

Saint Paul Regional Water Services
Board of Water Commissioners

General Manager Report

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COMMUNITY PANEL



SPRWS is excited to announce the formation of a new Community Panel, aimed at fostering greater **community engagement and collaboration**.

The Community Panel will serve as a vital link between SPRWS and the customers it serves. The panel will have three focus areas:

- **Community Education**
- **Affordability**
- **Workforce Development**



We are seeking enthusiastic volunteers who want to get involved! The panel will be composed of stakeholders from various backgrounds and will offer a platform for community members to learn more about SPRWS, voice their opinions, share insights, and contribute to decision-making.

Estimated time commitment: 2-hour quarterly meetings + specific project assistance equates to ~ 20 hours/year.

Visit the link below or scan the QR code to fill out the interest form:

<https://forms.office.com/g/CHPBwwn0RY>

A Snapshot of Current Panel Applicants

Community Members with Wide Variety of Backgrounds

Highschool and College Teachers

Cost of Service Modeling

Data Science Administrator

Environmental Science

Geography and GIS

Professional Engineer

Rice and Larpenteur Alliance

Capitol Region Watershed District

“As our society becomes increasingly reliant on city services, yet distrusting of government/media/etc., education is the only way forward.”

“I am interested in getting involved in ways to positively impact my neighborhood and community in productive and justice forward manners.”

“Work with communities and public sector employer's and other organizations to promote and educate community members about union jobs and training.”

“Very concerned about water resources in our community. (See letter I wrote about the flushing of hydrants.)”

First Meeting: May 8th from 5-7pm at SPRWS
22 Applicants Currently

Outstanding Topics

Stipend for Participation (\$25/hour?)

Childcare for Quarterly Meetings

Timeline of Budget Events

- June- Budget Workshop
 - Moved from August to Allow Time for Changes
 - Staff will bring forward 3-5 specific topics for discussion
- July- First Full Budget Overview Presentation
- August- Board Budget Discussion
- September- Hearing on Rates- Recommend Budget
- October- Available for Recommendation if Additional Updates in September