



# Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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Chicago, IL 60611

## Legislation Text

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### **TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR BOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 19, 2015**

#### COMMITTEE ON STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Mr. David St. Pierre, Executive Director

Authority to assist the Villages of Berkeley and Riverside with shovel ready projects under the Stormwater Management Phase II Program

Dear Sir:

On September 19, 2013 and October 16, 2014, the Board of Commissioners granted authority to assist with a total of 38 stormwater management projects submitted to the District by local municipalities, townships, and other agencies throughout Cook County. Since then, the District has negotiated Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs) to provide funding towards construction of shovel-ready projects, and has retained several consultants to assist with the design of conceptual projects.

In addition to the 38 projects referenced above, the Villages of Berkeley and Riverside have requested assistance from the District to implement flood mitigation projects to address stormwater problems in their respective communities. Based on the severity of the flooding and the stormwater benefits to be derived by the projects in each of these communities, the Engineering Department recommends that the District provide assistance through its Stormwater Management Phase II Program to move these projects forward. Detailed information on each of the projects currently under development is attached.

It is hereby requested that the Board of Commissioners authorize the District to negotiate IGAs with the Villages of Berkeley and Riverside to allow the District to assist in the furtherance of these stormwater management projects. Assistance for the aforementioned shovel ready projects would be in the form of construction funding as defined through the negotiations between the District and the respective communities. As a condition of the IGAs, the communities will be required to assume the perpetual maintenance and operation of the projects, amongst other provisions. Once the parties agree in principle, authority to enter into IGAs will be sought from the District's Board of Commissioners.

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

Recommended, David St. Pierre, Executive Director

Respectfully Submitted, Michael A. 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 19, 2015

Attachment