



Sunrise River WMO

2241 – 221st Ave
Cedar, MN 55011

Watershed Issues Prioritization

Information to Review before the August 2, 2018 meeting

Meeting Location

East Bethel City Hall 2241 221st Ave NE

Invited to attend

- SRWMO Board
- Citizen’s Advisory Committee (stakeholders, such as lake associations, who attended a previous planning event)
- Technical Advisory Committee (member city staff and councils, agencies)

Background

At its August 2, 2018 meeting the Sunrise River Watershed Management Organization will begin prioritizing issues to include in their new Watershed Management Plan. The discussion will include:

1. Discussing criteria for prioritizing issues
2. Reviewing priorities issues already submitted by others (see following pages)
3. Brainstorming and discussing other issues with the CAC and TAC
4. SRWMO Board priorities selection

Many stakeholders have already provided input to the SRWMO for watershed plan priorities. Lake associations, agencies and others provided input at a May 24 planning kickoff meeting at the Coon Lake Beach Community Center. Many agencies provided written pre-planning input. That information and more is summarized in the colorized table on the next page, and will be considered by the SRWMO at their meeting – these groups do not need to attend to reiterate their points. However, all are invited to attend to help identify any other issues and prioritize.

Ways to Participate

Anyone interested may provide input through attending the meeting August 2, 2018 at 6:30, calling Jamie Schurbon at 763-434-2030 ext. 12 or emailing jamie.schurbon@anokaswcd.org.

Note: The August 2, 2018 will begin with a regular business meeting of the SRWMO beginning at 6:30 and planning discussion starting at roughly 7pm.

Meeting Outcomes

We will produce a written, prioritized list of issues. This list will be shared with member cities, the CAC and TAC as well as posted to the SRWMO website. At later planning sessions, goals and actions for each priority topic will be developed.

Why we Prioritize

1. Helps focus limited financial and time resources
2. Helps us score better on State grant applications
3. It's a State-required part of watershed planning

Definition of "Priority Issues"

The SRWMO is early in its planning process and needs to prioritize issues. Issues are problems or concerns (examples – nutrients in lakes, shoreline habitat). They are not projects or management strategies (examples – rain gardens, lakeshore restorations). We'll seek to focus discussion on issues.

Possible Criteria for Prioritizing Issues

Prioritization starts with some criteria. We may not need to rank or formally decide on criteria, as setting rigid rules doesn't work that well when many things need to be considered. But it can be helpful to have a little general discussion to set our minds upon what we're after.

Possible criteria include:

1. Issue is a priority for stakeholders and partners
2. Impact to recreation and enjoyment of waters
3. Likelihood of success
4. Degree of change needed
5. Effort needed per unit of success
6. Cost
7. No one else is likely to address the issue
8. Harm or future difficulties that would come from inaction now
9. _____
10. _____
11. _____

Priority Issues Identified by Others and Relative Ranking

| Issue | Stakeholders at planning kickoff meeting | Up-front planning comments from agencies | SRWMO Board review of its current watershed plan | Neighboring watershed organizations | SRWMO city local water plans | Your Notes or Ranking |
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| Lake and stream water quality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ WRAPS, impaired waters studies ○ Water quality improvement projects needed ○ Protect near-impairment waters like Coon Lake ○ Wetland restoration ○ Lakeshore management | H | H | H | H | H | |
| Septic systems | H | H | H | L | | |
| Aquatic invasive species <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prevent new infestations ○ Control existing infestations ○ Native plants viewed as beneficial | H | H | H | H | | |
| Funding | H | | | | | |
| Water monitoring | H | H | L | | | |
| Chlorides | H | | | | | |
| Fisheries | M | | | | | |
| Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Natural communities and land use conversion ○ Stormwater management during development ○ Shoreline development affects fisheries and water quality ○ Engage public landowners like DNR and county parks | M | H | | M | M | |
| Stormwater management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Regulated stormwater cities – E Bethel and Ham Lk. ○ Stormwater treatment and minimize runoff | M | | | L | M | |
| Groundwater | M | | | L | L | |
| Ditching/drainage | L | M | | | L | |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ditch maintenance may negatively impact water quality ○ Drainage for properties | | | | | | |
| Multi-partner coordination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Partnerships with lake groups ○ Partnerships with up- and downstream entities ○ Regional planning, 1W1P | | M | H | M | | |
| Outreach and education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Public ○ City staff and elected officials ○ Water quality issues and behavioral changes ○ Awareness and support of the WMO | H | M | H | H | M | |
| Funding | | | H | | | |
| Wildlife habitat | | | | L | | |
| Water quantity, flooding, floodplain mgmt | | | | M | M | |
| Climate change <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Managing for changing precipitation | | | | M | | |
| Administrative efficiencies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Regulatory consistency and simplification ○ Administrative funding formula ○ Boundaries that don't follow the watershed (S Coon Lake area) | | | | | | |

H = High. Mentioned frequently or as a top priority.

M = Medium. Mentioned occasionally or a mid-level priority.

