

Informational Meeting on New Water Use Legislation

Four Locations to choose from:

August 13, 2008

9:00 AM—Noon

104 East Main Street

Fremont Area Library

Fremont, MI (Jim Breinling)

August 21, 2008

9:00 AM—Noon

Kalamazoo Valley Community

College, Room 8580

Kalamazoo, MI (Lyndon Kelley)

August 18, 2008

9:00 AM—Noon

Tuscola ISD/Technology Center

1401 Cleaver Road

Caro, MI (David Pratt)

August 22, 2008

9:00 AM—Noon

MSU Extension Office

705 N. Zeeb Road

Ann Arbor, MI (Ned Birkey)

This informational meeting is to help expand your understanding of the new water use legislation. Enrolled Senate Bills 212, 723, 727, 858, 859 and 860 and enrolled House Bills 4343, 5065, 5066, 5067, 5069 and 5073 signed by Governor Granholm on July 9, 2008.

Agenda:

Background - Lyndon Kelley, Extension Educator, Irrigation

How water quantity has been managed - Riparian Doctrine

Issues leading to new water legislation - diversions, Annex, water use conflicts

Groundwater Conservation Advisory Council

2004 Legislation - conflict resolution, mapping

2006 Legislation - no adverse resource impacts to streams and lakes

New Water Use Legislation - Frank Ruswick/Dave Hamilton, MDEQ

Summary

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Zones

Who needs to register? Who needs to get permits?

Timeline for implementation - what happens between now and February 1, 2009?

How withdrawal of bottled water is permitted

Role of water user committees

Water Withdrawal Assessment Tool - Steve Miller, MSU Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering

Questions and Answers

For more information contact Lyndon Kelley, at 269/467-5511 or Steve Miller at 517/353-4456

Planning committee includes representatives from MSU Institute of Water Research, MSU Extension, MSU Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering, and MSU Water Area of Expertise Team

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