

Water Division (Subcommittee on Water Policy)

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Presentation:

➤ Subcommittee Recommendations

Legislative Water Policy Topics : 2020

- **Legislative recommendations:**
- **Built from subcommittee suggestions, other legislators, constituents, agencies and stakeholder workshops**
- **Represent our important water issues**

Process

- **Most topics have bills in process**
- *Others focus on issues being followed, or discussed, as emerging issues*
- **Some will lead to budget requests, next cycle**
- **Will discuss issues having draft bills**
- **Referenced by number in the handout**

Overview

- Bills generally involve minimal funding
- Involve plans, pilots, and legislative reports
- Support agency priorities
- May lead to significant budget requests, next cycle
- The lay groundwork for future

Prioritized by Committee Members

MEMBER													
IX SSWCD Support	H	H	M	H	M	H	XX	H	H		H		
Compensation for Ag Buffers	H	H	H	M	H		H	H		H	H		
Drinking Water Safety: Private Wells	H	H	H	H	M	H	H	H	H	H			
5E/6B: Wastewater Treatment	H	M	H	H	H	H	XX		H		H		
2C:Soil Health	H	H	H	H	M	H	H		H		M		
3D Sustainable Drinking Water	H	H	H	M	M	H	H		H		M		
5D Reduce Salt	H	H	H	M	M	H	H		H		H		
6C Drinking Water Infrastructure	H	M	H	H	M	H	XX		H		H		
Forever chemicals in food waste	H	H	H	H		M	M		H		H		
Encourage GW recharge policy	M	H	H	M		H	M		H	M	H		
Increase Ag BMP loan program		M		H		H	H		M	M	H	H	
4C Precision Agriculture	H	H	M	H	M	M	M		H		M		
2X Water Appropriation-Golf Courses	H	M	M	H	M	M	M		H		H		
1A WQ Standards	H	M	M		H		H		H	H	H		
1B Irrigation Appropriation Process	H		H		H		H		H		H		
7D Leveraging Dedicated Funds for Conservation	H	H	M	H	H	M	M		M				
Policy WOTUS			M	H	L	M	H		M	M	H	M	
Keeping water on the land, water storage	H	H	M	M	M	M	XX		H		M		
1C State Wetlands Assumption	H	M	M			M	H		M	M	H		
7B Combine CWC, LCC Water Comm	H	H	M		H		M		M		H		
Emerg contaminant Monitoring PFAS	M	H	H	M		M			M		H		
Encourage pilot pollutant trading	H	M				H	M		H	H	H		
2A Prioritizing Clean Water outcomes		H	H	M		H			M	M			
7A Dept of Water Resources	H	M	H						M		H		
Beach Health Monitoring		M		M		M				H	M	M	
Flusable wipes- labeling or ban	H			H		M					H		
Policy: Best models for BMP evaluation			H		M	M	H				M	L	
Policy: water Train Controversary			M			H				M	H	M	
Evaluate and update 1989 GW act	H	M			M	L			H		M		
3A Preparing for an uncertain Future		M	M	M		H				M			
Policy on stormwater infiltration	M					M	M			M			
Increase generic EIS process	M				M	M							
Research-- environmentally responsible mining	H	M									M		

Group 1

- 1) SWCD Funding**
- 2) Compensation for Buffers**
- 3) Drinking Water Safety for Private wells:
Education and Outreach**
- 4) Waste and Storm water--Support for cities**
- 5) Healthy Soil: (UM) Research and outreach**
- 6) Drinking Water Safety and Sustainability:
Planning for the future**

Group 2

7) Reduce Chloride to our Waters

8) Increased Support for Drinking Water Infrastructure

9) Reduce Forever Chemicals in food waste compost stream

10) GW Recharge– Policy

11) Supplement Ag BMP Loan Funds

12) Precision Ag: UM– Research and Outreach

Group 3

- 13) Amend Permit Process– Golf Courses
- 14) Simplify Water Quality Standards Review and Changes
- 15) Simplify Irrigation Permit Process
- 16) *Optimizing Dedicated Funds for Conservation: Further Discussions*
- 17) *WOTUS- Policy to address Federal law changes: Following Plans*
- 18) Increasing Water Retention

Group 4

- 19) *Federal Law change: State Assumption of Wetlands Permits: Following impacts*
- 20) **Combine CWC/WP Subcommittee: further exploration**
- 21) **Forever chemicals: Increased Monitoring**
- 22) **Enabling Water Quality Trading: Policy**
- 23) *Prioritizing Clean Water Outcomes: Future discussion*
- 24) **Creating a Dept. of Water**

Group 5

25) Beach Health Monitoring Plan

26) Ban Flushable Wipes

27) Recommend optimal BMP evaluation Methods

28) Water Train Controversy: Policy

29) *Evaluate 1989 GW Act" MGWA*

30) *Prepare for Uncertain Future, Water: EQB*

Group 6

31) Storm Water Retention: Policy

32) Increase use of Generic IE Statements: Policy. Needs further discussion

33) Support environmentally and economic NE MN– Environmentally responsible mining research (NRRI). Possible bill

34) Disclosure and well testing at property transfer: Policy

Thanks

- **Shortest Summary Possible**
- **Represent committee water priorities**
- **Details included in handout**
- **Bills have been prepared**
- **Questions?**