



FARMINGTON HILLS WATER SYSTEM ADVISORY COUNCIL (WSAC) MEETING

Tuesday, February 3, 2026 – 1:00 PM

CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS – COMMUNITY ROOM

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APPROVED – 10/13/2026

SUMMARY:

1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Gushard at 1:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

- Members Present:
 - Tammy Gushard, Chairperson - Farmington Hills Engineering
 - Tony Drautz, Vice Chairperson - Oakland County Health Division
 - Joseph Del Morone, Secretary – Oakland County Neighborhood and Housing Dev.
 - Debby Brauer, Farmington Hills Resident
 - Kate DiCea - WRC Water Systems Engineering
 - Katie Kennedy - WRC Water Systems Engineering
- Attendees:
 - Chloe Korth, WRC Water Systems Engineering
 - Teresa Newman, WRC Consultant

3. Approval of Agenda

- Motion by Brauer to approve the agenda as published. Support by Drautz.
 1. Ayes: 6
 2. Nays and Abstentions: 0
 3. Motion Carried

4. Approval of October 14, 2025 Minutes

- Motion by Drautz to approve the minutes as distributed. Support by Del Morone.
 1. Ayes: 6
 2. Nays and Abstentions: 0
 3. Motion Carried

5. Public Comment - No comments.

6. New Business

- State Drinking Water Advisory Council (SDWAC) Update
 - Kate reported that the SDWAC is looking for WSACs to present outreach practices and are seeking more attendees from the public for the monthly meetings. A survey regarding outreach will be distributed soon.
- Farmington Hills Lead and Copper Compliance Sampling – 2025
 - The 90th percentile letter for 2025 from EGLE is attached. There were no lead or copper level exceedances. (See Attachment #1)
- Farmington Hills Public Education and Awareness
 - The Captain Splash water quality quest video segments were combined into one video with a QR code and provided in handouts at the Open House.
 - Ideas to build on for the 2026 Open House:
 1. Order additional Captain Splash bags as they seemed to draw participants to the water quality table at the 2024 Open House. They were not handed out at the 2025 Open House and the decline in participants was noticeable.
 2. WRC has new aerator grippers to offer as a handout.
 3. An idea to create a magnet to remind homeowners to clean aerators every six months was discussed. Adding that social media posts around daylight savings time to clean aerators could be included in the campaign.
 - A presentation to Council of Homeowners Association (COHA) is an outreach activity to be planned. The information presented would be focused on how lead can get into water and tips on homeowner activities to protect their water. It was suggested that Associations remind residents to clean aerators 2x per year.
 - A summer STEM activity was discussed as an outreach activity for school aged children. Extending an offer to the Farmington STEAM Academy to provide a water quality program was also suggested.

7. Election of Officers

- Reappointments and terms
 - The WSAC Bylaws identifies the election of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary to serve a one-year term. Each year, the officers shall be chosen by a vote of the WSAC members within 30 days of the Farmington Hills City Council appointments for Commissions and

Councils. Officers cannot serve more than two successive years in one position. WSAC members are appointed or re-appointed by Farmington Hills City Council for a term of 3 years.

- The reappointment terms expire as follows:
 1. Tammy Gushard term expires on 2/1/2028.
 2. Joe Del Morone term expires on 2/1/2028.
 3. Tony Drautz term expires on 2/1/2027.
 4. Debby Brauer term expires on 2/1/2028.
 5. Kate DiCea term expires on 2/1/2029.
 6. Katie Kennedy term expires on 2/1/2028.
- 2026 Election of Officers
 1. Chairperson Gushard opened discussion for election of officers.
 2. Motion by Brauer to elect Gushard as Chairperson and seconded by Drautz.
 - a. Ayes: 6
 - b. Nays and Abstentions: 0
 - c. Motion carried.
 3. Motion by Gushard to elect Drautz as Vice Chairperson and seconded by Del Morone.
 - a. Ayes: 6
 - b. Nays and Abstentions: 0
 - c. Motion carried.
 4. Motion by Gushard to elect Del Morone as Secretary seconded by DiCea.
 - a. Ayes: 6
 - b. Nays and Abstentions: 0
 - c. Motion carried.

