

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

SAINT PAUL REGIONAL WATER SERVICES

Consent Agenda

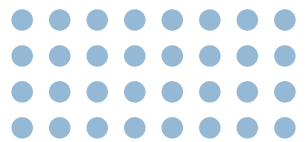
GM Report

- Updated Financial Reports
- Construction season kickoff
- Hosting the US Water Alliance
- Legislative Activity
- Regionalization Subcommittee
- Board Seat Recruitment

- Water Equity Network

APRIL 14, 2026

Presented By:
Racquel Vaske



Updated Financial Report



Michael Twu
SPRWS Finance Manager

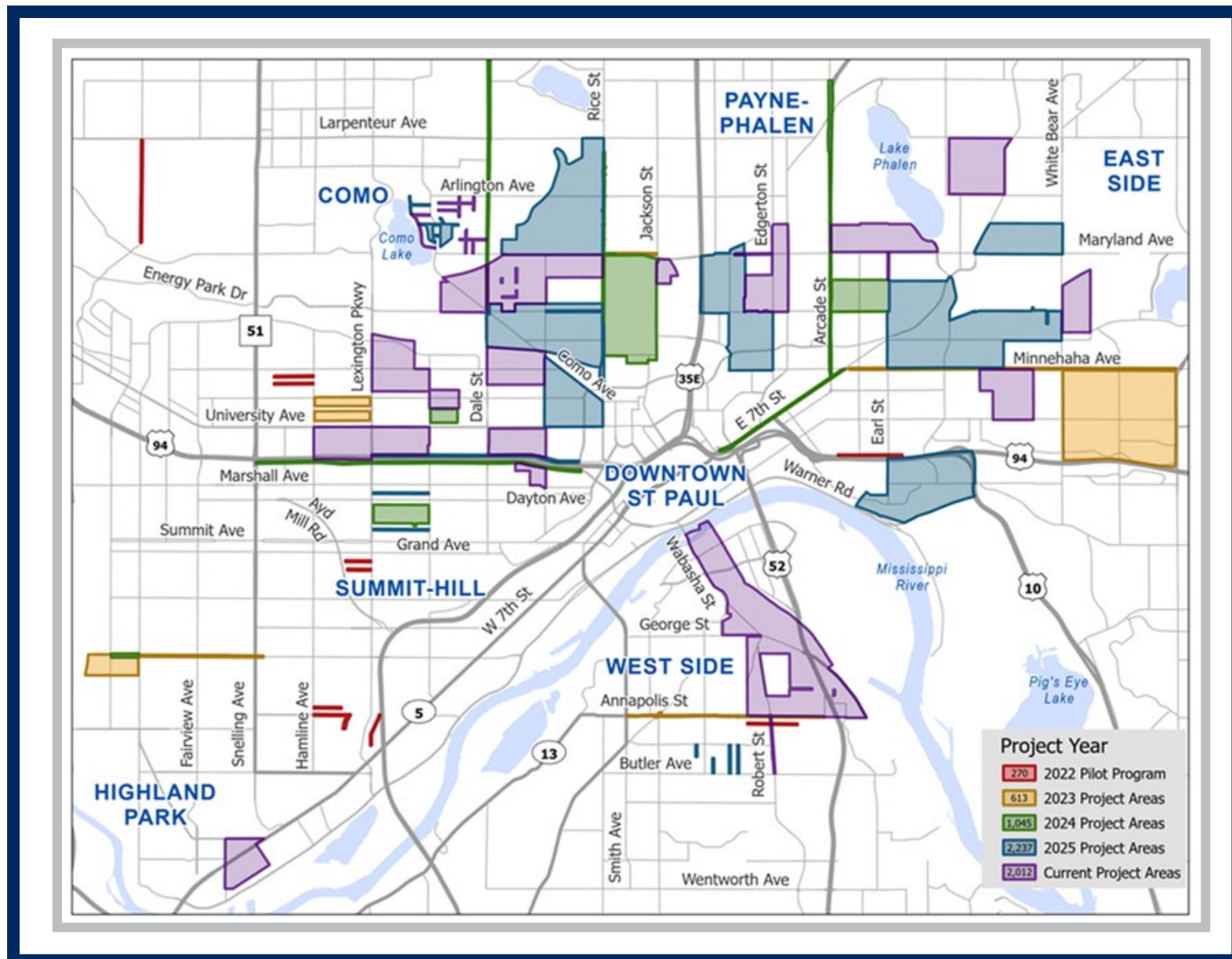
CONSTRUCTION COMMUNICATION IMPROVEMENTS



JOSH COBB
PUBLIC INFO SPECIALIST

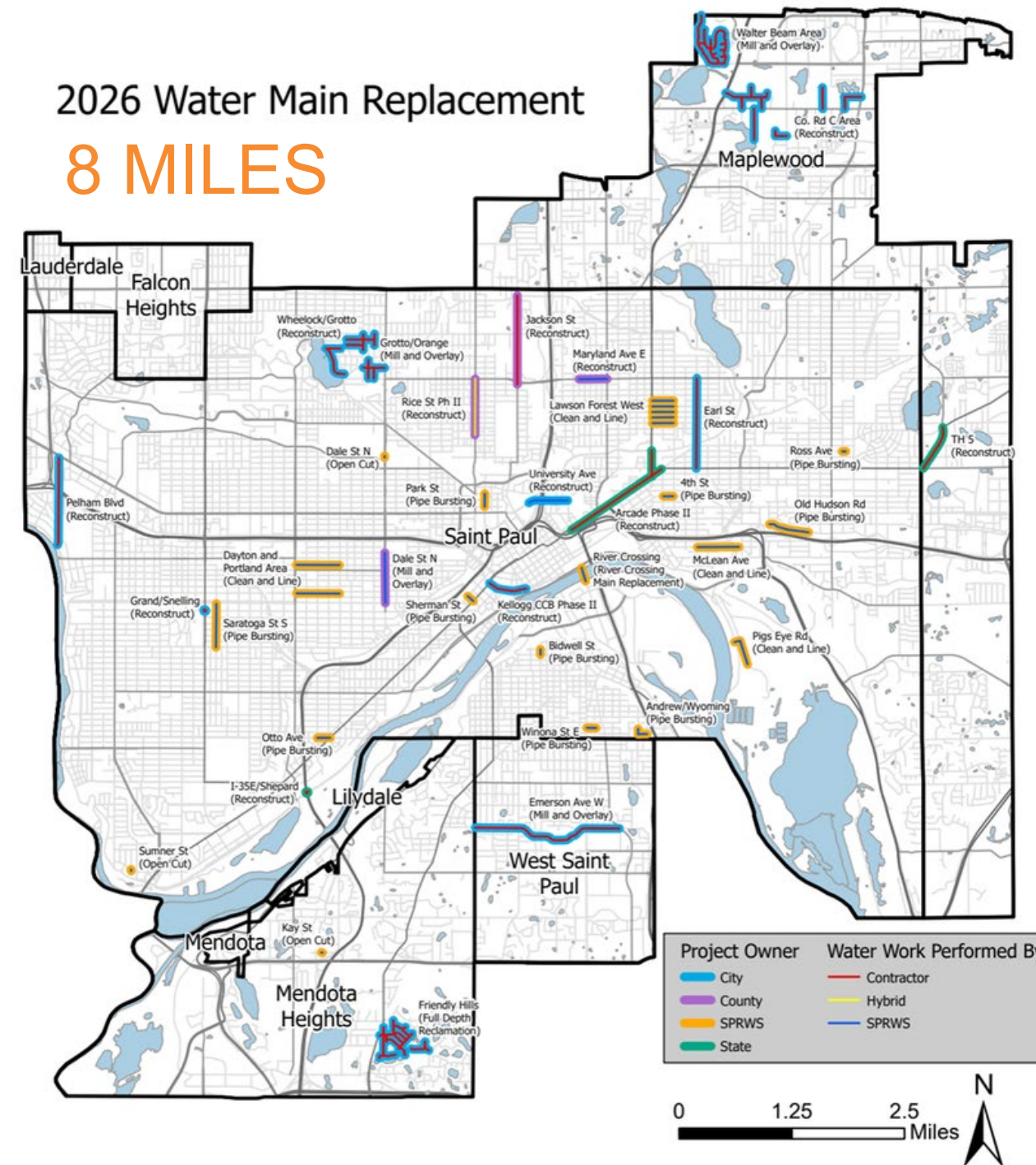


2,200 Replacements



2026 Water Main Replacement

8 MILES



US WATER ALLIANCE



SPRWS IN HOSTING THE TASKFORCE CELEBRATION JUNE 23, 2026

Water Affordability Taskforce

- Bloomington, Minnesota
- Cedar Rapids, Iowa
- Columbus, Ohio
- Saint Paul, Minnesota

Water Workforce Development Taskforce

- Chicago, Illinois
- Little Rock, Arkansas
- Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- Montgomery County, Maryland
- Prince William County, Virginia
- Seattle, Washington

Community Partnerships Taskforce

“We’re excited to highlight the innovative work our co - hosts at Saint Paul Regional Water Services are leading across our Taskforce focus area”



MINNESOTA LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENTS (LSLR) FUNDING OVERVIEW

2022 In 2022, the City of Saint Paul appropriated \$16.5M in American Rescue Plan funds for a LSLR pilot which covered about 800 replacements.

