



# Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

**Requested Meeting Date:** September 14, 2021

**Title of Item:** Snake River 1W1P Organization

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY	<b>Action Requested:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft) <i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing*
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<b>Submitted by:</b> Steve Hughes	<b>Department:</b> Aitkin County SWCD
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<b>Presenter (Name and Title):</b> Steve Hughes SWCD District Manager	<b>Estimated Time Needed:</b> 7 minutes
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**Summary of Issue:**

The 1 Watershed 1 Plan (1W1P) effort in the Snake River Watershed is at the point where an agreement on organizational structure for the future is necessary. The Joint Powers Entity or (Merged) organization is similar to the existing Snake River Joint Powers Board that has functioned effectively for many years.

We are mindful that these efforts require County Board and SWCD time commitments. The Merged organizational structure appears to provide the best balance of County and SWCD involvement, together with enough authority to carry out business effectively.

**Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:**

The existing Snake River JPB could be restructured to the new JPE. This should provide a smooth transition from existing efforts to the expanded efforts of a 1W1P.

**Recommended Action/Motion:**

The Aitkin County SWCD recommends adopting the resolution.

**Financial Impact:**

*Is there a cost associated with this request?*       Yes       No

*What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$* County Board and SWCD Board time serving on the JPE.

*Is this budgeted?*       Yes       No      *Please Explain:*

County Commissioner, County staff, SWCD Board, and SWCD staff time similar to the existing Snake River JPB.

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ADOPTED September 14, 2021

By Commissioner: xxxx

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**Snake River Watershed One Watershed One Plan (1W1P) Organizational Framework**

**WHEREAS**, the Snake River 1W1P policy committee needs to determine the organizational framework for implementation of its comprehensive watershed management plan, and

**WHEREAS**, there is an existing joint powers agreement that forms the Snake River Watershed Management Board (SRWMB) decision-making entity, and

**WHEREAS**, Aitkin County is currently participating in the SRWMB, and will continue to work with the other participating counties to manage the Snake River Watershed, and

**WHEREAS**, the Merged (Joint Powers Entity) governing framework would revise the existing SRWMB joint powers agreement to form a voting board that would have equal representation by County Boards and SWCD Boards from participating counties within the watershed, and

**WHEREAS**, the Merged framework maintains parts of a structure that is currently functional and may save administrative resources as opposed to two separate boards,

**THEREFORE, Be It RESOLVED**, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners supports a Merged Snake River Watershed 1W1P governing framework.

Commissioner xxxx moved for adoption of the resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote

**FIVE MEMBERS PRESENT**

**All Members Voting**

STATE OF MINNESOTA}  
COUNTY OF AITKIN}

I, Jessica Seibert, County Administrator, Aitkin County, Minnesota do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution filed in the Administration Office of Aitkin County in Aitkin, Minnesota as stated in the minutes of the proceedings of said Board on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021 and that the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

Witness my hand and seal this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021

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Jessica Seibert  
County Administrator