



LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER
WATERSHED DISTRICT

SAVE THE DATE

PUBLIC LISTENING SESSION

WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 8, 2025
1-4PM

MINNESOTA VALLEY NATIONAL
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**JOIN US TO BUILD A 2025 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA
AND CONTRIBUTE TO ACTIONABLE SOLUTIONS FOR THESE TOPICS:**

- *Scientific Causes of Flooding*
- *Climate Change*
- *Water Storage Along Minnesota River*
- *Natural Mitigation Strategies*
- *Financial Costs of Flooding*
- *Costs and Benefits of Proposed Solutions*

Invitation to Testify Now Open

The Lower Minnesota River Watershed District (LMRWD) is focused on gathering testimony that provides clear recommendations for actions that we, as a governing body, can take. This includes, but is not limited to, policy changes, legislative initiatives we should advocate for, projects we should

fundraise to support, and programs we should develop. Your participation is crucial as we work together to protect the health and resilience of the Minnesota River and the surrounding communities. We welcome your testimony to shape the public listening session.

Testimony Guidelines

Testimony Guidelines at a Glance:

- **Deadline:** Wednesday, November 20, 2024 by 4pm
- **Submit to:** lowerminnriverwd@gmail.com
- **Length:** 10,000 Characters Max
- Use a Problem-Solution-Outcome format

How You Can Contribute

Written testimonies will be part of the official record and select individuals will be invited to present their oral testimonies publicly during the session. Oral testimony will be limited to five minutes and should focus on actionable solutions that the LMRWD board can implement.

Next Steps

1. **Prepare Your Testimony:** Thoughtfully plan your testimony, building on the attached guidelines and emphasizing solutions.
2. **Submit Written Testimony:** Please submit your written testimony by November 20, 2024, 4pm to lowerminnriverwd@gmail.com.
3. **RSVP:** Accepted presenters will be notified in late November. You will be asked to confirm your participation.

Your testimony will be instrumental in shaping the LMRWD's legislative agenda for 2025. By offering your perspective, you will help direct resources and partnerships toward sustainable, long-term solutions for our watershed. We look forward to hearing your recommendations and working collaboratively toward a more resilient future.



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