L = Low. Mentioned as a priority, but on the lower 1/3rd of priority lists.

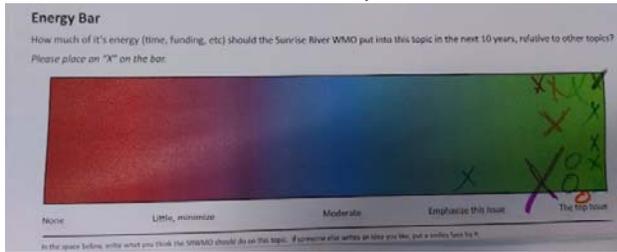
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Other issues you think should be added:

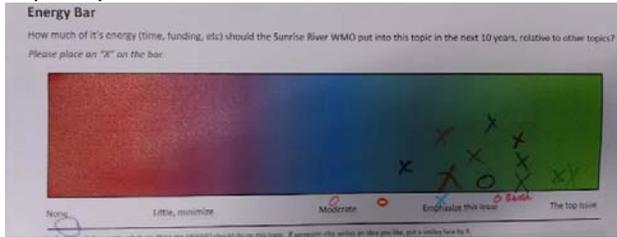
Priority Issues Identified at the Planning Kickoff Meeting May 24

and attendees rankings of how much energy should be expended on each

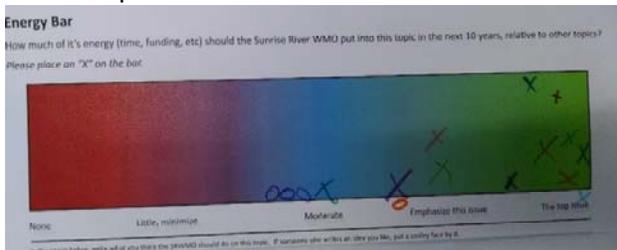
1. Lake and Stream Water Quality



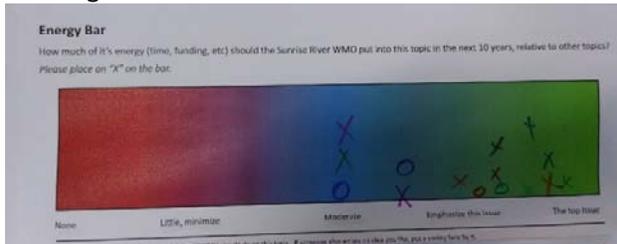
2. Septic systems



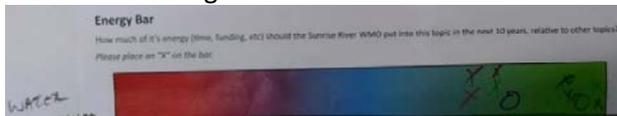
3. Invasive species



4. Funding



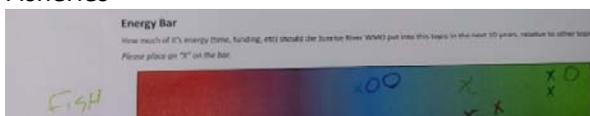
5. Water monitoring



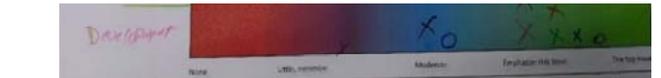
6. Chlorides (salt)



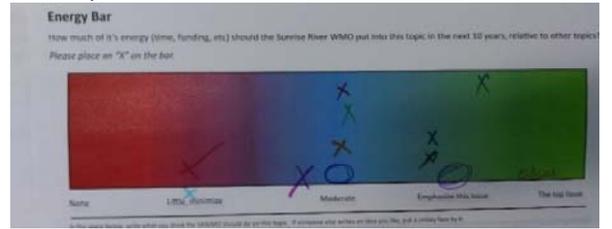
7. Fisheries



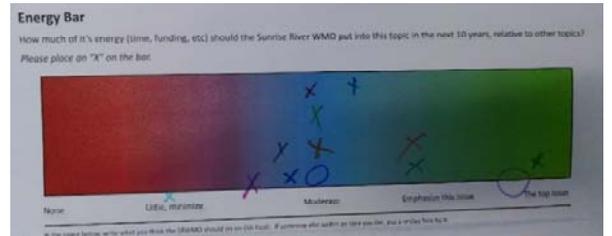
8. Development, and how it occurs



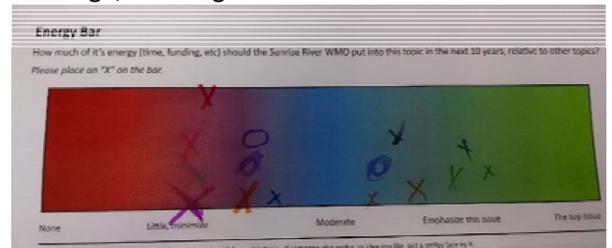
9. Stormwater management (pipes, ponds and similar)



10. Groundwater



11. Drainage/Ditching



12. Engage public landowners like parks and DNR

