### Southeastern Wisconsin

## **Regional Planning Commission**











### **Chloride Impact Study**

TAC Meeting – Review of Technical Report No. 61
Field Monitoring and Data Collection for the Chloride Impact Study
June 28, 2023

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### •••• Meeting Agenda and Speakers



- Review of Summary Notes from TAC meeting on April 26, 2023
- Review of preliminary draft chapters for SEWRPC Technical Report No. 61, Field Monitoring and Data Collection for the Chloride Impact Study
- ➤ Next Steps

### Today's Speakers:

- Laura Herrick, Chief Environmental Engineer
- Joe Boxhorn, Principal Planner
- · Aaron Owens, Senior Planner
- Nick Neureuther, Specialist-Biologist

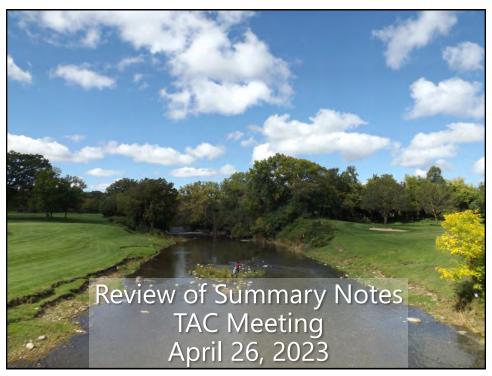


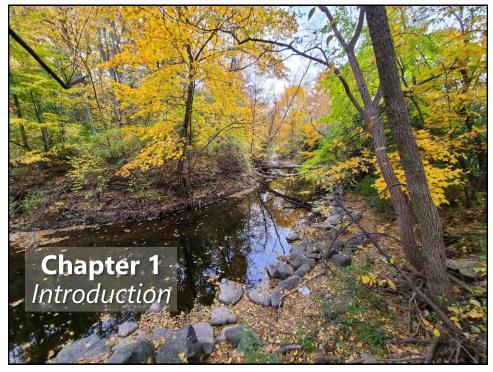












### •••• Chapter 1 – Introduction



- 1. Describes the purpose of the report and the subjects addressed
- 2. Places this Technical Report in the context of the objectives of the Chloride Impact Study
- 3. Presents the organization of the Report











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### Chapter 1 – Introduction



### 1.) Purpose of the Report

- Approach used to select stream and lake monitoring sites
- Characterization of areas draining to water quality monitoring sites
- Equipment used for continuous monitoring and installation process
- · How continuous monitoring equipment was maintained
- Water quality parameters collected at continuous monitoring sites
- Equipment and methodology for collecting grab samples
- · Water quality parameters measured from grab samples
- Methodology used for winter weather event sampling
- · QA/QC procedures for water quality monitoring
- Data management, documentation, and post-processing procedures











### •••• Chapter 1 – Introduction



### 2.) Place TR-61 in Context of the Objectives of Chloride Impact Study

Chloride Impact Study Reports:

- PR-57-A Chloride Impact Study for Southeastern Wisconsin
- TR-61-Field Monitoring and Data Collection for the Chloride Impact Study
- TR-62-Impacts of Chloride on the Natural and Built Environment
- TR-63-Chloride Conditions and Trends in Southeastern Wisconsin
- TR-64-Regression Analysis of Specific Conductance and Chloride Concentrations
- TR-65-Mass Balance Analysis for Chloride in Southeastern Wisconsin
- TR-66-State of the Art for Chloride Management
- TR-67-Legal and Policy Considerations for the Management of Chloride











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### •••• Chapter 1 – Introduction



### 3.) Organization of the Report

TR-61 Chapters

- Chapter 1 Introduction
- Chapter 2 Water Quality Monitoring Site Selection and Characterization
- Chapter 3 Monitoring Site Installation, Field Equipment, and Data Collection Procedures
- Chapter 4 Data Management and Documentation

