

DES MOINES WATER WORKS
Board of Water Works Trustees



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 10, 2018
TO: William Stowe, CEO and General Manager
FROM: Laura Sarcone, Public Affairs Manager
SUBJECT: Government Outreach Update

Invitations have been extended for a meeting and treatment plant tour to Iowa's two new Representative-Elect, Cindy Axne and Abby Finkenauer.

We are assuming water quality will not be a top priority of the 2019 legislative session, however, Des Moines Water Works will remain vocal on the accountability, measurement, and return on investment of water quality investments. Please see attached flyer for Des Moines Water Works' 2019 Legislative Priorities.

Important Dates:

- January 14, 2019: First day of the 2019 Legislative Session
- Thursday, February 28, 2019: Legislative breakfast at Capitol for DMWW service area legislators
- May 3, 2019: 110th Day/Per Diem Runs out

WHAT DOES GOOD



ACTUALLY LOOK LIKE?

UPDATE DECADES OLD POLICY & PLANS

Review and Update of 30 Year-Old State Water Plan

- Comprehensive water resource management is essential. An update to the 1985 State Water Plan is past due.
- Wise use, conservation, and protection of water resources are essential to public health and safety, as well as prospects for economic development.
- Public investment to water initiatives should be guided by a plan with measurable milestones and reporting requirements to demonstrate progress toward objectives.
- A mandate and appropriation for a comprehensive review and update to the State Water Plan.

Empower Drainage Districts

- Require consideration of environmental impacts before new drainage tiling.
- Give authority to require, monitor and enforce mitigation at edge-of-field.
- Require water quality monitoring at the district level.

LOCAL CONTROL OF DRINKING WATER

- Des Moines Water Works has been an independent water utility since 1919.
- Local solutions must be created collaboratively at the local level.
- Ensure economic growth, public health and water supply by leaving drinking water governance to local water experts.

