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Susan Thornton, Director

**Date:** January 15, 2017

**To:** Governor Mark Dayton  
Chair, Senate Finance Committee, Senator Julie Rosen  
Minority Lead, Senate Finance Committee, Senator Richard Cohen  
Chair, Senate Environment and Natural Resources Finance, Senator Bill Ingebrigtsen  
Minority Lead, Senate Environment and Natural Resources Finance, Senator David Tomassoni  
Chair, House Ways and Means Committee, Representative Jim Knoblach  
Minority Lead, House Ways and Means Committee, Representative Lyndon Carlson  
Chair, House Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Finance Committee,  
Representative Dan Fabian  
Minority Lead, House Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Finance Committee,  
Representative Rick Hansen  
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**From:** Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR)

**Subject:** Biennial Report required by M.S. 116P.09, Subd. 7

The biennial report as required in M.S. 116P.09, Subd. 7 from the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) due January 15, 2017 is available on the LCCMR web site at: <http://www.lccmr.leg.mn>. The report is also available in a CD format or in print upon request and we would be pleased to provide it to you.

This report covers LCCMR actions from Jan. 15, 2015 (date of the previous biennial report) to January 15, 2017, including summaries of past funding accomplishments and new recommendations for funding from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund.

There is \$50,828,000 available for expenditure in each year of the FY18-19 biennium from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) –biennial total available \$101,656,000. The amount available for expenditure is determined by the MN Constitution which states: “The amount appropriated each year of a biennium....may be up to 5.5% of the market value of the fund on June 30 one year before the start of the biennium”. The value of the ENRTF on June 30, 2016 was \$924,152,297.79.

The LCCMR is making a funding recommendation to the 2017 Legislature totaling \$59,156,000. Of this amount, \$50,728,000 is from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund for FY18 and \$8,428,000 is from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund for FY17. The LCCMR will be making a future additional funding recommendation for FY19 totaling up to \$50,828,000 from the

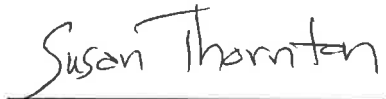
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Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund to the 2018 Legislature. As stated in M.S. 116P, the LCCMR may make an annual or a biennial funding recommendation.

The list of recommended appropriations totaling \$59,156,000 from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund is provided in "Section V. Recommendations." The funding levels and the proposed legislative bill were adopted by the LCCMR on November 15, 2016.

We look forward to presenting this information and certainly encourage questions and discussion. Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Legislature in this capacity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Thornton". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Susan Thornton, Director  
On behalf of the LCCMR

cc: LCCMR Members as of December 2016

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Biennial Report  
January 15, 2017



**Pursuant to: M.S. 116P.09, Subd. 7**

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# Commission Members

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LCCMR Membership January 1, 2015 – January 1, 2017

<u>REPRESENTATIVES</u>	<u>SENATORS</u>	<u>APPOINTED NON-LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS</u>
Rep. Tom Hackbarth	Sen. Gary Dahms*	<b>GOVERNOR APPOINTMENTS</b> William Faber <i>(appointed: 5/17/2014 - term ends: 1/1/2018)</i>
Rep. Denny McNamara	Sen. Kari Dziedzic	Nancy Gibson* <i>(appointed: 6/18/2016 - term ends: 1/6/2020)</i>
Rep. John Persell	Sen. John Hoffman	Bonnie Harper-Lore <i>(appointed: 2/10/2013 - term ends: 1/2/2017)</i>
Rep. Paul Torkelson*	Sen. David Tomassoni*	Norm Moody <i>(appointed: 2/10/2013 - term ends: 1/2/2017)</i>
Rep. Jean Wagenius*	Sen. Torrey Westrom	Della Young <i>(appointed: 6/30/2014 - term ends: 1/1/2018)</i>
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		<b>HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTMENT</b> Jeff Broberg*, House appt. <i>(appointed: 12/6/2013 - term ends: 1/1/2018)</i>

\*Denotes Executive Committee Members

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*“a description of each project receiving money from the trust fund during the preceding biennium;”*

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**III. Completed Research Projects**

*“a summary of any research project completed in the preceding biennium;”*

Project Abstracts of all projects completed between January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2016, including research.

**IV. Agency Implementation**

*“recommendations to implement successful projects and programs into a state agency’s standard operations;”*

**V. Recommendations**

*“to the extent known by the commission, descriptions of the projects anticipated to be supported by the trust fund during the next biennium;”*

**VI. Revenues and Distributions**

*“the source and amount of all revenues collected and distributed by the commission, including all administrative and other expenses;”*

**VII. Assets and Liabilities**

*“a description of the assets and liabilities of the trust fund;”*

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*“any findings or recommendations that are deemed proper to assist the legislature in formulating legislation;”*

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*“a list of all gifts and donations with a value over \$1,000;”*

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*“a copy of the most recent compliance audit.”*

**APPENDIX A**

- Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Constitutional Language
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