



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

AGENDA

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER CONSERVATION AND BOTTLED WATER OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON GREAT LAKES WATER RESOURCES COMPACT

January 19, 2007

**Legislative Council Conference Room
1 East Main Street, Suite 401
Madison, Wisconsin**

1:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER.

REVIEW OF MATERIALS RECENTLY DISTRIBUTED TO THE FULL COMMITTEE.

REFINEMENT OF WATER CONSERVATION TIERS:

- Memorandum to the subcommittee, *Proposed Approach to Tiered Water Conservation Measures*, dated January 18, 2007.
- *Potential discussion question:*
 - Should this proposal, as it applies to municipal water utilities, be modified?
 - How should this proposal be applied to other types of water users (commercial, industrial, agricultural, etc)? Should different tiers be established for different types of users? [Note: draft SEWRPC Technical Report No. 43, Chapter VII, identifies potential water conservation measures and requirements for other types of users.]
 - What reporting requirements should be established under the tier or tiers?
 - How should the tier or tiers be enforced?
 - How should the compact's adaptive management principles be incorporated into the tier or tiers? For example, should DNR be authorized to modify this tier based on the state's water conservation goals and objectives?

EXCEPTION STANDARD CRITERIA RELATING TO NEED [proposed s. 281.343 (3n) (d) 1. in LRB-0058/P1]:

- Public Member Dan Duchniak has proposed the following language for the implementing legislation:
 - Proposals shall be considered to comply with the standard under s. 281.343 (4n) (d) 1. unless the community's existing water supplies, efficiently used and with implementation of environmentally sound and economically feasible conservation measures, is shown to be as environmentally sustainable, as protective of public health, as reliable and not to have the potential for greater adverse environmental impacts than the proposal.

WATER CONSERVATION REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW OR INCREASED WATER WITHDRAWALS AND CONSUMPTIVE USES SUBJECT TO THE DECISION-MAKING STANDARD [proposed s. 281.343 (4b) (e) and (4r) (c) in LRB-0058/P1].

- *Potential discussion question:*
 - What portions of the tier or tiers discussed above should apply to these water users in and out of the Great Lakes basin?

WATER CONSERVATION REQUIREMENTS FOR OTHER NEW OR INCREASED WATER WITHDRAWALS AND CONSUMPTIVE USES [proposed s. 281.343 (4b) (e) in LRB-0058/P1]

- *Potential discussion question:*
 - What portions of the tier or tiers discussed above should apply to these water users in and out of the Great Lakes basin?

WATER CONSERVATION REQUIREMENTS FOR EXISTING WATER WITHDRAWALS AND CONSUMPTIVE USES [proposed s. 281.343 (4b) (e) in LRB-0058/P1]

- *Potential discussion question:*
 - What portions of the tier or tiers discussed above should apply to these water users in and out of the Great Lakes basin?

STATEWIDE WATER CONSERVATION INITIATIVES.

- *Potential discussion question:*
 - What directives, if any, should be given to state agencies to promote or develop statewide initiatives?

REFINEMENT OF THE FRAMEWORK FOR ESTABLISHING STATE WATER CONSERVATION GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND PROGRAMS [proposed s. 281.343 (4b) (b), (d) and (e) in LRB-0058/P1 and Memo No. 12, version 2, pages and chart at the end of the Memo].

- *Potential discussion questions:*
 - Should any minimal requirements or constraints be placed on the state goals and objectives?
 - Should the implementing legislation specify the process DNR must use to establish the state goals and objectives?

BOTTLED WATER PROVISIONS IN THE COMPACT [proposed s. 281.343 (4t) (j) in LRB-0058/P1].

- Memo No. 11, page 9, sub. (4t), item 5. [Elaborated in Public Member Jodi Habush Sinykin, “Recommendations Regarding Treatment of Bulk Water Transfers and Bottled Water for Inclusion in a Legislative Council Option Memo,” dated December 6, 2007.]
- Additional issues identified by subcommittee members.

REVIEW OF MEMO NO. 12, *DRAFTING INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER CONSERVATION AND BOTTLED WATER - VERSION 2* (JANUARY 18, 2007).

PLANS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS.

ADJOURNMENT.