2023 In 2023, the MN Legislature appropriated \$240M in state bonding for LSLR.
 + About \$44M in federal funds from IIJA was directed toward LSLR in MN.

2024 In 2024, about \$43M in federal funds from IIJA was directed toward LSLR in MN.

2025 In 2025, about \$86M in federal funds from IIJA was directed toward LSLR in MN.
 There will be a proposal requesting that MN appropriate an additional \$250M in state bonding for LSLR.

2026 In 2026, MN anticipates about \$95M in federal funds from IIJA for LSLR.

2027 In 2027, MN anticipates about \$61M in federal funds from IIJA for LSLR.

2028 **No Known Funding Available in 2028**

Overview of MN LSLR Need		
	LSLRs	Costs
Identified Lead Service Lines	98,000	\$1.35B
Unknowns (Assumes Replacement of 33%)	210,000 * 33% = 70,000	\$0.95B
Total Projected LSLRs	168,000	\$2.3B

Assumes Average Cost: \$13,750/LSLR
 Does NOT Consider Inflationary Factors

Overview of MN LSLR Funding		
Funding Source	2023-2026	Additional Assumed IIJA in 2026/2027
State of MN	\$240M	
Federal - IIJA	\$173M	+\$156M
Total	\$413M	\$569M

Total Needed to Eliminate Lead Service Lines in MN = **\$2.3 BILLION**

Current Funding (w/ IIJA in 26/27) = **\$0.57 BILLION**

Funding Gap = **\$1.73 BILLION**

EPA Timeline: Remove by end of 2037 ÷ **12 YEARS**

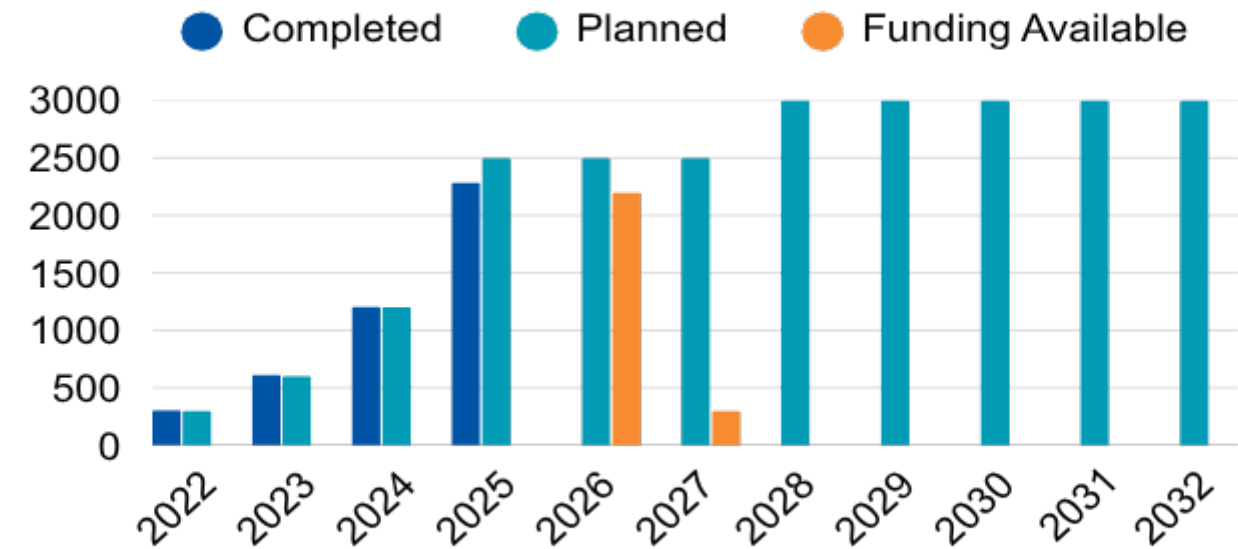
Annual Funding Need 2026-2037 = **\$144 MILLION PER YEAR**



While MN has received/dedicated nearly \$600M to lead replacements, the total need is estimated to be \$2.3B. There remains a \$1.7B gap. We will work to support a state bonding proposal in 2026 but additional advocacy and funding will be needed for years to come.

