



# Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

100 East Erie Street  
Chicago, IL 60611

## Legislation Text

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### **TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR BOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 7, 2014**

#### COMMITTEE ON STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Mr. David St. Pierre, Executive Director

Authorization to implement the Municipal Distribution Network of the Rain Barrel Program, a component of the District's Green Infrastructure Program and to enter into intergovernmental agreements with municipalities seeking to participate in the program

Dear Sir:

On January 6, 2014 ("Effective Date"), the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois entered a Consent Decree between the United States of America and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago ("District"). Among other commitments, the District is required to develop and implement a Rain Barrel Program wherein it distributes 10,000 low or no-cost rain barrels within three years of January 6, 2014 ("Effective Date"), and a cumulative/total distribution of 15,000 low or no-cost rain barrels within five years of the Effective Date of the Consent Decree.

On April 17, 2014, the District's Board of Commissioners adopted a rain barrel policy as a component of the District's Green Infrastructure Program. One section of the adopted policy calls for the District to distribute rain barrels through municipalities ("Municipal Distribution Network"). In order to properly document and memorialize the Municipal Distribution Network of the District's Rain Barrel Program and to adequately protect the District's interests, the Law Department drafted the attached template Intergovernmental Agreement ("IGA") to be used for each municipality seeking to participate in the Municipal Distribution Network of the Rain Barrel Program. The Law Department recommends that the template IGA not be subject to material changes so as to maintain consistency with all municipalities.

The Maintenance and Operations Department will maintain a rain barrel distribution log, administer the rain barrel contract, and report back to the Board quarterly as to the municipalities with which the District entered into IGAs.

In that the District intends to utilize basically the same IGA for all municipalities, we are requesting authorization for the Chairman of the Committee on Stormwater Management, the Executive Director, and Clerk be authorized to execute each IGA on behalf of the District upon approval by the Director of Maintenance and Operations as to technical matters and by the General Counsel as to form and legality.

Recommended, Ronald Hill, General Counsel, RMH:LLD:BO'C:nm  
Requested, Manju Sharma, Director of Maintenance and Operations  
Respectfully Submitted, Michael Alvarez, Chairman, Stormwater Management Committee  
Disposition of this agenda item will be documented in the official Regular Board Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners for August 7, 2014

Attachment