



Bassett Creek Watershed Management

MEMO

To: BCWMC Commissioners and Alternate Commissioners
From: Laura Jester, Administrator
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RE: Invitation to Participate in One Water Summit

I was recently invited by the Metropolitan Council to join their delegation to the One Water Summit being held September 13 – 15, 2022 in Milwaukee Wisconsin. The summit is facilitated through the U.S. Water Alliance whose vision is: *A sustainable water future for all*; and whose mission is “to drive One Water breakthroughs that positively transform our environment, economy, and society.” Learn more at www.uswateralliance.org/.

In their invitation to me, Met Council staff noted that as a delegation, there are opportunities to meet as a group and with others from a broad geographic area with different perspectives to promote water-focused work in our area and learn from others. At the end of the summit, each delegation shares their commitment to continue work on “One Water” principals. I was invited due to my participation on the Council’s 2050 Water Resource Policy Plan Advisory Group. Council staff have attended One Summit conferences in the past and say it’s the best conference they’ve attended and “forces us to think of the work we do in new and different ways.” They are planning to have a delegation of five Council staff members, one or two Council members, one or two members from the Water Resource Policy Plan Advisory Group, and one or two members from their technical advisory group our TAC for the Metropolitan Area Water Supply Advisory Committee.

The Council would pay the \$550 conference fee. My time and travel expenses would be paid by the Commission. Travel expenses would be minimal (I have family in the area and wouldn’t need a hotel room). I would be asked to attend one or two pre-meetings to discuss logistics and the delegation’s participation. Since the third day of the conference is the same day as the BCWMC September meeting, I would only participate in days one and two at the conference. I expect total BWCMC costs to be approximately \$1,805 including \$1,368 for my time (19 hours * \$72/hour) + \$437 for mileage (700 miles * \$0.625/mile federal rate).

The exact [conference agenda](#) is still being developed. Day one includes a welcome session, peer dialogues among various delegations, and site visits in the area. Days two and three include presentations and networking.

I think this is a good opportunity for BCWMC to be represented at a national conference within the Met Council delegation. I believe I would be exposed to new and different practices and programs that would benefit the BCWMC – particularly as we develop our next watershed plan.