



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Mr. David St. Pierre, Executive Director

Authority to settle the Property Loss Claim of Jason Cole, Claim AP 1343, in the sum of \$16,577.73 arising out of the May 11, 2014 and July 12, 2014 Calumet City Drop Shaft Events, Account 901-30000-667220

Dear Sir:

On May 11, 2014, the junction chamber upstream of Calumet Drop Shaft 55 (CDS55), on the Little Calumet Leg of TARP, experienced severe damage from hydraulic transient forces caused by rapid filling of the Calumet Tunnel System. Due to excessive rain fall, a concrete slab buried 10 feet beneath the ground was blown off the roof of the junction structure, along with much of the earth above it. On July 12, 2014, there was a subsequent drop shaft failure, also due to excessive rainfall, which caused shooting water and debris in the surrounding area. Although no personal injuries were reported for either event, the two separate events caused damage to both structures and vehicles in the vicinity of the drop shaft.

Jason Cole, a tenant at 1560 Burnham Avenue in Calumet City, Illinois, sustained damages to his personal property. Upon review of the losses that were submitted, it was determined that the sustained damages are reasonable and that it is in the District's best interest to pay this claim. Negotiations between the parties have resulted in an agreement in the amount of \$16,577.73 to settle this claim.

The Director of Human Resources believes this settlement is in the best interest of the District and requests payment of that sum be approved and she be authorized to execute such documents as may be necessary to effect the settlement.

Requested, Denice E. Korcal, Director of Human Resources, DEK:RAJ:RG:aw

Respectfully Submitted, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Chairman Committee on Judiciary

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