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# NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Item No. 7.A.3

**SUBJECT:** RETIREMENT RESOLUTION FOR
DELBERT (DEL) L. MAAG

**FOR:** JUNE, 2008 **BOARD MEETING**

**TO BE PRESENTED BY:** MATT FRANK

**SUMMARY:**

DELBERT (DEL) L. MAAG WILL RETIRE ON APRIL 27, 2009 FROM THE DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOLLOWING MORE THAN 36 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF WISCONSIN. DEL HAS BEEN A CONSCIENTIOUS AND DEDICATED EMPLOYEE THROUGH HIS CAREER, EARNING THE FRIENDSHIP AND RESPECT OF HIS FELLOW EMPLOYEES AND THE CITIZENS HE SERVED.

**RECOMMENDATION:** THE RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED.

**LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:**

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| No | ☑ | Fiscal Estimate Required | Yes ☐ | Attached |
| No | ☑ | Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement Required | Yes ☐ | Attached |
| No | ☑ | Background Memo | Yes ☐ | Attached |

**APPROVED:**

Regional Director, Date

Administrator, Date

Secretary, Matt Frank Date 6/5/08

cc: Laurie J. Ross - AD/5
Pam Mickelson, SCR - Fitchburg SC
Steve Ales, SCR - Fitchburg SC

# *Retirement Resolution*

Delbert (Del) L. Maag is retiring from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources on April 27, 2009 after completing 36 years of skilled and dedicated service to the citizens of Wisconsin. All 36 years of his career have been spent ensuring the safety of private and public water supplies for Wisconsin residents.

Del began his career on October 2, 1972 as an Environmental Engineer in the Bureau of Water Supply in the Department's Headquarters at the Pyare Square Building. Del's first few years with the Bureau of Drinking Water were within the Private Water Section where he reviewed high capacity well applications, construction reports and made field investigations at private water systems. In August, 1975 Del transferred to the Public Water Section reviewing plans for new public wells and other waterworks facilities and inspecting public systems throughout the state. In September 1977 Del transferred to the Water Supply Program at the Southern District (later the South Central Region) where he remained throughout the rest of his career. In December 1978 Del was promoted to Water Supply Supervisor for the Southern District and he remained in that position until 1997 when a major Department reorganization eliminated those supervisory classifications. Between 1997 and 2006 Del served as the South Central Region Drinking Water Expert. The past few years of Del's career he has served the program as an Environmental Engineer – Advanced, inspecting municipal water systems.

Throughout his career Del has been thought of as a skilled leader that is passionate about protecting public health by ensuring compliance at drinking water systems. His excellence was recognized by his peers by nominating him for the Southern District Achievement Award in 1973, an Exceptional Performance Award in 1984, and a Brogan Award in 1986. Del also received the "Friend of Rural Water Award" in 2002 from the Wisconsin Rural Water Association. Staff throughout the state recognized Del as a continuing resource for leadership and problem solving on all aspects of public water supplies by routinely asking Del to serve on statewide committees for the Drinking Water Program. Del also arranged and coordinated the Drinking Water & Groundwater segment of the training provided for all new Water Division employees for several years in the late 1990's.

During his career Del completed hundreds of sanitary surveys and thousands of inspections of public and private water systems. Important program issues where Del played a role include implementing the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act requirements in Wisconsin and re-writing state rules on water supply construction, sampling requirements for various contaminants found in drinking water supplies, corrosion studies in municipal systems; and other health related issues. Del has also worked extensively with other state and federal agencies, as well as numerous county health agencies.

***WHEREAS,*** Del Maag has been a conscientious and dedicated employee throughout his career gaining the respect, trust and gratitude of his fellow employees and earning the commendation due an exemplary public employee;

***NOW, THEREFORE,*** the Natural Resources Board at its June 2008 meeting at Waupaca, Wisconsin, recognizes such faithful service with due respect and gratitude, and hereby makes this commendation a part of its official records.

*Natural Resources Board*

Christine Thomas, CHAIR