8. Next Steps and Action Items:

- The next meeting is scheduled to be held on October 13, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. at Farmington Hills City Hall
- Action items:
 - Schedule small committee meeting to prepare for the City Open House. Members will include Tammy Gushard, Katie Kennedy, and Teresa Newman.

9. Meeting Adjournment – Chairperson Gushard called for meeting adjournment at 1:47 p.m.

ATTACHMENT #1 – 2025 EGLE 90th Percentile Report for Farmington Hills



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GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY
DRINKING WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION

PHILLIP D. ROOS
DIRECTOR

January 8, 2026

Jacob Rushlow, Director
Department of Public Works
City of Farmington Hills
27245 Halsted Road
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48331

WSSN: 02240
County: Oakland
Supply: Farmington Hills, City of

Dear Jacob Rushlow:

SUBJECT: Lead and Copper Monitoring of Drinking Water Taps

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) received your results of lead and copper tap monitoring conducted between June 1 and September 30, 2025. The calculated 90th percentile values are listed below. Please retain this information for your records.

Action Levels	90 th Percentile Value	# of Sites Above Action Level	Range of Individual Results
Lead 12 parts per billion (ppb)	0 ppb	0	0 ppb - 7 ppb
Copper 1.3 parts per million (ppm)	0.1 ppm	0	0.0 ppm - 0.1 ppm

If the 90th percentile value for either lead or copper is greater than 0, it must be reported on your 2025 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), due to EGLE, your

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customers, and the local health department by **July 1, 2026**. If you are a water supply who samples two six-month rounds during one calendar year, you must report both 90th percentile values on your CCR. The following statement must also be included in the CCR, regardless of the lead and copper levels:

Lead can cause serious health effects in people of all ages, especially pregnant people, infants (both formula-fed and breastfed), and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and parts used in service lines and in home plumbing. [INSERT NAME OF SYSTEM] is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes but cannot control the variety of materials used in the plumbing in your home. Because lead levels may vary over time, lead exposure is possible even when your tap sampling results do not detect lead at one point in time. You can help protect yourself and your family by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Using a filter, certified by an American National

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Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead, is effective in reducing lead exposures. Follow the instructions provided with the filter to ensure the filter is used properly. Use only cold water for drinking, cooking, and making baby formula. Boiling water does not remove lead from water. Before using tap water for drinking, cooking, or making baby formula, flush your pipes for several minutes. You can do this by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. If you have a lead service line or galvanized requiring replacement service line, you may need to flush your pipes for at least 5 minutes to flush water from both your home plumbing and the lead service line. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact [INSERT NAME OF SYSTEM and CONTACT INFORMATION]. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at <https://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

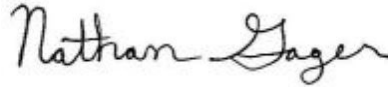
Please note that statements for the CCR have recently changed. These updated statements should appear in your 2025 CCR.

On January 1, 2025, the action level for lead in Michigan dropped from 15 ppb to 12 ppb. All monitoring conducted on or after January 1, 2025, will be evaluated against the 12 ppb action level for lead. Please keep this in mind as you receive laboratory results.

A 24-hour Tier 1 Public Notice is now required for lead action level exceedances (ALE). EGLE recommends having a plan in place to meet the 24-hour Public Notice requirement in the event of an ALE.

If you have any questions regarding this Violation Notice, please contact me at GagerN@Michigan.gov; Lead and Copper Unit, DWEHD, EGLE, P.O. Box 30817, Lansing, Michigan 48909-8311; or at the phone number provided below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nathan Gager". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nathan Gager, Environmental Quality Analyst Lead
and Copper Unit
Community Water Supply Section
Drinking Water and Environmental Health Division 517-
719-0049

cc: Tim Artes, Oakland County WRC Patrick
Williford, GLWA