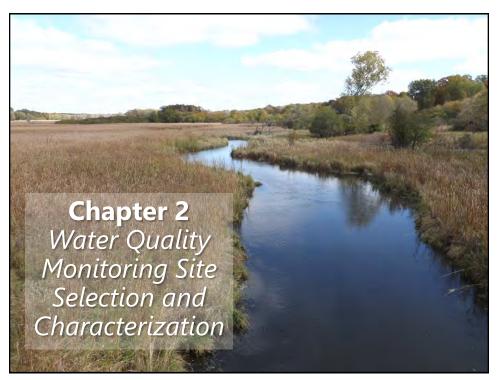


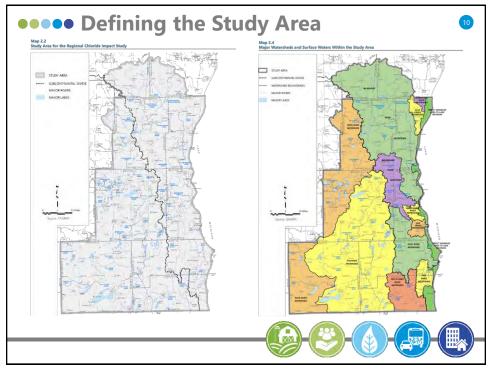


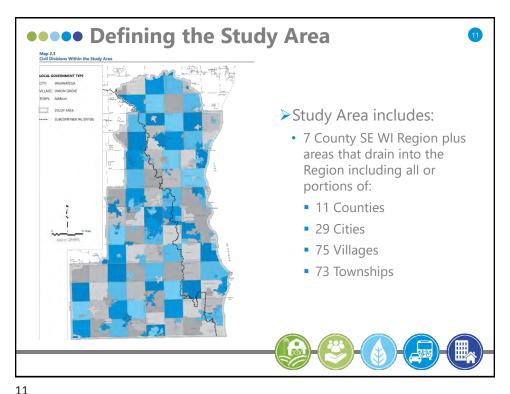












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### •••• Stream Monitoring Site Selection



# ➤ Preliminary Site Selection Considerations

- Geographic Distribution
- Land Use
- Public WWTPs and SSSAs
- Stormwater Management Systems
- USGS Stream Gage Stations
- Stream Size
- Availability of Historical WQ Data
- Sources of Water Supply

# ➤ Site Specific Site Selection Considerations

- Stream Access and Safety
- In-stream and Riparian Characteristics

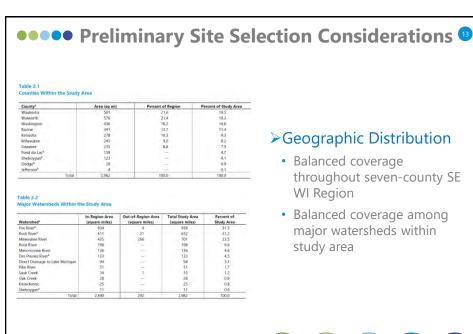












### ➤ Geographic Distribution

- Balanced coverage throughout seven-county SE WI Region
- Balanced coverage among major watersheds within study area

