



# Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

100 East Erie Street  
Chicago, IL 60611

## Legislation Text

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### **TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR BOARD MEETING OF MAY 4, 2017**

#### COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE

Mr. David St. Pierre, Executive Director

Authority to issue a 10-day permit to the City of Blue Island to use the park area of the District's Blue Island SEPA Station as an athletes' village and viewing area and to use Cal-Sag Channel Parcel 15.09 for parking during the City of Blue Island's "2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Chicago Southland Dragon Boat Festival" on the Cal-Sag Channel on June 1-3, 2017. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00

Dear Sir:

The City of Blue Island ("Blue Island") has requested a 10-day permit to use the park area of the District's Blue Island SEPA Station as an athletes' village and viewing area and to use the District's Cal-Sag Channel Parcel 15.09 for parking during Blue Island's "2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Chicago Southland Dragon Boat Festival" on the Cal-Sag Channel on June 1-3, 2017. Parcel 15.09 is currently vacant. Practice sessions will be on June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> and the races will be on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. A 10-day permit is recommended to allow Blue Island the opportunity to prepare the permit premises for the event and a few days after the event to clean up and restore the permit premises.

Floating docks moored underneath the Chatham Street Bridge will be used to launch and recover the boats during the practice sessions and the races. This site is not owned by the District and is located within the right-of-way of Chatham Street which is maintained by Blue Island. Blue Island will be responsible for all safety, security and traffic control matters. Safety measures for the practice sessions and the races, include, requiring all participants to wear life jackets, having a boat trailing the racers and having the US Coast Guard on-site.

The technical departments have no objections to Blue Island's request. Blue Island has requested a waiver of providing environmental contamination insurance. As the permitted activities pose minimal risk for environmental contamination there is no objection to this request. A nominal fee of \$10.00 is recommended as is customary for a governmental agency using District land for a public purpose.

It is requested that the Executive Director recommend to the Board of Commissioners that it authorize the issuance of a 10-day permit to the City of Blue Island to use the park area of the District's Blue Island SEPA Station as an athletes' village and viewing area and to use Cal-Sag Channel Parcel 15.09 for parking during the City of Blue Island's "2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Chicago Southland Dragon Boat Festival" on the Cal-Sag Channel on June 1-3, 2017. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00.

It is also requested that the Executive Director recommend to the Board of Commissioners that the Chairman of the Committee on Finance and the Clerk be authorized and directed to execute said permit agreement after it is approved by the General Counsel as to form and legality.

Requested, Susan T. Morakalis, Acting General Counsel, STM:npe

Recommended, David St. Pierre, Executive Director

Respectfully Submitted, David J. Walsh, Chairman Committee on Real Estate Development

Disposition of this agenda item will be documented in the official Regular Board Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners May 4, 2017

Attachment