



Legislation Text

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To create the Regionalization Investigation Subcommittee of the Board of Water Commissioners.

WHEREAS, Saint Paul Regional Water Services (“SPRWS”) currently serves approximately 450,000 customers across 14 cities and has an established capacity to supply water on a regional basis; and

WHEREAS, various circumstances have caused communities surrounding the current service area to express interest in obtaining raw or finished water from SPRWS; and

WHEREAS, decisions about whether to add to the existing customer base and expand SPRWS’ current service area are the purview of the Board of Water Commissioners (“BOWC”); and

WHEREAS, the variables and considerations at hand are inherently complex, and effective decision-making on these questions will require a deep understanding of such variables and considerations; and

WHEREAS, the BOWC believes it would benefit from the creation of a subcommittee to thoroughly consider opportunities and risks associated with regionalization and provide recommendations to the BOWC as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the BOWC wishes to create a subcommittee of BOWC members to engage deeply in the topic of regionalization and to bring recommendations and questions back to the BOWC as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the subcommittee will act in an advisory capacity and all final decision-making power will continue to reside with the BOWC; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the BOWC is establishing a subcommittee henceforth known as The Regionalization Investigation Subcommittee (“RIS”); and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, the RIS will consist of the following three appointed members of the BOWC:

1. Chris Tolbert
2. Saura Jost, and
3. Rebecca Cave

;and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, the RIS is authorized to take all actions necessary, including but not limited to authorizing investigations, fostering discussions, reviewing SPRWS data, and creating a meeting schedule, to fully comprehend the potential regional supply scenarios and the impacts of such scenarios on the current customer base; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, the RIS will establish a meeting schedule which will be properly noticed as deemed necessary in accordance with Minnesota Statute 13D; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, the RIS will report back to the BOWC with its conclusions and recommendations at

least once every 6 months; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, the RIS will provide recommendations and rationale to support the BOWC and to aid in the BOWC's consideration of matters within the RIS's purview
; and be it

FINALLY RESOLVED, The BOWC will determine when the RIS is no longer necessary and will, via resolution, terminate the RIS.