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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR BOARD MEETING OF APRIL 3, 2014

COMMITTEE ON STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Mr. David St. Pierre, Executive Director

Authority to negotiate intergovernmental agreements with multi-county municipalities whereby the municipality will adopt and enforce a stormwater ordinance of a collar county for the entire municipality

Dear Sir:

In order to allow multi-county municipalities to administer consistent stormwater management regulations throughout their municipalities, Article 2, Section 207 of the Watershed Management Ordinance (WMO) allows multi-county municipalities to adopt and enforce the respective collar county's stormwater ordinance in lieu of the stormwater management provisions of the WMO. To effectuate such an arrangement, the District and municipality will need to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA). The IGA will require multi-county municipalities to issue stormwater permits, conduct inspections, and maintain records. Additionally, the IGA will provide the District with a mechanism to audit such multi-county municipalities. The District will not require Watershed Management Permits for most development activities within such a multi-county municipality; however, the District will require a Watershed Management Permit for sanitary sewer construction and impacts to District-owned infrastructure. Each IGA shall be subject to the approval of the Law Department as to form and legality.

In support of efforts to implement the WMO, letters have been mailed to all multi-county municipalities in Cook County to assess which multi-county municipalities desire to adopt and enforce a collar county stormwater ordinance. Each letter included a template IGA.

It is respectfully requested that the Board of Commissioners grant authority to negotiate IGAs with multi-county municipalities who intend to adopt a stormwater ordinance of a collar county to be applicable to their entire municipality. Authority to enter into individual IGAs with municipalities will be sought from the Board of

Commissioners when appropriate.

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 April 3, 2014