Board of Water Commissioners

June 17, 2025









Consent Agenda



Min 25-29 - Approving the minutes of the May 13, 2025 meeting

RES 25-949 - Approving the Financial Statements for the month of April 2025

RES 25-950 - Pertaining to the vacation and termination of a public water utility easement granted to the Board at 1315 Mendota Heights Road in the City of Mendota Heights.

RES 25-951 - Amending the 2025 Saint Paul Regional Water Services spending budget to record the cost-neutral change in spending for principal and interest due on PFA note DW09.

RES 25-956 - Pertaining to Professional Services Agreement Contract No. 5307 with Pulsafeeder, Inc to provide a Caustic Chemical Pump Skid, located in the McCarrons Water Treatment Plant.



Strategic Plan

"Very well thought out plan."

"We have plan and a great future ahead of us. Thank you, SPRWS!"

"So much great info here, but it's info dense. Can you summarize this into a 1-pager if needed?"

New Mission Statement

New Vision Statement

8.47	8.05
Average Rating	Average Rating
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13. How confident are you that the 2030 Strategic Plan positions SPRWS to meet future challenges and community needs?

• E	xtremely confident	7
• s	omewhat confident	11
• •	leutral	1
• s	omewhat not confident	0
• •	lot confident	0



SAINT PAUL REGIONAL WATER SERVICES **STRATEGIC PLAN**

SAINT PAUL REGIONAL WATER SERVICES

BWC FY26 Budget Timeline



BWC Budget Workshop



Budget presentation & proposal/questions



September 9, 2025 October 21, 2025

BWC approves the budget.





Additional date if needed for the BWC to approve the budget



Table 1. Ranking of Issues Facing the Water Sector

- 1. Financing for capital improvements
- 2. Infrastructure renewal and replacement
- Long-term drinking water supply availability
- Public understanding of the value of water sector systems and services
- Watershed/source water protection
- 6. Financial sustainability
- Workforce issues
- 8. Cybersecurity issues
- 9. Groundwater management and overuse
- 10. Drought or periodic water shortages

A water utility that cannot access capital for critical infrastructure improvements is simply not financially sustainable. The cost of providing water service is rising, as the compounding needs to replace aging pipes collides with investments required to meet new regulatory requirements. Inevitably, these expenses impact everyone who pays a water bill. In light of this conundrum, utilities need to be innovative in order to know where the dollars will come from.



David LaFrance CEO AWWA

STATE of the WATER INDUSTRY 2025

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



Centerline Charter Corporation

in the Property

- End of Operations Planned for August 2025
- **Reached Out Regarding Potential Interest**

Statement from SPRWS Regarding the Use of Waterfall

"Cybersecurity threats to the water sector are becoming more frequent and sophisticated, with cybercriminals and nation-state actors increasingly targeting public utilities. These attacks can disrupt operations, compromise safety, and erode public trust.

Saint Paul Regional Water Services (SPRWS) takes this threat seriously and has made the protection of our water systems a top priority. Defending critical infrastructure like ours is a complex challenge, especially given the small number of proven tools available. After careful evaluation, SPRWS selected Waterfall, a unidirectional security gateway, to safeguard our Operational Technology (OT) systems.

Waterfall is widely recognized for its ability to physically block inbound cyber threats, allowing data to flow out for monitoring without permitting any remote access in. It is considered one of the strongest solutions available for protecting critical systems from ransomware, remote exploitation, and other forms of cyberattack.

We understand that some community members may have concerns about the origins of certain technologies. These are valid and important perspectives. In this case, our decision to use Waterfall was guided by the need to ensure the highest level of cybersecurity for our water system. As we work to protect essential services, we remain committed to transparency, accountability, and ongoing dialogue with those we serve."

