

103E.101 DRAINAGE PROCEEDING AND CONSTRUCTION RECORDS.

Subdivision 1. **Documents are public records.** All maps, plats, charts, drawings, plans, specifications, and other documents that have been filed, received in evidence, or used in connection with a drainage proceeding or construction are subject to the provisions on public records in section 15.17.

Subd. 2. **Record requirements.** All maps, plats, profiles, plans, and specifications prepared and used in relation to a proceeding must:

- (1) be uniform;
- (2) have each sheet bound and marked to identify the proceeding by the drainage project and system number;
- (3) show the name of the person preparing the sheet;
- (4) show the date the sheet was prepared; and
- (5) conform to rules and standards prescribed by the director of the Division of Waters.

Subd. 3. **Index of proceedings and records.** The auditor shall keep all orders, exhibits, maps, charts, profiles, plats, plans, specifications, and records of the proceedings. These records may not be removed except when the board makes a written order to remove them. The auditor shall keep an accurate index of the proceedings and related documents in a bound book.

Subd. 4. **Engineer's documents.** All original plats, profiles, records, and field books made by the engineer during the proceedings or the construction of a drainage project are public records and the property of the drainage authority. These public records must be filed with the auditor under the direction of the drainage authority when construction is completed or when the engineer stops acting for the drainage project, whichever is earlier.

Subd. 5. **Filing and storage facilities.** County boards shall provide the auditor with necessary filing and storage facilities to protect the files and records of all proceedings. The county boards may provide for the copying and filing of the documents and records of proceedings by photographic devices as provided for public records under section 15.17. In the event of loss of the originals, the photographic copies are originals after authentication by the auditor.

Subd. 6. **Records are prima facie evidence.** The record of proceedings under this chapter and of orders made by the drainage authority or the district court in the proceedings, or a certified copy of a record or order, is prima facie evidence of the facts stated in the record or order and of the regularity of all proceedings prior to the making of the order.

History: 1990 c 391 art 5 s 22