

Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association

Winter Legislative Conference

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Calendar

February 8 - 10, 2012

Crowne Plaza Hotel & Suites (formerly Holiday Inn Select)
Bloomington, Minnesota



MMUA's Winter Legislative Conference is our primary opportunity to make our concerns known to government leaders. With the state's budget in crisis and new majorities in both houses, making a good showing has never been more important. Remember, numbers count and we need your help. A strong turnout will ensure that our message is heard.

Our day on the Hill is the centerpiece of the program, but there is much more to take in. We have a full slate of informative speakers to bring you up-to-date on our industry and where it's headed.

Please take time to review all of the information provided. It contains everything you need to register with MMUA and the Crowne Plaza Hotel.



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Tentative Program

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

- 9:00 MMUA Board of Directors Meeting
- 12:00-5:00 Registration Desk Open
- 1:00-1:45 **Minnesota Energy Policy**
Governor Mark Dayton (*Invited*)
- 1:45-2:30 **Analyze & Improve: CIP Tracking & Reporting Tools**
Joe Plummer, Minnesota Office of Energy Security
Leo Steidel, Energy Platforms
- 2:45-3:30 **Small Hydro, Red Rock Project**
Ray Wahle, Missouri River Energy Svcs.
- 3:30-4:45 **Legislative Briefing**
MMUA Staff

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- 6:30-8:00 Hosted Breakfast Buffet at Hotel
- 7:00-8:30 **Shuttle Buses to Front Steps of Capitol**
Schedule: 7, 7:30, 8 & 8:30
- 7:00-11:30 **Meet with Your Local Legislators**
- 9:00-11:00 **Visits with Legislative Leadership**
- 11:00-12:45 **Shuttle Buses return to Hotel**
Schedule: 11, 11:30, 12, 12:30 & 12:45
- 12:15-1:15 Hosted Luncheon Buffet at Hotel
- Afternoon will have two concurrent tracks of programming.*

Track 1

- 1:30-2:15 **From Research to Application-Decision Support Tools for Water Utilities**
John Albert, Water Research Foundation
- 2:15-3:00 **Wastewater Issues in Minnesota**
Steve Nyhus, Flaherty & Hood
- 3:30-4:15 **The SW Minnesota Broadband Service Project**
Dan Olsen, Windomnet & Southwest Minnesota Broadband Services
Bill Coleman, Community Technology Advisors

Track 1 (cont.)

- 4:15-5:00 **What Can Hometown Connections Do For You?**
Bill Smart, Hometown Connections

Track 2

- 1:30-2:15 **U of M Morris, A Progressive Energy Campus**
Lowell Rasmussen, University of Minnesota Morris
- 2:15-3:00 **Energy Research at the University of Minnesota**
Rodney Larkins, Initiative for Renewable Energy & the Environment
- 3:30-4:15 **Combined Heat Projects at Wastewater Treatment Plants**
John Fisher, Short Elliott Hendrickson
- 4:15-5:00 **Smart Meter Considerations**
Paul Frost, Util-Assist

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

- 8:30-9:00 **Legal Challenge to Minnesota's Coal Importation Moratorium**
David Sogard, Minnkota
Mrg Simon, Missouri River Energy Svcs.
- 9:00-9:45 **Management Companies Holding Properties**
McGrann Shea
- 10:00-10:45 **Minnesota's Service Territory Mapping Project**
Norm Anderson & John Hoshal
MN Land Management Information Center
- 10:45-11:15 **Issues Roundup**
MMUA Staff
- 11:15-11:45 **Rally Recap**
MMUA Staff
- 12:00 Hotel Check-Out

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MMUA Registration Information

Registration Fee

\$230 on or before January 25, 2012

\$280 on or after January 26, 2012

Fee includes: conference tuition, 3 refreshment breaks, 1 breakfast buffet, 1 luncheon buffet and bus transportation.

Transportation

Bus transportation will be provided for your visits to the Capitol on Thursday morning. The bus will leave from the front door of the hotel starting at 7 am and continue running back and forth until early afternoon. Bus will depart from Capitol front steps.

Spouses

We do not include meals for a spouse or significant other at this meeting, but we do encourage them to come along and enjoy the Mall of America, IKEA and other points of interest in the area. Contact Rita if you would like to arrange for an extra meal.

Special Diets

If you need a special diet for either the breakfast or lunch please contact Rita at 763-746-0707 or rkelly@mmua.org.

Refunds

A refund will be given on advance registrations if the MMUA office is notified by 4:30 pm on January 25. A cancellation fee of \$25 will be charged.

Hotel Reservation Information

Crown Plaza Hotel & Suites

3 Appletree Square (I-494 exit on 34th Avenue South; corner of 34th & American Blvd.)

Bloomington, MN 55425

Reservations

You may call directly to make reservations. Call 1-877-810-5190 and reference GROUP CODE: **MMU** or Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association—MMUA to get the discounted rates.

[Click HERE to book your guest room online!](#)

Enter your arrival date (2/7 to 2/9) and how many nights you will be staying, then click **CHECK AVAILABILITY** (don't enter anything else — information will automatically populate to the discounted group block of rooms). If you plan to arrive earlier than February 7 or stay later than February 10 you will need to call to make reservations. For assistance with this, contact Nancy Solinger at 952-876-8650 or nsolinger@cpsuitesmsp.com.

Cut-Off Date

Tuesday, January 17, 2012

Reservation requests received after this date will be accepted on a space and rate availability basis.

Room Rate

King or two double beds is \$115 + tax

Check-in Time: 3 pm

Check-out Time: 12 noon

Questions

If you have any questions or problems with your registration or reservations please contact Rita Kelly at MMUA for assistance. You can reach her by phone at 763-746-0707 or email rkelly@mmua.org.

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Attendee Information

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Main Contact: _____
Email: _____
Phone: _____

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x Number of Attendees: _____

Total Due: \$ _____

Payment

- Check Payable to MMUA
- Bill Utility/Company
- Purchase order # _____

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PHOTOGRAPHS: By registering for this conference, I authorize Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association (MMUA) to photograph me at this event and use such photographs in MMUA marketing pieces (both electronic and print). I understand that I will not be paid for giving this consent.

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