

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 16, 2018
TO: William Stowe, CEO and General Manager
FROM: Laura Sarcone, Public Affairs Manager
SUBJECT: Government Outreach Update

Des Moines Water Works and our contract lobbyists, Advocacy Strategies are strategizing new pieces of water quality legislation that would be ready to go at the beginning of the 2019 session. We will use these proposed pieces of legislation as the base of our 2019 legislative priorities; with having a central message of: accountability, measurement, and return on investment of water quality investments. Some of the pieces include expansion of previously passed legislation and best management practice legislation that neighboring states (i.e. Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Nebraska) have in place. I attended the U.S. Water Alliance's One Water Summit in Minneapolis in early July, where Minnesota, along with other states, showcased their leadership in prioritized, targeted, and measurable state-wide implementation plans.

We are continuing our off-season, targeted advocacy prior to the 2019 legislative session, including:

- Individual invitations for a treatment plant tour and water quality discussion for gubernatorial candidates, Secretary of Agriculture, and Iowa Congressional District 3
- Off-site water quality event scheduled for the afternoon of August 28, for candidates listed above, and DMWW service area House and Senate legislators and candidates, county supervisors and city staff, and regulatory administrators (Iowa Department of Natural Resources and Iowa Department of Agricultural and Land Stewardship).

In addition, we have scheduled a legislative breakfast at the start of the 2019 session for DMWW service area and selected legislators assisting with water quality efforts.