



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 Chicago Housing Authority for Rainwater Harvesting System at Dearborn Homes in the City of Chicago

Dear Sir:

Authority is requested to negotiate and enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) to allow for the District to modify an existing underground 290,000 gallon stormwater storage tank located at Dearborn Homes (2930 S. Dearborn Street). The tank currently discharges to the combined sewer system. The project involves use of real-time controls to harvest the detained stormwater for irrigation of nearby landscaping and athletic fields, which will reduce flow to the combined sewer system and help to alleviate localized flooding. 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. Dearborn Homes is managed by the CHA.

Based on the foregoing, the Engineering Department recommends that the District be authorized to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with CHA 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 November 6, 2014