



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

**Date:** November 29, 2011  
**To:** Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee  
**Subject:** **Appointments to the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission**

**Recommendation:**

Adopt a resolution re-appointing the following individuals to serve on the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission until January 31, 2013:

Commissioner:	Michael Welch
Alternate Commissioner:	Lisa Goddard
Technical Advisory Committee:	Lois Eberhart

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**Approved by:**

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

**Presenters:** Lois Eberhart, Water Resources Administrator

**Reviews:** Not Applicable

**Financial Impact**

No Financial Impact

**Community Impact**

Neighborhood Notification: Not applicable  
City Goals: Not applicable  
Comprehensive Plan: Not applicable  
Zoning Code: Not applicable

**Background/Supporting Information**

The Bassett Creek Water Management Commission (BCWMC) was established in 1969 by a joint powers agreement among nine member cities. The member cities are Crystal, Golden Valley, Medicine Lake, Minneapolis, Minnetonka, New Hope, Plymouth, Robbinsdale and St. Louis Park. The goals of the BCWMC include the following:

- Manage the water resources of the watershed, with input from the public, so that the beneficial uses of wetlands, lakes and streams remain available to the community. Achieve no net loss of wetlands in the BCWMC, in conformance with the Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act and associated rules. Protect the quantity and quality of groundwater resources. Protect and enhance fish and wildlife habitat and maintain shoreland integrity. Maintain or enhance the natural beauty and wildlife habitat value of Bassett Creek.

Implement stream restoration measures . . . [and] soil protection and sedimentation controls . . . whenever necessary to maintain health, safety, and welfare.

- Improve the quality of stormwater runoff reaching the Mississippi River by reducing the nonpoint source pollution (including sediment) carried as stormwater runoff. Prevent erosion and sedimentation to the greatest extent possible to protect the BCWMC's water resources from increased sediment loading and associated water quality problems.
- Reduce flooding along the Bassett Creek trunk system, protect human life, property, and surface water systems that could be damaged by flood events. Regulate stormwater runoff discharges and volumes to minimize flood problems, flood damages, and the future costs of stormwater management systems.
- Provide leadership and assist member cities with coordination of intercommunity stormwater runoff planning and design. Raise awareness of the watershed's existence and the role that the BCWMC plays in protecting water quality and preserving the watershed's health and aesthetics. Raise awareness of the impact that individuals, businesses, and organizations have upon water quality and motivate these audiences to change personal/corporate behavior that has a negative impact on water quality and the watershed. Enable the target audiences to have confidence in the BCWMC's expertise and participate in a meaningful way in the planning process and ongoing projects conducted by the BCWMC.

Recommendation: The joint powers agreement commits each member city to appoint a commissioner and alternate commissioner to serve 3-year terms. The Public Works Department is recommending that the following citizens be re-appointed to serve as the Minneapolis Commissioner and Alternate Commissioner to the BCWMC for a 3-year term expiring January 31, 2013. Both residents have extensive training and interest in water resource issues.

• Commissioner: Michael Welch  
Michael Welch has served as Commissioner since 1999. Mr. Welch is an attorney with Smith Partners, and is a resident of the Bryn Mawr neighborhood which is in Ward 7.

• Alternate Commissioner: Lisa Goddard  
Lisa Goddard has served as Alternate Commissioner since 2004. Ms. Goddard is a water resources engineer with SRF Consulting Group, and is a resident of the Harrison neighborhood which is in Ward 5.

Cc: Council Member Samuels, Ward 5  
Council Member Goodman, Ward 7  
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