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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR BOARD MEETING OF DECEMBER 15, 2016

COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND EMPLOYMENT

Mr. David St. Pierre, Executive Director

Authority to Amend the Adopted 2017 Budget

Dear Sir:

The attached Changes to the Adopted 2017 Budget (BF-21 budget forms) are submitted for your consideration as amendments to the 2017 Adopted Budget at the Board Meeting of December 15, 2016. Requested changes to appropriations are summarized below:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>NET CHANGE</u>
CORPORATE	General Administration	\$4,800
	Monitoring & Research	\$21,400
	Law	\$0
	Finance	<u>\$1,500</u>
	TOTAL CORPORATE FUND	<u>\$27,700</u>
CONSTRUCTION		\$0
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BOND		\$500,000
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT		\$803,000
BOND REDEMPTION & INTEREST FUND		\$1,064,738

The 2017 total appropriation request is \$1,142,982,613, including these requested changes. These requested changes represent an increase of \$2,395,438 from the Adopted Budget. Compared to the 2016 total adjusted appropriation of \$1,244,135,730, this represents a decrease of \$101,153,117, or 8.1 percent.

The total tax levy for the 2017 Budget is \$595,027,331, unchanged from the Adopted Budget. Compared to the 2016 total adjusted tax levy of \$577,561,630, this represents an increase of \$17,465,701, or 3.0 percent.

The Corporate Fund total appropriation is \$369,158,600, an increase of \$27,700 from the Adopted Budget. This increase is due to the reclassification of three positions in General Administration, the addition of one position in the Monitoring & Research Department, and the addition of \$1,500 to the Finance Department for tracking lost discounts. Compared to the 2016 Corporate Fund total adjusted appropriation of \$366,260,700, this represents an increase of \$2,897,900, or 0.8 percent.

The Construction Fund total appropriation is \$34,450,400, unchanged from the Adopted Budget. The net zero change in appropriation is due to the reallocation of the backup and retention project from the Commitment

Item for Computer Supplies to Computer Equipment. Compared to the 2016 Construction Fund total adjusted appropriation of \$36,614,400, this represents a decrease of \$2,164,000, or 5.9 percent.

The Capital Improvements Bond Fund total appropriation is \$354,625,600, an increase of \$500,000 from the Adopted Budget. This increase is due to the addition of projects for the Monitoring & Research Department's information technology system enhancement for both the internet-based Publicly owned treatment works Administration and Compliance System and the Laboratory Information Management System, including the integration of the Organic Compound Analytical Laboratory. Compared to the 2016 Capital Improvements Bond Fund total adjusted appropriation of \$483,764,800, this represents a decrease of \$129,139,200, or 26.7 percent.

The Stormwater Management Fund total appropriation is \$45,800,100, an increase of \$803,000 from the Adopted Budget. This increase is due to the addition of Phase II Intergovernmental Agreements, 14-113-5F, Controls for Dearborn Homes, and the national certification program with the Water Environment Federation and DC Water, offset by the deferral of 16-IGA-08, Crestwood Green Infrastructure. Compared to the 2016 Stormwater Management Fund total adjusted appropriation of \$40,500,800, this represents an increase of \$5,299,300, or 13.1 percent.

The Bond Redemption & Interest Fund total appropriation is \$228,825,813, an increase of \$1,064,738 from the Adopted Budget. This increase is due to the addition of State Revolving Fund loan 14C SRF L174559. Compared to the 2016 Adjusted Appropriation of \$216,047,130, this represents an increase of \$12,778,683, or 5.9 percent.

The Retirement Fund and Reserve Claim Fund appropriation request totals are unchanged from the Adopted Budget.

The total number of positions requested for 2017 is 2,042, an increase of three positions from the Adopted Budget, which is a net increase of 66 positions from 2016. The increase is driven primarily by the addition of 70 Apprentice positions, offset by a net reduction of four full-time equivalent positions.

Revised Tentative Budget pages 9-11 present changes to the 2017 appropriations, along with account summary comparison changes. Additionally, revised page 53 of the Executive Director's Recommendations Budget presents changes to the personnel summary comparison.

Revised Tentative Budget pages 12-13 present the revised 2017 budgeted and 2016 estimated Summary of Revenue and Expenditures, respectively. Revised Tentative Budget page 14 presents a revised estimated Corporate Fund January 1, 2017 and 2016 Balance Sheet, detailing the changes in revenues and net assets appropriable for the 2017 budget.

Revised Executive Director's Recommendations Budget page 91 presents a revised budget financial schedule of appropriable revenue for the Capital Improvements Bond Fund, revised page 96 presents a revised estimated Stormwater Management Fund Balance Sheet, and revised page 99 presents a revised estimated Bond Redemption & Interest Fund Balance Sheet.

The project list for the Capital Improvements Bond Fund, Revised Tentative Budget pages 60-61, have been revised to reflect changes in project schedule.

The project list for the Stormwater Management Fund, Executive Director's Recommendations Budget page 471, has been revised to reflect changes in project schedule.

The attached BF-21 budget forms (pages 1-7) detail all requested changes in appropriation and staffing. In General Administration, the staffing detail shows pay grade changes for one Motor Vehicle Dispatcher

Supervisor position and two Motor Vehicle Dispatcher positions. In the Monitoring & Research Department, there is an addition of an Assistant Environmental Chemist #1 position. In the Law Department, there is an addition of two Assistant Attorney positions.

The financial schedules for the Final Adopted and Amended Budget will be revised to adjust the departmental appropriations to include allocation of the general salary adjustment for non-represented employees approved at the budget adoption on December 8, 2016. The Executive Director's Recommendations Budget and the Tentative Budget, which include all the budget-related Ordinances in their entirety, and the Report of the Committee on Budget and Employment are available for review on the District's website, www.mwrd.org <<http://www.mwrd.org>>.

Requested, Eileen M. McElligott, Administrative Services Manager, SAR
Respectfully Submitted, Kari K. Steele, Chairman Committee on Budget and Employment
Disposition of this agenda item will be documented in the official Regular Board Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners for December 15, 2016

Attachments

- 1) Revised Tentative Budget pages 9-14 and 60-61, dated December 7, 2016
- 2) Revised Executive Director's Recommendations Budget pages 53, 91, 96, 99, and 471, dated December 7, 2016
- 3) BF-21 pages 1-7, dated December 7, 2016