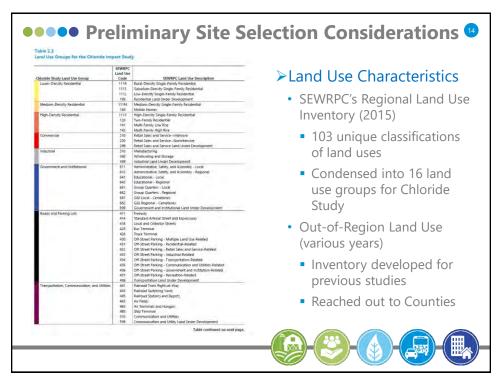


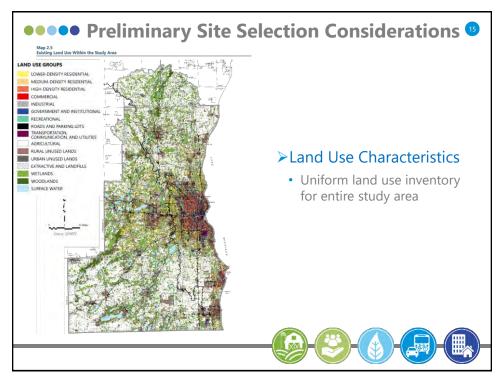


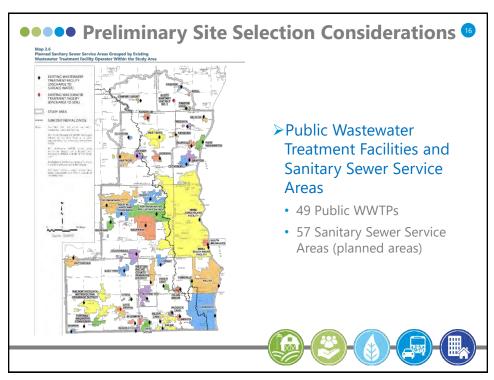


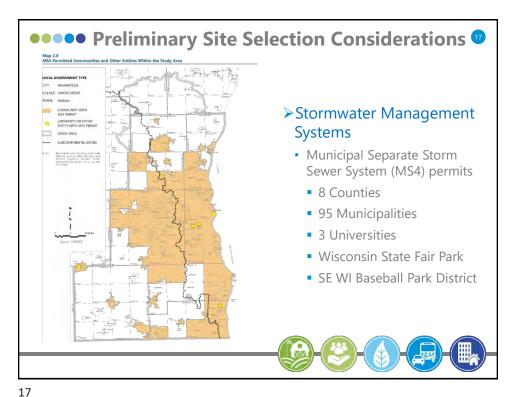




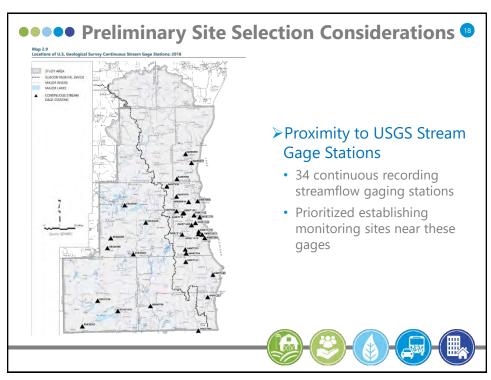


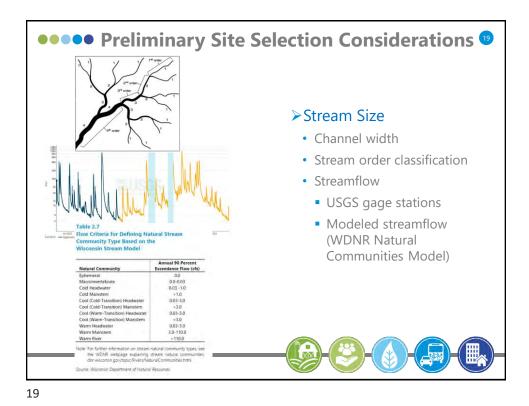


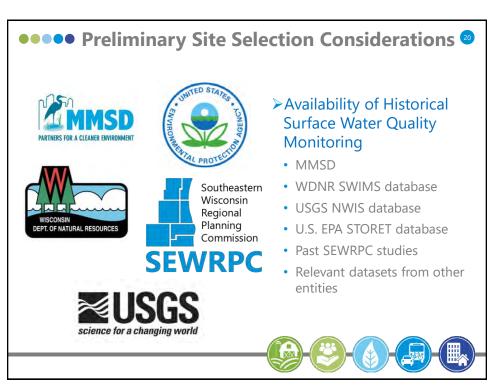


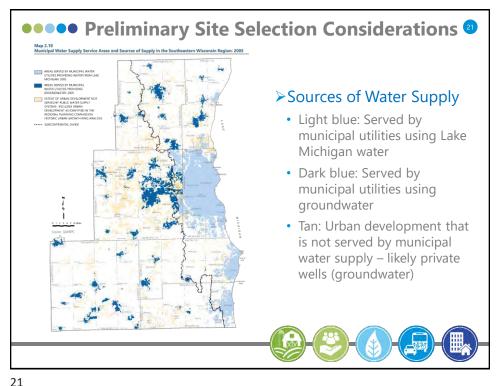


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### ➤ Chloride Impaired Streams (2016)

- Kinnickinnic River
- · Lily Creek
- · Lincoln Creek
- · Little Menomonee River
- Oak Creek
- · Pike Creek
- Pike River
- Unnamed Tributary to North Branch Pike River
- Root River
- Ulao Creek









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### ➤ Other Peripheral Considerations

- Salt storage locations
- · Large agricultural feed lots
- Landfills
- · Certain food processing activities