HF3748 has been scheduled for a hearing in Capital Investment on Tuesday, April 14 at 10:15 am in G - 23.

SPRWS FUNDING ANALYSIS



	2027	2026	2022-2025	2027-2032
Funding	\$5M	\$30M	\$60.5M	\$250M
Anticipated Replacements	300*	2,200	~4,500	~18,100

Rolling \$5M forward to ensure work for internal Lead Free SPRWS employees in 2027

SPRWS Estimated Additional Need to Remove ALL Lead

SPRWS Lead Free Funding Analysis	
Total Projected Lead Service Lines	25,100
Total Funding Needed (\$13,750/LSLR)	\$345M
Total Funding Received	\$95.5M
Projected LSLRs Complete by 12/31/2026	6,700
Percent of Total Need Met	27%
Remaining LSLRs (End of 2026)	18,100
Remaining Need	\$250M
SPRWS Annual Need (2027-2037)	~\$23M Per Year



Mississippi River Pump Station Rehabilitation



HF4866 has been scheduled for a hearing in Capital Investment on Tuesday, April 21 at 10:15 am in G - 23.

Purpose of Funding Request

This proposal requests funding for support in the rehabilitation of the Fridley Pump Station, a critical facility that plays a vital role in supplying water to Saint Paul Regional Water Services (SPRWS). The Fridley Pump Station pumps water from the Mississippi River to SPRWS, which treats and delivers over 40 million gallons of water daily to more than 450,000 customers across 14 cities.

As a crucial piece of infrastructure, the pump station has served the region effectively for many decades. However, it is now in need of significant rehabilitation to ensure the ongoing, reliable supply of surface water to SPRWS for treatment. These improvements are imperative to help guarantee the continued availability of clean drinking water for the region.

Numerous vital components at the station are aging and in need of investment, including pumps and sealing water systems, flood protection equipment, corroded piping, and additional electrical infrastructure. SPRWS is currently working to prioritize improvements and equipment replacements since available funding is unlikely to be sufficient to cover full capital needs. Funding support of \$3.5M can ensure that many of the following high-priority improvements can occur efficiently in 2026-2030.

Board of Water Commissioners

Saint Paul Regional Water Services (SPRWS) is governed by the Board of Water Commissioners (BOWC). The Board consists of:

- Three members of the Saint Paul City Council - Appointed by Mayor; approved by Council
- Two Saint Paul citizens - Appointed by Mayor; approved by Council
- Two members of the retail suburbs (Maplewood + 1 Rotating Seat)

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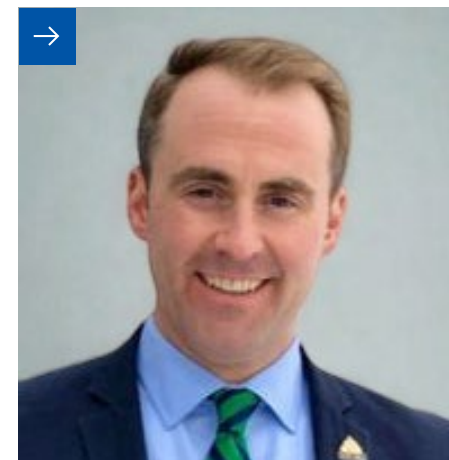
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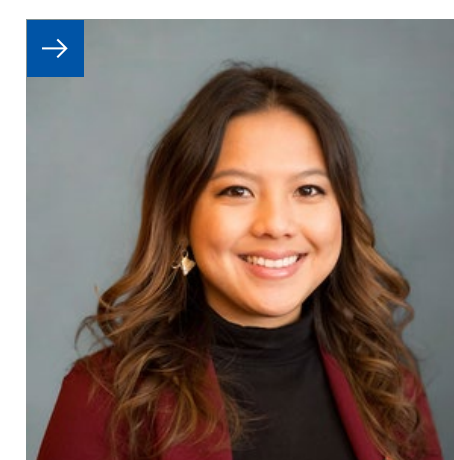
This seat is appointed by the Mayor of Saint Paul and approved by the City Council.

This process should start in Q2 to ensure the seat is filled by the September 8th meeting.



