

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR BOARD MEETING OF JULY 10, 2014

COMMITTEE ON STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Mr. David St. Pierre, Executive Director

..Title

Ordinance O14-005 Authority to amend the Watershed Management Ordinance of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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Dear Sir:

The Board of Commissioners adopted the Watershed Management Ordinance (WMO) on October 3, 2013 and amended the WMO on April 17, 2014. The WMO became effective on May 1, 2014. At the time of its adoption the WMO contained a placeholder in Article 8 for an Infiltration and Inflow Control Program (I/I Program) and a placeholder in the Appendix for permit fees. It is respectfully recommended that the Board of Commissioners adopt these amendments to the WMO in order to incorporate these provisions into the WMO.

The current and proposed National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permits for the District's Wastewater Reclamation Plants contain special conditions that require sanitary sewer owners to implement measures beyond those required under the 1985 Sewer Summit Agreement (SSA) if excess infiltration and inflow in their systems causes or contributes to sanitary sewer overflows or basement backups. In anticipation of these requirements, the District developed an Advisory Technical Panel (ATP), consisting of representatives from the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, and local sewer system owners. The proposed I/I Program set forth in Article 8 was subsequently developed with the assistance of the ATP. Four public meetings were held earlier this year to solicit input from the public and stakeholders. Attached for your reference are Article 8, Appendix A, which has been modified to include definitions relevant to the I/I Program, and a summary of the comments presented to the District along with the District's responses.

Appendix F of the WMO is proposed to be amended and adopted to incorporate the permit fees for the WMO, which the Board of Commissioners approved on May 1, 2014. Additionally, a permit fee exemption was added pertaining to single family homes in flood protection areas. Appendix F is attached for your reference.

The proposed amendments, including non substantive changes to the Watershed Management Ordinance, dated July 10, 2014, are attached for consideration for adoption.

It is respectfully requested that the Executive Director recommend to the Board of Commissioners that consistent with the foregoing the Board of Commissioners adopt the permit fees and the proposed amendment thereto, along with the other described amendments to the Watershed Management Ordinance, which will be effective July 10, 2014.

Requested, Catherine A. O'Connor, Director of Engineering, WSS:JPM

Recommended, David St. Pierre, Executive Director

Respectfully Submitted, Michael A. Alvarez, Chairman Committee on Stormwater Management

Disposition of this agenda item will be documented in the official Regular Board Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners for July 10, 2014

Attachment