



March 6, 2023

RE: HF 144 and SF 192 – [Eagle Lake Water Treatment Improvements](#)

Dear Residents of Eagle Lake,

The City of Eagle Lake is seeking \$1,150,000 for predesign and design work necessary for the construction of a new water treatment facility to provide clean drinking water to residents and address water quality issues, including high levels of manganese.

While our drinking water complies with the Safe Drinking Water Act standards, we are unable to treat manganese with our current system. Manganese in the water supply is not new. It occurs naturally in rocks and soil and is usually present in Minnesota's ground and surface waters. In other words – this is not a recent change in water quality, but it is now being recognized as a potential health concern. Certain types of home water treatment units (e.g., water softeners, drinking water filters) may make the level of manganese lower in your tap water than what the public water system detected. Manganese is an unregulated element and does not currently have an enforceable standard. However, the Minnesota Department of Health has developed guidelines.

Our elected officials, Senator Nick Frentz and Representative Luke Frederick, have sponsored bills [SF192](#) and [HF144](#) to appropriate \$1,150,000 to begin the design process of a new water treatment facility that will provide clean drinking water to the City of Eagle Lake.

It is very important that these bills have support and move forward.

This upcoming **Wednesday, March 8**, City Administrator Jennifer Bromeland and Mayor Lisa Norton will be at the Capitol to speak on behalf of the bonding request before the Minnesota House Capital Investment Committee.

Please take a moment today or tomorrow to reach out to Representative Luke Frederick and Senator Nick Frentz, as well as the Minnesota House of Representatives Capital Investment Committee members and the Minnesota Senate Capital Investment Committee members and let them know why you support HF 144 and SF 192, respectively.

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If you have any questions, please contact Eagle Lake City Administrator Jennifer Bromeland at 257-3218 or jbromeland@eaglelakemn.com, or Eagle Lake Mayor Lisa Norton at mayornorton@eaglelakemn.com.

Thank you in advance.