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### •••• Preliminary List of Potential Streams



- List of 55 potential stream monitoring locations assembled based on preliminary considerations
- ➤ Potential sites were broadly representative of varying characteristics across the Region
  - 19 sites in the Fox River watershed
  - 12 sites in the Rock River watershed
  - 10 sites in the Milwaukee River watershed
  - 4 sites in the Root River watershed
  - 2 sites each in the Menomonee and Des Plaines River watershed and the Lake Michigan Direct Drainage
  - 1 site each in the Pike River, Oak Creek, Kinnickinnic River, and Sauk Creek watersheds











## •••• Site-Specific Considerations

- ➤ Stream Access and Safety
  - Prioritized locations with publicly owned land
  - Private land access formal letters sent to landowners (Appendix A)
  - Safe Access
    - Close to road crossings
    - Off-street parking or sufficient roadside shoulder
    - Save entry into streams





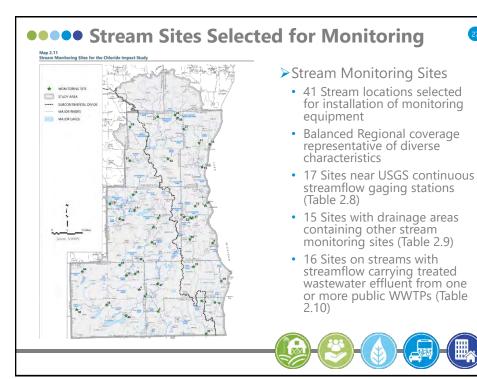






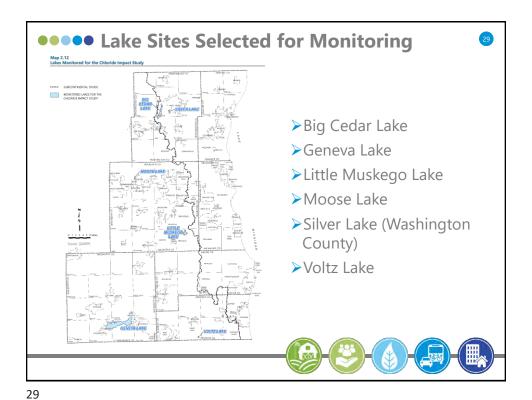
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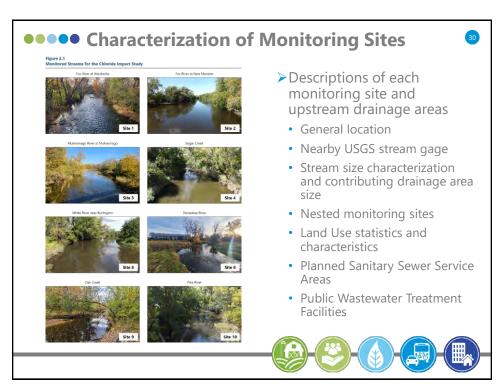
# Site-Specific Considerations In-Stream and Riparian Characteristics Ideal water depths Suitable flow conditions Stable streambed substrates Inconspicuous locations, out of public view Suitable riparian conditions to install out-of-water equipment

