Judge gives new water consortium expanded powers

The Southeast Michigan Consortium for Water Quality met Monday for the first time since U.S. District Court Judge John Feikens directed the group to come up with ways to solve the region's water prob-leme.

lems. Last week, Peikens ordered the 40-member board, com-

posed of metro Detroit business, government and environ-mental leaders, to take a more active role in protecting water quality, including finding ways to clean up local waterways. In addition, Feikens wants the consortium to work closely with the Detroit Water and Sewarase Department to

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Sewerage Department to address suburban concerns about water rates, operational efficiency and safety measures. The DWSD, which supplies water and wastewater services to more than 4 million people in southeast Michigan, has been criticized by suburban leaders for year. However, the seven-member Detroit Water Board, which is appointed by the mayor of Detroit, will still set policy for the DWSD. Feikers' order was a main topic of discussion among con-

sortium members on Monua, Ford Motor Company execu-tive Tim O'Brien, who chairs e consortium, said the group excited about the new chal-

lenge.
"Judge Feikens has brought us together. He said he wants the region to act cooperatively in solving these issues. That is our charge. Now we've got to come up with the solutions.

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O'Brien said.
One of the main problems
the consortium will have to
solve is stopping polluted
stormwater from entering local
rivers. The Southeast Michigan
Council of Governments estimates it is a multi-billion dollar problem. lar problem.
Feikens, who has led efforts

to clean up the Rouge River, actually formed the consortium two years ago, but it has largely been a fact-finding group. Now the group will help set policy, and Feikens said he will use his authority to help the group get arround jurisdictional disputes that in the past have acted as roadblocks to improved water quality. Oakland County Drain Commissioner John McCulloch, a consortium member, said there has been a lot of cooperation and positive energy, despite the fact the board has a variety of members who have different interests. "The issues we are dealing with are very complex and there are numerous interested

parties that want to weigh in on the debate. But I am very encouraged by the level of cooperation we've had. Everyone on this board wants improved water quality," he

In addition to forming a number of leadership groups and special task forces Monday, consortium members agreed to meet every three

months.
O'Brien said it's time for the board to follow through with

its mission.
"It's time for the consortium to knuckle down and start showing some results," he said.

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OBITUARIES

Theima S. Cook
A memorial service for Theima Selma Cook,
86, of Farmington Hills will be held at a later

date.

Ms. Cook was born Dec. 30, 1916, in Detroit and died May 14, 2003, at White Hall Nursing Home in Novi. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her sons, Allan (Norma) and Phillip (Elizabeth); and daughter, Deborah (James) Vigneau.

Arrangements made by Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.

Rose E. Thompson
Services for Rose Edna Thompson, 66, of
Farmington Hills were held May 16 at HeeneySundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with
the Rev. Hoppe officiating.
Mrs. Thompson was born Oct. 11, 1936, in
Detroit and died May 13, 2003, at Botsford
Hospital in Farmington Hills.
She Is survived by her husband, Paul; children, Rose-unn (Fred) Mayo, Walt (Laura)
Humbarger, Sue Sabon, James Humbarger and
Hobert (Donna) Humbarger; stepchildren, Joni
Thompson, Paul (Sandy) Thompson Jc., Jeff
Thompson, Terry Thompson and Tham Rice;
siblings, Mary Shephard, Gene Hodges, Peggy
Boggs, Sister Robert Ann, Donna Wilson and
Robert Lodrop; 16 grandchildren; three greatgrandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

David G. Granzin
Services for David George Granzin, 64, of
Plymouth were held May 15 at HeeneySundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with
the Rev. Dr. Jennifer Saad officiating.
Mr. Granzin was born Nov. 12, 1938, in Bruce
Township, Mich. and died May 13, 2003, in
Plymouth. He was a physical education teacher
and driver's education instructor for Livonia

Public Schools.

He is survived by his daughters, Tamarn Forman and Tracy Baranowski; sister, Mary Carolyn Beckman; fiancé Donna Goode; and four grandchildren.

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Memorial contributions may be made to the

American Diabetes Association.

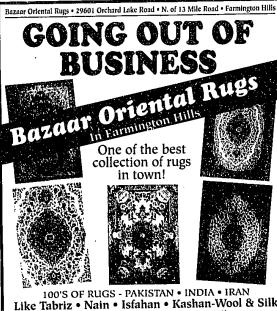
American Diabetes Association.

Joseph G. Koehler
Services for Joseph George Koehler, 85, of Farmington Hills, will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, May 19 at Our Lady of Sorrows
Catholic Church in Farmington. Visitation will be held 2-9 p.m. today, May 18, at Herney-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.

Mr. Koehler was born May 10, 1918 in Brown City, Mich. and died May 14, 2003 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. He was a graduate of Catholic Central High School and attended the University of Detroit. He was a World War II Navy veteran and was a diesel engineer for General Motors Corporation until his retirement in 1974. Mr. Koehler also worked as direction of engineering for Isuzu Diesel until 1984. He was a 60-year member of the Knights of Columbus St. Francis Council, a member of the Fourth Degree at the K of C, the Holy Name Clut, the Farmington Elis, an active member of Ott Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church and the O.L.S. Lithers Club and Athletic Club.

He is survived by his wife. Betty: children, Marie (Lawrence) Lathen, Barbarn (Biles) Urbain, Charles, Joseph Jr. (Elaine), Margaret (Thomas) Caza and Thomas; sister, Julia Green; brothers; Edmond and Robert Koehler; 11 grandchilderi, and one great-grandchild. He is preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Peg; grandson, Thomas Caza; eight brothers; and three slisters.

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