

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR BOARD MEETING OF JULY 7, 2016

COMMITTEE ON STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Mr. David St. Pierre, Executive Director

Authority to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Elgin whereby the City of Elgin will enforce the Kane County Stormwater Ordinance for the entire City of Elgin

Dear Sir:

Authority is requested to enter into an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the City of Elgin (City) whereby the City will enforce the Kane County Stormwater Ordinance (KCSO) for the entire City.

On April 3, 2014, the Board of Commissioners granted authority to negotiate IGAs with multi-county municipalities interested in adopting and enforcing a respective collar county's stormwater ordinance in lieu of the stormwater management provisions of the Watershed Management Ordinance (WMO) as stipulated in Article 2, Section 207 of the WMO.

The IGA will effectuate the City's status as a multi-county municipality under the WMO. The IGA requires the City to issue stormwater permits, conduct inspections, and maintain records. Additionally, the IGA provides the District with a mechanism to audit the City. The District will no longer require a Watershed Management Permit for most development activities within the Cook County portion of the City; however, the District will still require a Watershed Management Permit for sanitary sewer construction and impacts to District-owned infrastructure for those portions of the City located within the District corporate limits.

The District received a letter of intent on June 20, 2016, from the City requesting status as a multi-county municipality. The City has adopted and currently enforces the KCSO. The District examined the letter of intent and determined that the City meets the requirements contained in Article 2, Section 207 of the WMO.

It is respectfully requested that the Board of Commissioners grant authority to enter into an IGA with the City of Elgin whereby the City will adopt and enforce the KCSO for the entire City and that the Chairman of the Committee on Stormwater Management, the Executive Director and the Clerk be authorized to execute said IGA on behalf of the District upon approval by the Director of Engineering as to technical matters and by the General Counsel as to form and legality.

Future requests for authority to enter into IGAs with other multi-county municipalities for purposes of enforcing stormwater management provisions of a collar county's stormwater management ordinance will be submitted to the Board of Commissioners as requests are submitted by municipalities and after their qualifications have been evaluated by the Engineering Department.

Requested, Catherine A. O'Connor, Director of Engineering, WSS:JPM
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 July 7, 2016