



Legislation Text

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Approving the re-execution of the Joint Powers Agreement establishing a Watershed Management Organization for the Lower Mississippi River Watershed.

WHEREAS, in 1985 the City of Saint Paul entered into a joint powers agreement (JPA) with the Cities of South Saint Paul, Inver Grove Heights, West Saint Paul, Mendota Heights, Sunfish Lake and Lilydale establishing the Lower Mississippi River Watershed Management Organization; and

WHEREAS, the Lower Mississippi River Watershed Management Organization implements projects and programs in partnership with its member Cities, including Saint Paul, to improve the water quality of the water resources within its boundary and provides a valuable forum for the member cities to evaluate and resolve drainage issues within the watershed; and

WHEREAS, a Revised and Restated JPA was entered into by the Cities in 2001, which expired on December 31, 2011; and

WHEREAS, an amendment to the revised and Restated JPA was approved by the Cities in 2011 which extended the term thereof to January 1, 2013; and

WHEREAS, a second amendment to the Revised and Restated JPA was approved by the Cities in 2011, which extended the term thereof to January 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, a third amendment to the Revised and Restated JPA was approved by the Cities in 2014, which added additional land area within Mendota Heights to the Lower Mississippi River Watershed Management Organization; and

WHEREAS, the current JPA is set to expire on January 1, 2023 and requires re-execution; and

WHEREAS, the Lower Mississippi River Watershed Management Organization has combined and digitized the original JPA and amendments, clarified language with minor edits, and propose no changes to the current structure of the organization; and

WHEREAS, the City representatives and legal councils of the seven Cities have reviewed and approved the proposed JPA; and

WHEREAS, the City has been presented with the re-execution of the Joint Powers Agreement Establishing a Watershed Management Organization for the Lower Mississippi River Watershed; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Saint Paul hereby approves the aforesaid re-execution of the JPA and authorizes the proper City officials to execute, on behalf of the City of Saint Paul, the "Joint Powers Agreement Establishing the Lower Mississippi River Watershed Management Organization".