

## Get Involved: State Appointments

You are encouraged to apply for positions on important state councils and commissions. For example, the Clean Water Council will be providing recommendations to the Governor on how money from the Clean Water Legacy account should be appropriated.

If you are interested in applying for one or more of the positions below, please submit one copy of the Open Appointments Application for each position. You may also attach a resume to the application. If you have letters of recommendation, please have the person writing the letter reference your name and the board, council or agency name to which you are applying. Applications submitted by November 25, 2008 are assured of full consideration by the Appointing Authority. To learn more about these and other open appointments, go to <http://www.sos.state.mn.us/home/index.asp?page=5>

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### CLEAN WATER COUNCIL MPCA, 520 LAFAYETTE ROAD NO. ST PAUL, MN 55155 651-296-6300 M.S. 114D.30

Appointing: Governor

Compensation: \$55 per diem plus expenses

Vacancies: Eight (8) - One City Government Representative

- One County Government - Metro Representative
  - One University of Minnesota/Higher Education System
  - One Business Organization Representative
- One Farm Organization Representative
- **One Environmental Organization Representative**
- One Watershed District Representative
- One Fishing Organization Representative

**This agency also has continuing vacancies:**

One Tribal Government Representative

One City Government Representative

The Clean Water Council will advise on the administration and implementation of the Clean Water Legacy Act, and foster coordination and cooperation. The Clean Water Legacy Act was created to facilitate compliance with the federal Clean Water Act's requirements to protect, restore, and preserve the quality of Minnesota's surface waters. The Clean Water Council is responsible for preparation of an implementation plan and biennial work plans for setting priorities to address impaired waters, with the first plan due December 1, 2006; providing recommendations to the Governor how money from the clean water legacy account should be appropriated each biennium; biennial reports to the legislature on how the clean water money has been spent; and advising on appropriate processes for expert scientific review. The commissioners of natural resources, agriculture, and the Pollution Control Agency, and the executive director of the Board of Water and Soil Resources shall appoint one person from their respective agency to serve as a member of the council. Agency members serve as nonvoting members of the council. Nineteen (19) additional nonagency members of the council shall be appointed by the governor as follows: Two members representing statewide farm organizations; two members representing business organizations; **two members representing environmental organizations**; one member representing soil and water conservation districts; one member representing watershed districts; **one member representing nonprofit organizations focused on improvement of Minnesota lakes or streams**; two members representing organizations of county governments; one member representing the interests of rural counties and one member

representing the interests of counties in the seven-county metropolitan area; two members representing organizations of city governments; one member representing the Metropolitan Council established under section 473.123; one township officer; one member representing the interests of tribal governments; one member representing statewide **hunting** organizations; one member representing the University of Minnesota or a Minnesota state university; and one member representing statewide **fishing** organizations. **Members appointed by the Governor must not be registered lobbyists.** In making appointments, the governor must attempt to provide for geographic balance. The members of the council appointed by the governor are subject to the advice and consent of the senate. No council member may participate or vote on a council decision if the member has a personal financial interest.

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**LEGISLATIVE-CITIZEN COMMISSION ON MINNESOTA RESOURCES**  
**RM 65 - SOB; 100 REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR BLVD**  
**ST PAUL, MN 55155 651-296-2406**  
**M.S. 116P**

Appointing: Governor, House, Senate

Compensation: \$55 per day + expenses

**Vacancies: Two (2) - Citizen Members**

Participate as part of a 17 member joint legislative and citizen Commission in the following: Review of emerging environmental and natural resources; Develop a strategic plan for Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ETF) expenditures; Review proposals for ETF funding; Recommend projects for funding from the ETF and other funds as assigned by the Legislature on at least an annual basis; Review and evaluate project funding outcomes. (1) Have experience or expertise in the science, policy, or practice of the protection, conservation, preservation, and enhancement of the state's air, water, land, fish, wildlife, and other natural resources; (2) have strong knowledge in the state's environment and natural resource issues around the state; and (3) have demonstrated ability to work in a collaborative environment.

