



# Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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Chicago, IL 60611

## Legislation Text

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### **TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR BOARD MEETING OF MAY 1, 2014**

#### COMMITTEE ON STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Mr. David St. Pierre, Executive Director

Authority to enter into intergovernmental agreements with the Village of Northbrook and the Village of Niles for authorization to administer provisions of the Watershed Management Ordinance with respect to stormwater management

Dear Sir:

Authority is requested to enter into intergovernmental agreements (IGAs) with the Village of Northbrook and the Village of Niles (Villages) for authorization to administer provisions of the Watershed Management Ordinance (WMO) with respect to stormwater management.

On April 3, 2014, the Board of Commissioners granted authority to negotiate IGAs with Cook County municipalities interested in becoming authorized to administer certain stormwater management provisions of the WMO. Authorized municipalities must be qualified and meet minimum requirements contained in Article 14, Section 1402 of the WMO. The WMO allows the District to oversee authorized municipalities in their local administration of the stormwater management provisions.

The District received a letter of intent from both Villages requesting authorization. The District examined each letter of intent and determined that each Village meets the requirements for authorization contained in Article 14 of the WMO.

An IGA will effectuate each Village's status as an authorized municipality. The IGA requires each Village to issue watershed management permits, conduct inspections, and maintain records. Additionally, the IGA provides the District with a mechanism to audit each Village.

It is respectfully requested that the Board of Commissioners grant authority to enter into IGAs with the Village of Northbrook and the Village of Niles to administer provisions of the Watershed Management Ordinance with respect to stormwater management and that the Chairman of the Committee on Stormwater Management, the Executive Director and the Clerk be authorized to execute said IGAs on behalf of the District upon approval by the Director of Engineering as to technical matters and by the General Counsel as to form and legality.

Future requests for authority to enter into IGAs with other municipalities for purposes of enforcing stormwater management provisions of the WMO will be submitted to the Board of Commissioners as requests are submitted by municipalities and after their qualifications have been evaluated by the Engineering Department.

Requested, Catherine A. O'Connor, Director of Engineering, WSS:JPM  
Respectfully Submitted, Michael 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 May 1, 2014