



2024 Legislative Briefing and Day at the Capitol
Radisson Hotel - Capitol Ridge
161 St. Anthony Avenue, St. Paul | February 19-20, 2025

Agenda – Wednesday, February 19, 2025

Welcome to the Minnesota Watersheds 2025 Legislative Briefing. The following schedule is approximate. Speakers and times may change as needed to accommodate the ever-changing schedules of lobbyists and directors.

3:00 – 4:00 Minnesota Watersheds Legislative Priorities

- 3:00 Welcome and Announcements – Jan Voit, Minnesota Watersheds Executive Director
- 3:05 Capitol Activity Update – Kevin Matzek, Minnesota Watersheds Lobbyist
- 3:20 The Legislative Process and Strategies for Working with the Legislature and State Agencies on Minnesota Watersheds Legislative Priorities
 - Top Two Priorities
 - Support 60-day permit review period for Department of Natural Resources
 - Support developing regulatory approaches to reduce chloride contamination
 - Endeavors to Support
 - Support Clean Water Land and Legacy Funding
 - Support legislation regarding DNR regulatory authority over public drainage maintenance and repairs
 - Support 2025 bonding requests and stable funding for multipurpose flood mitigation and water storage projects
 - Support streamlining the Flood Hazard Mitigation Program
 - Q & A

4:00 – 4:55 Agency Updates*

- 4:00 Sarah Strommen, Department of Natural Resources (invited)
- 4:15 John Jaschke, Board of Water and Soil Resources (invited)
- 4:30 TBD
- 4:45 Q & A

4:55 Closing Remarks/End of Briefing

- 4:55 Jan Voit, Executive Director

5:00 – 7:00 Legislative Reception: Minnesota Watersheds Members and Legislators

Invitations to this reception and networking event were sent to all legislators. However, individual invitations from members helps provide additional encouragement for them to attend.

Take advantage of this opportunity to network with other members and chat with legislators as they arrive. **Please also use this time for informal regional caucus discussion.** There will be a cash bar. Light food options will be served for you to enjoy.

Agenda – Thursday, February 20, 2025

7:00 am – 8:00 am Networking Event: Minnesota Watersheds Members

Take advantage of this opportunity to have a buffet breakfast with Minnesota Watersheds members at the Capitol Ridge Hotel and discuss our legislative priorities.

8:30 am – 4:00 pm Meet with Legislators

Please use this occasion to visit with legislators in their offices or at the Capitol.

*Speakers and topics may change as schedules evolve.