

**BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION**

PRESENTED BY
COMMISSIONER _____

No. 26-75
DATE January 13, 2026

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

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Yeas

Nays

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In favor

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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.

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