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**METROPOLITAN PARKS AND OPEN SPACE COMMISSION**  
**390 N ROBERT STREET**  
**ST. PAUL, MN 55101 651-602-1000**  
**M.S. 473.303.**

Appointing: Metropolitan Council

Compensation: Parking & Mileage

Vacancies: Three (3) - One District E Representative - Anoka minus SE  
- One District F Representative - Wash + SE Anoka  
- One District H Representative - Dakota

**This agency also has continuing vacancies:**

**One District D Representative - Mpls**

**One District G Representative - St. Paul**

The commission assists the Metropolitan Council in planning the regional recreation open space system, advises the council on grants for the acquisition and development of facilities, and reviews the master plan for facilities. The nine members include eight members comprising two Metropolitan Council districts each and a chair representing the region at large. Members may not be members of any other metropolitan agency, board or commission, or hold judicial office. Members must reside in the district to which appointed, except the chair. Meetings are held monthly on the first Tuesday at 4:00p.m. 390 N. Robert Street, St. Paul. For info, go to:

[http://www.metrocouncil.org/news/2008/news\\_625.htm](http://www.metrocouncil.org/news/2008/news_625.htm)

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**MN ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD**  
**CENTENNIAL BLDG, 3RD FL.**  
**ST. PAUL, MN 55155 651-201-2480**  
**M.S. 116C.03.**

Appointing: Governor  
Compensation: \$55 per diem  
Vacancies: **One (1) - Public Member**

**This agency also has continuing vacancies:**  
**One Public Member**

The board ensures coordination and cooperation among state agencies on environmental issues and advises the Governor and legislature on environmental legislation and issues. The board includes five public members appointed by the Governor. A representative of the Governor's office serves as chair. Other members include the commissioners of Administration, Agriculture, Commerce, Employment and Economic Development, Health, Natural Resources, Pollution Control and Transportation; and the chair of the Board of Water and Soil Resources. EQB programs: environmental review, state water planning and coordination, and strategic energy and environmental planning. Meetings are held monthly at 520 Lafayette Road, St. Paul.

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**BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES**  
**520 Lafayette Rd N., 2nd Floor**  
**ST. PAUL, MN 55155 651-296-3767**  
**M.S. 103B.101.**

Appointing: Governor  
Compensation: \$55 per diem plus expenses  
Vacancies: Three (3) - One Public Member, One County Commissioner, One SWCD Supervisor

The board coordinates the water and soil resources management activities of local units (counties, SWCD's, WD's, WMO's) of government through educational activities, approval of local plans, administration of state grants and cost-sharing contracts. Programs include RIM reserve, local water planning and implementation, Wetlands Conservation Act, soil conservation, water quality enhancement. Mission: To provide leadership enabling local governments to properly manage water and soil resources and to help all citizens be stewards of our irreplaceable natural resources. Membership includes three county commissioners, three soil and water conservation district (SWCD) supervisors, three watershed district (WD) or watershed management organization (WMO) representatives, and three unaffiliated citizens. One member must come from each of the current soil and water conservation administrative regions throughout the state. At least three but no more than five members must come from the seven-county metropolitan area. All members must be knowledgeable of soil and water problems. Monthly meetings are held at the BWSR OFFICE, 520 Lafayette Rd. No., 2nd Floor.

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**MN POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY**

**520 LAFAYETTE RD. N.**  
**ST. PAUL, MN 55155 651-296-7301**  
**M.S. 116.02.**

Appointing: Governor  
Compensation: \$55 per diem for members

**Vacancies: Two (2) - Members**

The agency shall meet the variety and complexity of problems relating to water, air and land resources of the state consistent with the maximum enjoyment and use thereof in furtherance of the welfare of the people. The nine members must include one member who is a representative of labor and one member who is a representative of agriculture. The agency commissioner is chair of the Board. Meetings are held monthly, and there is no set meeting location.