



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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COMMITTEE ON STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Mr. David St. Pierre, Executive Director

Authorization to negotiate and enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Blue Island for the Design, Construction, Operation and Maintenance of the Blue Island Green Infrastructure Project.

Dear Sir:

Authority is requested to negotiate an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Blue Island to outline various responsibilities associated with the Blue Island Green Infrastructure Project.

The project entails constructing Green Infrastructure (GI) in the City of Blue Island (City). The GI will be constructed in an area within the City that consistently experiences flooding damages and will consist of bioswales, rain gardens, and permeable pavement. The green infrastructure components will be strategically placed to capture run-off flowing from the streets and alleys in critical areas. The project is expected to be completed in 2014. The District will seek credit for this project under the Green Infrastructure requirements of the Consent Decree, subject to approval by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The Parties have agreed in principle to the scope of work on the Project and the general obligations of each, including payment by the District of Project construction costs and assumption of perpetual maintenance responsibilities by the City.

Based on the foregoing, the Engineering Department recommends that the District be authorized to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Blue Island for certain responsibilities to be negotiated by the District, and that the Chairman of the Committee on Finance, the Executive Director, and the Clerk be authorized to execute said intergovernmental agreement on behalf of the District, upon approval by the Directors of the Engineering and Maintenance and Operations Departments as to technical matters and by the General Counsel as to form and legality.

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

Recommended, David St. Pierre, Executive Director

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 August 7, 2014