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From: Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR)

Subject: Biennial Report required by M.S. 116P.09, Subd. 7

The biennial report as required in M.S. 116P.09, Subd. 7 from the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) due January 15, 2015 is available on the LCCMR web site at: <http://www.lccmr.leg.mn>. The report is also available in a CD format or in print upon request and we would be pleased to provide it to you.

This report covers LCCMR actions from Jan. 15, 2013 (date of the previous biennial report) to January 15, 2015, including summaries of past funding accomplishments and new recommendations for funding from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund and the Great Lakes Protection Account.

There is \$46,337,000 available for expenditure in each year of the FY16-17 biennium from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) –biennial total available \$92,674,000. The amount available for expenditure is determined by the MN Constitution which states: “The amount appropriated each year of a biennium....may be up to 5.5% of the market value of the fund on June 30 one year before the start of the biennium”. The value of the ENRTF on June 30, 2014 was \$842,499,260.15.

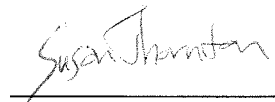
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The LCCMR is making a funding recommendation to the 2015 Legislature totaling \$46,383,000. Of this amount, \$46,324,000 is from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund for FY16 and \$59,000 is from the Great Lakes Protection Account (M.S. 116Q.02) for FY16. The LCCMR will be making a future additional funding recommendation for FY17 totaling up to \$46,337,000 from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund to the 2016 Legislature. As stated in M.S. 116P, the LCCMR may make an annual or a biennial funding recommendation.

The list of recommended appropriations totaling \$46,383,000 from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund and the Great Lakes Protection Account is provided in "Section V. Recommendations." The funding levels and the proposed legislative bill were adopted by the LCCMR on November 19, 2014. Both actions were through affirmative votes of at least 12 of the 17 members as required by M.S. 116P.05, Subd. 2.

We look forward to presenting this information and certainly encourage questions and discussion. Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Legislature in this capacity.

Sincerely,



Susan Thornton, Director
On behalf of the LCCMR

cc: LCCMR Members as of December 2014

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on
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Biennial Report
January 15, 2015



Pursuant to: M.S. 116P.09, Subd. 7

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(appointed: 2/10/2013 - term ends: 1/2/2017)

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