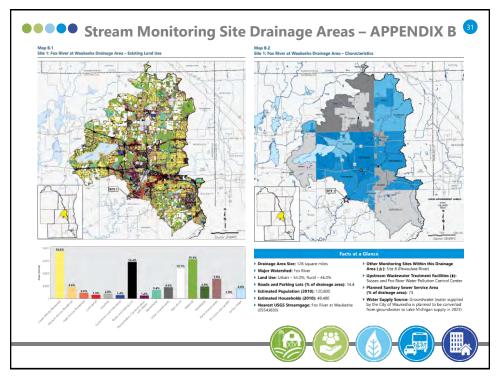


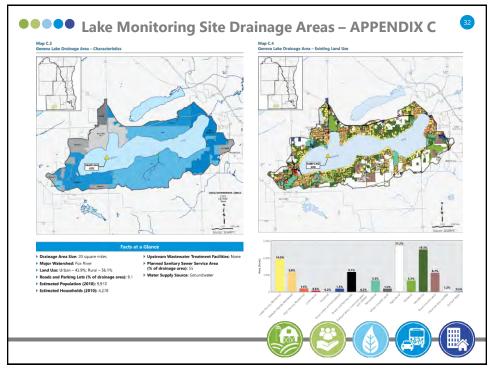


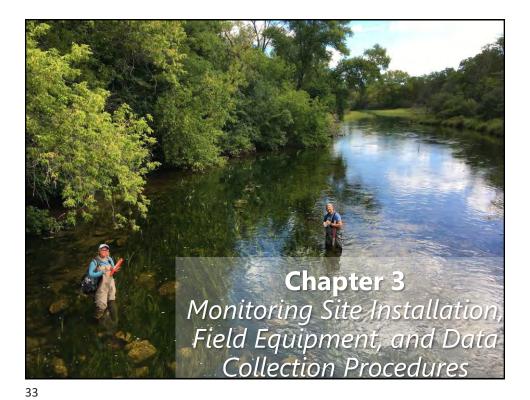
# Lake Monitoring Site Selection Provide a balanced geographic distribution across Region Include lakes representative of a variety of lake types Willing volunteers based on known contacts from previous Commission projects











•••• Stream Monitoring

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- >Three methods were used to assess water quality
  - Streams continuously monitored using CTD-10 sensors
  - Monthly water quality sampling at each monitoring site
  - Winter weather event sampling to capture impacts of deicing practices

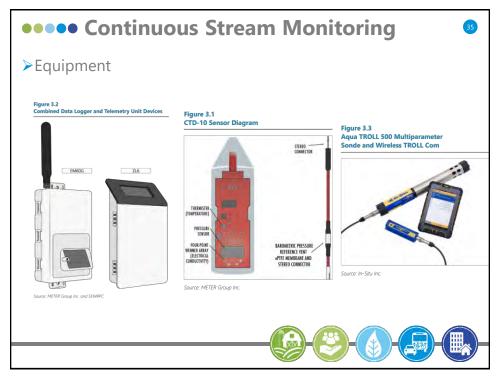


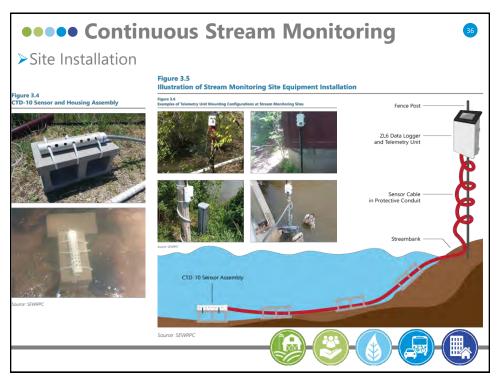












### •••• Continuous Stream Monitoring



- >Site continuous monitoring details
  - Data logged on telemetry units at 5-minute intervals
    - Specific conductance
    - Water temperature
    - Water level
  - Telemetry units uploaded data to the Zentra Cloud typically 6 times daily











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### •••• Continuous Stream Monitoring



- >Indication of Telemetry or Sensor Issues
  - Telemetry not transmitting to the ZENTRA Cloud
    - Fixed by resetting the unit using the onboard reset button
  - Telemetry reporting low battery level
    - Indicated a possible obstruction of the solar panels
  - Unusually high or low water levels
    - Pressure sensor malfunction
    - Moved due to waterborne debris or human intervention
  - Unexpectedly low specific conductivity
    - Indication of heavy sensor fouling, sedimentation
  - Gaps in the CTD-10 sensor data
    - Indicative of sensor damage or loose connection
- >Staff would mobilize ASAP to further diagnose and make repairs











### •••• Continuous Stream Monitoring



Figure 3.8 CTD-10 Sensor Cleaning and Maintenance





- Spring and Fall
- Temps above 45 degrees Fahrenheit (°F)
- Unit was lifted out of the water
- Sensor removed from the housing
- Fouling removed from the CTD Sensor
- Housing was cleaned
- Reassembled and placed back in the water
- Water level was recorded















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### •••• Continuous Stream Monitoring









- Invertebrates
- Filamentous Algae
- Sedimentation













### •••• Stream Water Quality Collection



Figure 3.10
Sample Bottles for Water Quality Sampling



Source: SEWRPC

### > Monthly water sampling

- Specific conductance is used to estimate aqueous chloride concentrations
- To establish a reliable relationship, collection of an adequate number of paired water samples











