



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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COMMITTEE ON ENGINEERING

Mr. John P. Murray, Acting Executive Director

Authority to negotiate an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Bartlett to construct an equalization basin and improve the Bartlett Pumping Station

Dear Sir:

On December 1, 2016, the Board of Commissioners granted authority to amend the Sewer Service Agreement with the Village of Bartlett (Village). The Village had been cited by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency as a result of an increase in overflows from the Village's Devon Excess Flow Facility resulting in a violation of its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit. The Village requested that the District temporarily accept additional flow at the Hanover Park Water Reclamation Plant while a permanent solution is identified. The temporary arrangement, removal of a restrictor, is anticipated to conclude on January 1, 2020. The Village, in collaboration with the District, has conceived a mutually beneficial project to permanently address the overflow issue.

The Village will construct a 4 million gallon equalization basin and rehabilitate the District's existing Bartlett Pumping Station located at Devon Avenue and Berteau Avenue. Minimally, the Village will fund the equalization basin and pump station improvements, reimburse the District its cost for additional treatment, and invest annually an amount to be determined into its Infiltration & Inflow program for areas within the District's service area. The District will operate the equalization basin and the pump station. An advantage to the District is the ability to use the equalization basin for storage during high flow events.

The terms and conditions of the IGA will be defined through negotiations between the District and the Village. Once the parties agree in principle, authority to enter into the IGA will be sought from the District's Board of Commissioners.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Acting Executive Director recommend to the Board of Commissioners that it grant authority to negotiate an IGA with the Village.

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

Recommended, John P. Murray, Acting Executive Director

Respectfully Submitted, Frank Avila, Chairman Committee on Engineering

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