



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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COMMITTEE ON MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS

Mr. David St. Pierre, Executive Director

Authorization to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Chicago Department of Streets and Sanitation to accept woodchips at the Harlem Avenue and Calumet Solids Management Areas to facilitate biosolids composting operations

Dear Sir:

The current Intergovernmental Agreement between the District and The City of Chicago Department of Streets and Sanitation to accept wood chips at the Harlem Avenue and Calumet Solids Management Areas (HASMA and CALSMA) expires on December 31, 2017. Under the current Agreement, the District has received over 80,000 cubic yards of wood chips from the City of Chicago, facilitating the production of over 70,000 cubic yards of Class A Exceptional Quality composted biosolids.

The Intergovernmental Agreement has proven beneficial to both parties. The City of Chicago has an outlet for the wood chips produced from citywide tree trimming operations, affording them operational flexibility and reducing storage concerns. The District receives bulking material necessary for successful biosolids composting at no cost.

Both parties have expressed interest in continuing this partnership at no cost to either party. It is recommended that the District enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Chicago to continue to accept wood chips at HASMA and CALSMA through December 31, 2020.

Requested, John P. Murray, Director of Maintenance and Operations, BAP:SO'C:MAG:al
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