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### •••• Monthly Water Quality Sampling



- Sample Collection Equipment, Methods and Procedures
  - October 2018- October 2020
    - ❖ 954 monthly samples collected

### > Methods

- · Collection took place mid-month
- Water samples collected near CTD-Sensor
- (2) 250ml bottles
- · Nitric acid preservative added to bottle analyzed for metals
- · WSLH lab sheet filled out
- · Samples were refrigerated at SEWRPC
- Driven by staff to the lab weekly

### ➤ Quality Control

- Field replicates
- · Field blanks











### •••• Winter Event Sample Collection



- > Methods
  - Winter precipitation events
  - Snow melts
  - 111 event samples collected
- ➤ Procedures
  - Water samples collected in the same manner as monthly samples
  - Detailed notes taken
    - Location
    - Ice cover
    - Presence and extent of flooding
    - Ice dams
    - Deicing application observed near site











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### •••• Water Sample Analysis



- ➤ All laboratory analysis completed at the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene
- ➤ Water Quality Constituents Analyzed:
  - Chloride
  - Sulfate
  - Metals
    - Calcium, Magnesium, Potassium, Sodium
  - Hardness



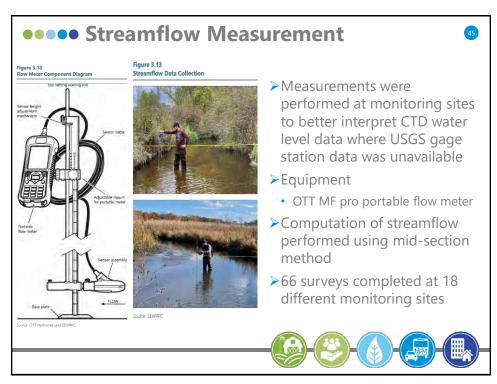












# Figure 3.14 Niskin-Style Vertical Water Sampler and Aqua TROLL 500 Multiparameter Sonde Assembly Nature 3.14 Niskin-Style Vertical Water Sampler and Aqua TROLL 500 Multiparameter Sonde Assembly Nature temperature and specific conductance profiles Volunteers lent time and boats Vertical profiles created at WDNR long term sampling station "deep hole" Temperature Specific conductance Thermocline determined during summer stratification sampling

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Figure 3.15
Lake Water Quality Sample Collection



Source: SEWRPC

- ➤ Collection of lake water samples
- ➤ Quarterly sampling
  - Typical sampling depths
    - Surface sample
    - Directly above thermocline
    - Directly below thermocline
    - Close to lake bottom
    - Samples added by discretion of field crew











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### •••• Lake Monitoring in Winter









- Same procedures as warm weather lake monitoring
- Sampling was dependent on safe ice conditions
- >Extra equipment involved
  - Sled to carry equipment
  - 10-inch diameter ice auger
  - Spud bar to probe ice

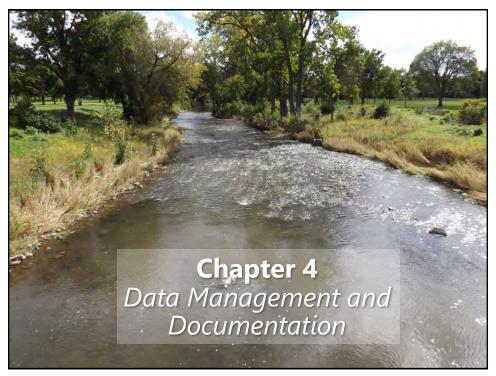












### •••• Data Management



- Scheduled workflows to organize and standardize management
- ➤ Continuous data sets
  - Downloaded monthly off Zentra Cloud and compiled incrementally
  - Raw data examined for gaps, repeats, chronological order
  - Sonde Data
    - Raw files uploaded and filed daily after fieldwork
- ➤ Water sample analysis results
  - Downloaded from SWIMS database











### •••• Monthly Water Sample QC



- Field blank samples
  - 2 field blanks were collected at random monitoring sites
  - · Distilled water filled on site
  - Treated exactly like field samples

