



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the Department of Public Works**

Date: September 16, 2008
To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair, Transportation & Public Works Committee
Subject: **Minneapolis - Joint Water Commission Task Force**

Recommendation:
Receive and File Report

Previous Directives:
February, 25 2005 - Authorization to enter into a twenty-year contract, retroactive to January 1, 2004, for the sale of water to the Joint Water Commission (Crystal, Golden Valley, New Hope) according to the terms set forth in Petn No 270240 on file in the office of the City Clerk.

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Approved by: 
Steven A. Kotke, P.E., City Engineer, Director of Public Works

Presenters: Shahin Rezania, Director, Water Treatment and Distribution

Review

Permanent Review Committee (PRC):	Approval	NA	Date
Civil Rights Affirmative Action Plan	Approval	NA	Date
Policy Review Group (PRG):	Approval	NA	Date

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- Business Plan: Action is within the plan. Action requires a change to plan.
- Other financial impact (Explain):
- Request provided to department's Finance Dept. contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification: NA
City Goals: NA
Comprehensive Plan: NA
Zoning Code: NA

Background / Supporting Information

Crystal, Golden Valley and New Hope make up the Joint Water Commission (JWC). Minneapolis has been supplying water to the JWC since 1962. As part of the current contract (approved by the Minneapolis City Council in February 2005), all parties agreed to participate in a task force that would:

- Compile and review existing technical planning information needed to make joint water supply planning decisions;
- Consider a stronger governance role for the JWC;
- Evaluate an emergency backup water supply;
- Evaluate conjunctive use of the JWC groundwater and Mississippi River water; and
- Develop policy on emergency interconnections.

The final Minneapolis - JWC Taskforce meeting was held in April, 2008. The attached report covers the work of the Taskforce and next steps for the partner cities.