

Snake River Watershed
Technical Advisory Committee

Meeting Agenda

November 18, 2024, 10:00 am-11:30 am



Invitees:

Snake River Watershed Plan Partnership Technical Advisory Committee

Snake River Watershed Plan Partnership Steering Committee

SWCD & County staff

BWSR staff

Location:

In-Person Meeting:

10:00 am-11:30 am
Kanabec County Courthouse Rm 3
317 E Maple Ave, Mora, MN 55051

Virtual Option:

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/vbf-hxop-qey>

Or dial: (US) +1 484-552-3267 PIN: 291 571 039#

More phone numbers: <https://tel.meet/vbf-hxop-qey?pin=6863004206066>

Purpose:

1. New Staff Introductions
2. Review Status of Watershed Plan
3. Check in with Partner Agencies Goals for Watersheds

AGENDA

	Topics	Assigned	Time
1	Introductions	Staff/ Members present	10 min
2	Building Partnerships Best Practices for Agency Contributions to 1W1P	Mary Poelman Watershed Coordinator	5 min
3	Snake River Watershed Link to 1W1P Snake River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan Cities, Lakes, Streams, People	tbd	10 min
4	Agency Round Table: - What, Who and How? Current Technical Advisory Committee	All Agency Participants	
	Agency: MPCA	Miranda Nichols Amy Tam	5 min
	Agency: BWSR	Zach Guttormson	5 min
	Agency: DNR	Jeff Weiss	5 min
	Agency: MDA	Aicam Laacouri	5 min
	Agency: MDH	Chad Anderson	5 min
5	Planning 1W1P Snake River Where are we currently? Where are we going (current timelines)? How do we get there?	Mary Poelman Watershed Coordinator	10 min
6	General Discussion - Comments, ideas, etc.	All Participants	tbd
7	Next Meeting: May 8 2025 1:30- 4:30pm		2 min

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1	Introductions	All Present	
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1. Hello Everyone: Thank you for attending

1. Name, Agency you are from
2. Ice Breaker:

2	Building Partnerships	Mary Poelman Watershed Coordinator	5 min
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2.

From BWSR: “Best Practices for Agency Comments on Water Plans” ([Link](#))

“ Participation in Advisory Committees. The advisory committee is where agency staff have the most ability to influence the direction of the plan. This is where information and ideas can be discussed and vetted most thoroughly, and compromise and understanding can hopefully be achieved. This is also where various drafts of the plan are generally presented, and informal comments can be provided. For BWSR, knowledge that an agency has participated in the advisory committee adds additional weight or influence to a decision on the plan, especially if particular items are not addressed.”

Practical and Valuable Comments	Less Valuable Comments
<p>The following types of comments can be very valuable to the planning effort:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Feedback on the legality or statutory authority of a proposed action or strategy in a plan, and/or consistency with an agency rule or policy ■ Identification of opportunities for agency collaboration, including when an agency might be willing to lead and/or funds are available through the agency to accomplish a strategy or action ■ Identification of alternative methods to identify or accomplish a goal ■ Identification of data not reviewed or properly considered, or data that may validate a potential concern or issue ■ Work that can or will be done in the future to improve the plan 	<p>The following types of comments are less valuable to the planning process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Individual comments that have not been vetted or delivered as an agency perspective ■ Comments that question a method without suggestions for an alternative method ■ Editorial comments, especially in early working drafts of plans, unless the text is unclear

3	Snake River Watershed Cities, Lakes, Streams, People	Mary Poelman Watershed Coordinator	10 min
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3. Presentation on the Snake River Watershed to orient everyone to our area and goals

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4. For each of the agencies present:

If someone within the watershed had a question/project that they needed technical advice on, where would they turn to within your agency?

Brief discussion of your agency, what departments that may be applicable to watershed implementation, potential opportunities for collaboration/ permitting/ oversight etc.

5	Planning 1W1P Snake River Where are we currently? Where are we going (current timelines)? How do we get there?	Mary Poelman Watershed Coordinator	10 min
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5. Presentation on Snake River Goals, Tracking, Work Plan Dates, what is working, what isn't working

6	General Discussion - Comments, ideas, etc.	All Participants	tbd
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7	Next Meeting: (nominally) May 8 2025 1:30- 4:30pm	Mary Poelman Watershed Coordinator	2 min
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