### > Field replicate samples

- 2 field replicates collected at random monitoring sites
- Replicates were taken simultaneously in (2) 250ml bottles
- Replicates compared to field sample passed QC with relative percent difference of 20 percent for one analyte
- Only one replicate failed to meet that criteria











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### •••• Management and Documentation



- ➤ Additional documentation
  - · Field logbooks
  - Weather logs
  - Equipment logs
  - River sample master table

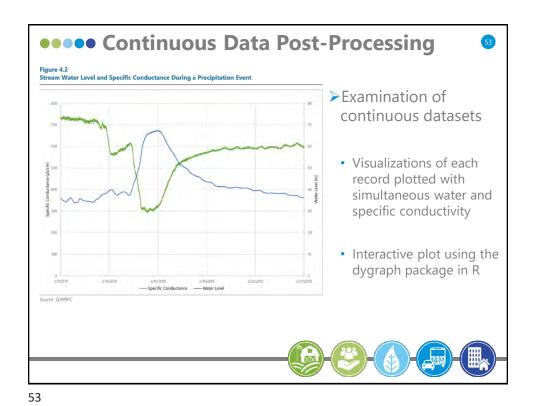






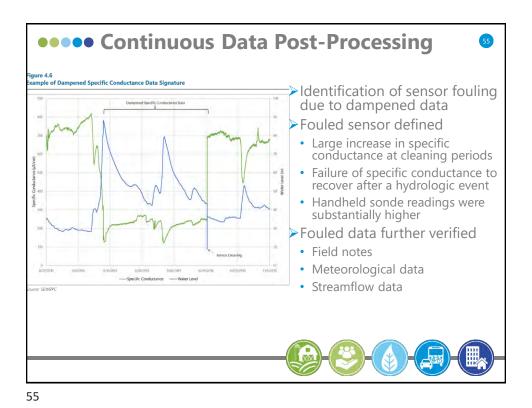


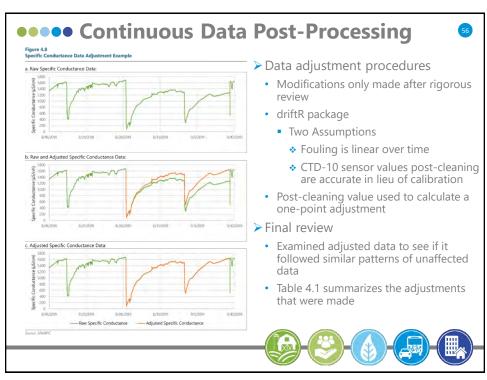




Continuous Data Post-Processing

Figure 1 Trend of Specific Conductors (Note that Specific Conductors (Note Sp





### •••• Commission Staff Contributions



- Laura Herrick Chief Env Engineer
  - Mike Hahn retired
  - Joe Boxhorn
  - Ron Printz retired
  - Karin Hollister
  - Aaron Owens
  - Nick Neureuther
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  - Zijia Li
  - James Mahoney
  - Megan Shedivy
  - Julia Orlowski
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  - Kim Walsh intern
  - Santos Quispe intern

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  - Patti Bouchard
- ➤ Graphic Design
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  - Alexa Carzoli











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### •••• Chloride Impact Project – Next Steps



- Comments on TR-61 Draft Chapters 1 through 4 are due by July 31, 2023 to Aaron (aowens@sewrpc.org)
- Anticipate next TAC meeting in late 2023 to include review of the two remaining draft chapter from TR-62 (Impacts of Chloride) or potentially draft TR-67 (Legal and Policy Considerations)
- Meeting agendas, presentations, and summary notes along with draft text are posted on project website

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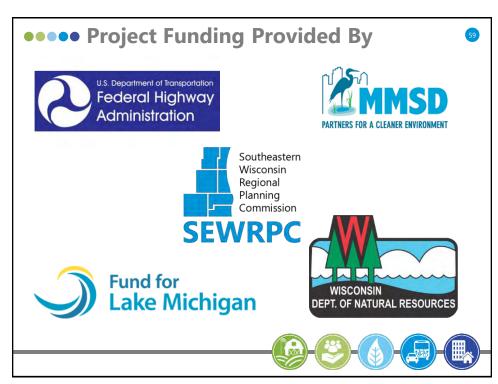












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