



MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 29, 2021

TO: Anoka County Municipal Wellhead Protection Group Member Cities and Potential New Member Cities

FROM: Abby Shea, Anoka County Environmental Services *AWF*

SUBJECT: Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement

Various Anoka County cities that provide drinking water to their communities entered into a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) in 2011 for the purpose of coming together to implement the common elements of their wellhead protection plans jointly in an efficient and cost-effective manner. The JPA established the Anoka County Municipal Wellhead Protection Group. Over time, additional cities expressed interest in joining the group, so in 2014, the group wrote an addendum. The intent of the addendum was to allow for additional cities to join the JPA without each existing member city needing to return to their city council for a new resolution. However, it is not clear which cities ended up passing their resolutions and if all of the correct documents were signed in the process. This is one of the reasons for the amended and restated Joint Powers Agreement included with this memo. The amended and restated JPA includes a provision that will allow additional cities to join the group without the need for an addendum to the JPA or action from existing cities' city councils. Anoka County will work to ensure all resolutions are received and all necessary documents are signed.

Additionally, the Anoka County Public Health and Environmental Services Department's Assistant County Attorney noticed some incorrect statutory and rule references within the JPA. This is another reason for the amended and restated Joint Powers Agreement. A redlined version of the JPA is also included with this memo to reference the various changes that have been made between the 2011 and 2021 versions.

Please direct any questions regarding the Anoka County Municipal Protection Group to Abby Shea, Environmental Health Specialist at (763) 324-4207. Please direct any legal questions regarding the JPA to Nancy Norman at (763) 324-5411.