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## **BWSR seeks adoption of amendment to metro water rules**

St. Paul, Minn.—The Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) is pursuing adoption of an amendment to 22-year old Minnesota Rule, Chapter 8410, which governs local water management in the seven-county metropolitan area.

The goal of the amendment is to build on BWSR's experience implementing the Metropolitan Water Management program, moving away from an overly prescriptive, one-size-fits-all approach to a more results-oriented framework. If the amended rule is adopted, future watershed plans would consist of periodically updated inventories and goals and frequently updated implementation and capital improvement plan sections.

An advisory committee made up of interagency partners, representatives from metro counties, watershed districts, soil and water conservation districts and other partner organizations drafted the amendment during several meetings from 2011-2013. The draft rule amendment was also reviewed by various stakeholder groups.

The draft amendment, the current rule, a summary of proposed changes, and the notice to adopt can be found on the agency's website: [www.bwsr.state.mn.us](http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us). The public comment and request for public hearing period continues through Nov. 10, 2014 until 4:30 p.m. Please direct all written comments, questions and requests to: Jim Haertel, Metro Region Manager, Board of Water and Soil Resources, 520 Lafayette Road North, Saint Paul, MN 55155 or [jim.haertel@state.mn.us](mailto:jim.haertel@state.mn.us), 651-297-2906; TTY: 1-800-627-3529.

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