this long and challenging process.

Jen & Julie (consultant team)

Next step for Steering Committee members: **Talk to your Policy Committee members in the next couple weeks!**

Top talking points ...

- As a quick reminder, in January the Policy Committee signed off on the general direction of the goals.
- Since then, the Technical Advisory Committee has been updating the drafted goals using the science and studies available to us to try to get more specific and ensure our goals are measurable, appropriate, and achievable.
- We will have the refined goals for the Policy Committee to approve in May, and then will be moving on to the implementation activities and programs.

Final note: We updated the Implementation Advisory Committee (IAC) members this week because they are also experiencing a several months gap before they will meet again. The memo that was sent can be found in the News and Updates section on the Rum 1W1P website. <https://www.millelacsswcd.org/rum-river-one-watershed-one-plan/>

If you are overwhelmed with all that's happening right now and would like assistance reaching out to your Policy Committee members or boards let me know!
I'd be glad to provide support.

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