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## **PRESENTERS**

### **Water Policy Study Committee Meeting**

**July 15, 2008**

#### **Laurel Reeves**

*Water Appropriations Program Manager, MN Dept. of Natural Resources, Division of Water Resources*

Laurel Reeves is a hydrogeologist with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Waters Division, where she has worked for 27 years. Currently she is the water appropriation permit program manager. Previous duties at DNR include sixteen years as the state's ground water level monitoring network manager as well as information systems supervision, water appropriation & public waters permits, dam safety grants, public waters inventory, environmental review, public drainage project review, etc. Her DNR career had a brief interruption to work on solid waste permits and superfund site investigation with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. Prior to state service she was a geologist with a private consulting company doing business throughout the Midwest. Way back when, she earned a B.A. in Geology from Macalester College. She is a licensed professional geologist and is a past president of the Minnesota Ground Water Association.

#### **John Wells**

*Strategic Planning Director, MN Environmental Quality Board*

John Wells leads the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board's strategic environmental planning program, serving as director of water planning and sustainable development. As state water planning director, John chairs the EQB Water Availability Work Group, which is tasked with developing a policy framework for understanding the long-term implications of water availability decisions. He coordinated development of *Protecting Minnesota's Waters: Priorities for the 2008-09 Biennium*, the Board's report on water priorities, and led development of the April 2007 study, *Use of Minnesota's Renewable Water Resources: Moving toward Sustainability*, an inter-agency assessment of the availability of water to meet the state's future demands. John also coordinated development of the Minnesota Water Monitoring Plan (1992), Minnesota Water Plan (1990-91), Minnesota Ground Water Protection Act of 1989, the law establishing the Board of Water and Soil Resources in 1987, and the Comprehensive Local Water Management Act of 1985. In the broader sustainability arena, John directed the Governor's Round Table on Sustainable Development (1996-8) and the Minnesota Sustainable Development Initiative (1993-6). He coordinated development of *Connecting with Minnesota's Urban Rivers: Helping Cities Make Sustainable Choices for the Future* (2002), *Under Construction: Tools and Techniques for Local Planning* (2002), *Smart Signals: Economics for Lasting Progress* (1999), and *An Agenda for Sustaining Our Quality of Life* (1998), among other reports.