



# Notes

## October 14, 2009

Meeting location:  
*Capitol Region Watershed District*  
1410 Energy Park Drive, Suite 4  
St. Paul, MN 55108

### ATTENDEES

Anne Weber, St. Paul  
Jana Larson, Hamline U. - CGEE  
Lane Christianson, City of Minneapolis  
Lyndon Torstenson, MNRRRA/NPS  
Chandi McCracken, MCWD  
Becky Rice, Metro Blooms  
Eli Condon, Minnesota Waters  
Trevor Russell, FMR  
Sage Passi, RWMWD

Tracy Fredin, CGEE  
April Rust, Project WET, DNR  
Lark Weller, NPS  
Cherie Wagner, Freshwater Society  
Angie Hong, Washington Conservation District  
Louise Watson, RWMWD  
Denise Leezer, MPCA  
Allison Plute, City of Rochester  
Elizabeth Storey, Capitol Region Watershed District

**Featured Presenter:** Cherie Wagner from Freshwater Society: 2010 – The Year of Water

The Freshwater Society is undertaking a multifaceted education and outreach campaign that will raise awareness among citizens about water resource issues—water quality and quantity—and inspire behavior changes that will protect and sustain our water resources as an enduring legacy for generations to come. The Year of Water will feature an innovative speaker series on critical water issues, resource-rich website and electronic communications, series of motivational posters, critical water issues documentary, and two community engagement projects.

(see **DETAILED NOTES BELOW** for more information)

### STEERING COMMITTEE UPDATES:

**Clean Water MN** has concluded its media campaign for the year.

- We'll show our PSAs at the Riverview Theater event on November 18 (see announcement below).
- First fall newsletter went out, winter will go out soon.
- We did our first photo shoot: lawn care, pet waste - photo shoots coming up with fall lawn care, urban and suburban themed. photos downloadable for anyone.
- Document upload tool is also ready for people who have resources they'd like to upload and make available for members.

**Steering Committee has one and possibly two vacancies** for new people who want to get involved. We meet once a month, the week following the Watershed Partners meeting.

We aim for balanced participation of Cities, Counties, Non-profits, educational institutions, watershed districts, State agency, Federal agencies, etc.

List of role and duties - plan agendas, discuss watershed projects, make recommendations on decisions, provide leadership and guidance, field and act on requests for WSP involvements, represent WSP at events, communicate with sub-committees, respond to needs of Administrative Assistant, etc.

**State Fair Exhibit committee** will meet today after this meeting to begin to discuss what we should do

with state fair exhibits for next year as well as developing a long-term vision for a new state fair exhibit that would be a more permanent installation at the DNR building. Questions to be addressed will include: Should we do something to better represent the watersheds of the state, can we connect to our website from the exhibit, should we develop some kind of hand-out with links to more information about watersheds. Perhaps a pinball machine or other interactive game, looking for more funding to fund a substantial exhibit, having a 3-ring binder with maps generated with GIS...

**Next meeting will be held November 18 from 11:30 to 1 at CGEE** at 1467 Hewitt Ave. on the Hamline University Campus. Please attend this meeting and bring your thoughts, ideas and a brown bag lunch.

### **MEMBER UPDATES:**

1. Louise Watson from RWMWD attended a congress on greening infrastructure. Her observations: Public works is in charge of hard surfaces and they have the money to really do the work... Education is a high priority. President of the congress explained in keynote how important it was to get watershed based permitting to happen.

2. MN Naturalist Assoc reg deadline is Friday. It's in Western MN.

Featured presenters: Michael Kududo, author, Wes Jackson from Land Institute and Jim Gilbert.

3. RWMWD LEAP Annual award ceremony November 5, from 6:30 to 8:30 - held at H.B. Fuller Company 1200 Willow Lake Blvd., Vadnais Heights.

Speaker: Fred Razumolski, landscape architect "A Neatnicks Approach to Ecologically Sound Landscapes." RSVP: Shelly@rwmwd.org

4. Women and Water Rights: Rivers of Regeneration

[www.womenandwater.net](http://www.womenandwater.net).

RWMWD is working with U of M and Hamline collaboration for an **art show at the Katherine E. Nash Gallery at the University of Minnesota** focusing on women and water rights.

Leading up to that is a **teacher and artist workshop on October 24** from 8 - 1 at Hamline University: to help teachers of art, writing and science enhance student understanding of water issues. Co-sponsored by CGEE. to register, call Sara at 651-523-2895

Also will host **Water Dance on March 3rd**, concert being developed by Vanderbilt, a teacher at Perpich Center, will be held at the Ted Mann Concert Hall. with poetry readings and a postcard art show.

5. Minnehaha Creek has Watershed Heroes award ceremony Friday October 23 at 6:30 at BayView Events Center. Honoring Stonehenge USA, Leinenkugel, City of Mound...

