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WATERSHED QUALITY PLANNING TASK FORCE TO HOLD SECOND MEETING; OPEN TO PUBLIC

DES MOINES — A committee appointed by the Iowa Legislature to discuss a voluntary statewide water quality program has set its second meeting for Wednesday, Oct. 4, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Watershed Quality Planning Task Force will meet at the Metro Waste Authority, 300 E. Locust St., #100, in Des Moines.

The meeting agenda includes an overview of existing water quality programs and funding sources in Iowa, as well as previous watershed research. The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, the DNR, the Legislative Services Agency and Natural Resources Conservation Service will all give presentations. The task force will also review its legislative charges and will establish the committee's next steps.

The Iowa Legislature called for creation of the committee during the last session. Specifically, the legislature is asking the committee to develop a report containing recommendations on the following issues:

- Improving water quality
- Creating economic incentives for environmental compliance
- Facilitating implementation efforts
- Developing quantifiable protocols and procedures
- Providing greater flexibility through community-based, non-regulatory, performance-driven watershed management planning.

The committee is comprised of representatives from both houses and both parties of the Legislature, Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities, Iowa League of Cities, Iowa Association of Business and Industry, Iowa Water Pollution Control Association, Iowa Rural Water Association, Growing Green Communities, Iowa Environmental Council, Iowa Farm Bureau, Iowa Corn Growers Association, Iowa Soybean Association, Iowa Pork Producers Association, Soil and Water Conservation Districts of Iowa, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Iowa Department of Natural

Resources and the Iowa Conservation Alliance.

The committee meeting is open to the public.

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