

## **TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR BOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 16, 2017**

### COMMITTEE ON MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS

Mr. David St. Pierre, Executive Director

..Title

Request Authority to Amend the Resource Recovery Ordinance of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

..Body

Dear Sir:

Review of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago's Resource Recovery Ordinance (Ordinance) by the Maintenance and Operations and the Monitoring and Research Departments established the need to amend the Ordinance to provide modification of certain provisions of the Ordinance.

The amendments are summarized as follows:

1. The phrase "high strength liquid waste, vegetative material and other recovered resources" is amended to "high strength liquid waste, vegetative material, woodchips, and other recovered resources" throughout the Ordinance.
2. The phrase "high strength liquid waste, vegetative material or other recovered resources" is amended to "high strength liquid waste, vegetative material, woodchips, or other recovered resources" throughout the Ordinance.
3. Section 2(g) is amended by deleting the word "shall" and adding an "s" to the word "mean."
4. Section 2(o) is amended by deleting the words "woodchips" and "twigs." This Section is also amended by deleting the sentences "Woodchips and twigs should be processed to a size measuring less than 1.0 inch in two dimensions. The District may, in its discretion, accept woodchips and twigs in larger sizes."
5. Section 2(p) is amended by deleting the word "shall" and adding an "s" to the word "mean."
6. Section 2(q) is added and provides: "Woodchips" means any wood derived solid material made by cutting or chipping larger pieces of wood. Woodchips should be processed to a size measuring less than 1.0 inch in two dimensions. The District may, in its discretion, accept woodchips in larger sizes. Woodchips must be brought in bulk (unbagged) and be free of glass, gravel, plastic bags and other debris."
7. Section 5(a) is amended by deleting the phrase "Emerald Ash Borer Compliance Agreement (where applicable)."
8. Section 5(f) is amended by adding "for high strength liquid waste or other recovered resources" and "Delivery Authorizations issued on a provisional basis for vegetative material or woodchips shall not exceed a term of 270 days."
9. Section 6(g) is amended by deleting "\$20.00" and adding "\$10.00."
10. Section 6(h) is added and provides: "There is no charge for delivery of woodchips in conformance with this Ordinance."

Attached is the Resource Recovery Ordinance of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, as amended. We recommend the adoption of the proposed Ordinance amendments. These Ordinance amendments will take effect immediately upon passage.

Requested, John P. Murray, Director of Maintenance and Operations; Edward Podczerwinski, Director of Monitoring and Research, JPM:EP

Recommended, David St. Pierre, Executive Director

Respectfully Submitted, David J. Walsh, Chairman Committee on Maintenance and Operations

Disposition of this agenda item will be documented in the official Regular Board Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners for November 16, 2017

Attachment