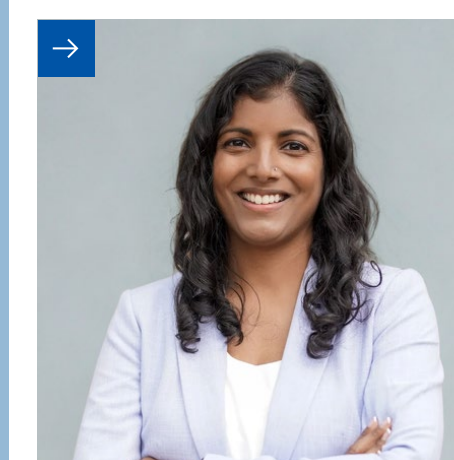
Chris Tolbert

Board President
Saint Paul Citizen
Term Expires: July 24, 2028



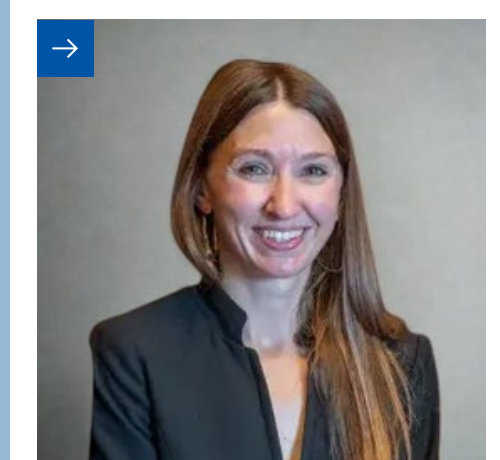
Nelsie Yang

Board Vice President
Saint Paul City Council
Term Expires: January 1, 2028



Saura Jost

Board Commissioner
Saint Paul City Council
Term Expires: January 1, 2028



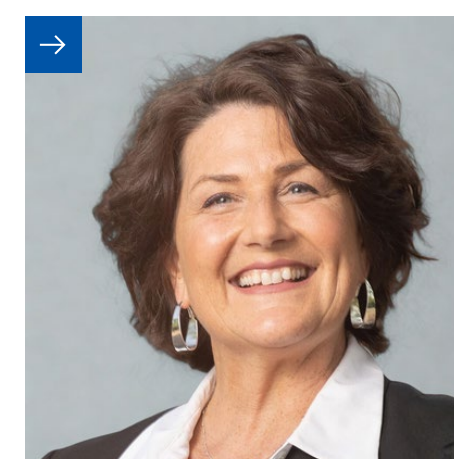
Molly Coleman

Board Commissioner
Saint Paul City Council
Term Expires: January 1, 2028



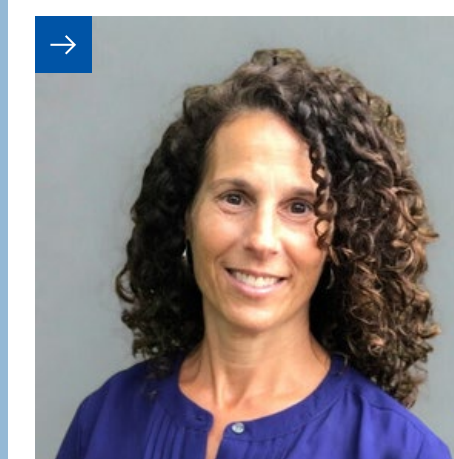
Mara Humphrey

Board Commissioner
Saint Paul Citizen
Term Expires: August 31, 2026



Rebecca Cave

Board Commissioner
Suburban Rep - Maplewood
Term Expires: Permanent Seat



Stephanie Levine

Board Commissioner
Suburban Rep - Mendota Heights
Term Expires: December 31, 2027

12 Years of Service!



REGIONALIZATION SUBCOMMITTEE WORK

The Board subcommittee that has been meeting to review regionalization studies and related concepts has reached an initial preference for pursuing growth through the wholesale model rather than expanding retail operations. This reflects the group's current thinking based on available information and discussion to date. At the same time, the subcommittee remains open-minded and will continue to evaluate how opportunities evolve.



Current Wholesale Customers

- Roseville
- Arden Hills (via Roseville)
- Little Canada



General Idea

- SPRWS supplies finished water
- Communities distribute water to customers



Wholesale Billing

- SPRWS Bills the community for water supplied
- Rate set by infrastructure study. Depends upon how much infrastructure is needed to get water to the community.
 - Raw water supply infrastructure, treatment plant, water mains, pump stations, storage facilities
- SPRWS-owned water meter(s) at the boundary with the community
- The community manages customer accounts and bills individual customers



THANK YOU
FOR YOUR ATTENTION
AND PARTICIPATION