6. Cynthia Kreig grant coming up for something in the Minnehaha Creek watershed district that needs funding. Proposals are due October 21, 2009. [www.minnehahacreek.org](http://www.minnehahacreek.org)

7. Minnesota Waters has grant coming up for lake associations. [MNWaters.org](http://MNWaters.org)

8. CGEE has 19th anniversary event on November 5, John Anfinson will present on the History of Water Quality on the Mississippi River

9. Minnesota Water resources conference coming up at the River Center in St. Paul on October 26th and the 27th.

10. Upper Mississippi TMDL report has come out: we know less than we thought we did... stay tuned for more info on the Upper Mississippi River Bacteria TMDL.
11. Next Wed MEI and Freshwater Society co-sponsoring an event policy forum on Clean Water Legacy act.
12. Nov 18 Riverview theater in Minneapolis the guys who made King Korn made a follow-up movie called Big River. IATP 5pm King Korn, and then break then show Big River. filmmakers will be present to do a forum.
13. 10/16/09 Mississippi River Forum in St. Cloud - "Drinking the Mississippi"  
     11/20/09 Mississippi River Forum in Minneapolis - "Drinking the Mississippi"

**NOTES:**

- **Next Steering Committee Meeting: Wednesday October 21, 9 – 11 am** at the Center for Global Environmental Education (CGEE), Hamline University. The Steering Committee meets each month to determine agendas and help steer programs. Meetings are open to WaterShed Partners.
- **Next WaterShed Partners meeting: Wednesday, November 4, 2009, 9:00-11:00** at Capitol Region Watershed District, 1410 Energy Park Dr, Ste 4, St. Paul. The meeting will feature a presentation by Cheri Wagner, Freshwater Society
- Meetings of the WaterShed Partners are regularly the 2nd Wednesday of each month, 9-11 a.m.

*FFI: Contact a member of the steering committee or Jana Larson at 651-523-2812*

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***DETAILED NOTES ON CHERIE WAGNER'S TALK  
ON THE YEAR OF WATER: 2010***

***GOALS AND APPROACH***

- ØRaise the awareness of citizens about water resource issues*
- ØMotivate and inspire behavior changes that will protect and sustain our water resources as an enduring legacy for generations to come*
- ØCreate long-lasting partnerships and collaboration among water resource organizations and communities in on-going stewardship activities*

*ØCelebrate water as a valuable natural resource that is essential to all life*

**MONTHLY THEMES:**

*The Health of Our Waters*

*Land and Water Connections*

*Our Lakes, Rivers and Streams*

*Sustainable Use and Conservation*

*The Future of Water*

*Water's Caretaker: You!*

**YEAR OF WATER PROJECTS:**

***Critical Water Issues Documentary***

*ØFocusing on Minnesota's critical water issues and exploring responsible stewardship actions*

*ØPlan to have documentary on TV as well as have regional events followed by a forum and discussion on local water issues*

***Speaker Series***

*ØProvide a forum for sharing knowledge and raising awareness about our critical water issues and solutions through public policy and community engagement activities*

*ØTopics: endocrine disrupting compounds and pharmaceuticals in our water, climate change impacts on water resources, agricultural practices and water resources, and water resources in the next century*

***Poster Series***

*ØDraw attention to our critical water issues and focus on Minnesota's lakes, rivers, groundwater and wetlands; stormwater runoff and water quality; drinking water; and wise water use and stewardship*

*ØFor schools, community and recreation centers, and nature and environmental learning centers, etc.*

***Website***

*ØInteractive map to find water resource organizations and events*

*ØInformation dedicated to each of the six themes, which will include, fact sheets, toolkit resources, and ways to take action*

*ØResources about critical water issues, a media and outreach kit, partner network, success stories, photo and video libraries, and links to other relevant websites*

***The Year of Water E-newsletter***

*ØResource of up-to-date information on water resources in Minnesota*

*ØEvents calendar including workshops, water festivals, watershed cleanups, etc.*

*ØInformation about water organizations, success stories, ways people can be involved in protecting water resources*

***Citizen & Community Engagement Toolkits***

*-Provide community toolkit that includes a DVD with "how to" instructions for organizing and implementing a clean-up*

*-Clean-up participants will be able to document their impact and monitor the amount of phosphorus being removed from lakes and rivers throughout Minnesota as part of our interactive website*

***2. Water Conservation Project***

*Creating an interactive web-based Water Audit with two applications: one for the general public and one for elementary school students and their families to track their home water use and learn about conservation*

*Audit will have questions about water use at home, results comparing their use to the average American household, tips to reduce use and a pledge to sign with measureable action steps*

*Curriculum for use with the activity*

### **HOW WATERSHED PARTNERS CAN HELP**

*ØDocumentary: provide local contacts for discussion on water quality issues, partner with to have a showing in the metro*

*ØSpeaker Series: ideas for speakers; promote in Twin Cities area*

*ØPoster Series: ideas for messages; distribution ideas*

*ØWebsite/Newsletter: provide profiles of your agency/organization for resources and links pages; provide events listing; emails*

*ØCommunity Clean-ups for Water Quality: promote in metro area on website and newsletters; contact groups to start a clean-up; be contact for groups*

*ØWater Audit: partner with FWS to get audit out to teachers and schools you work with; promote to schools*