



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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COMMITTEE ON STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Mr. Brian A. Perkovich, Executive Director

Authorization for public notification of intent to amend the Watershed Management Ordinance

Dear Sir:

Authorization is requested for public notification of intent to amend the Watershed Management Ordinance (WMO). The WMO regulates sewer construction within the District's service area and development within suburban Cook County. It provides uniform stormwater management regulations to prevent future development projects from exacerbating flooding and protects environmentally sensitive areas. Per §504.3.B of the WMO, watershed specific release rates for stormwater detention calculations will go into effect on May 1, 2019. The District has been working with Illinois State Water Survey to study release rates across Cook County. This amendment will effectuate the release rate change, along with providing clarifications and removing redundancies throughout the WMO in order to best serve our constituents and the District for future implementation. A summary of the Engineering Department's proposed amendments are attached.

With your approval, there will be a 30-day public comment period where stakeholders and the general public can mail or email comments on proposed changes to the WMO. The proposed changes are being presented at Watershed Planning Council meetings, held across the County in January 2019. The public comment period is anticipated to start January 7, 2019, and conclude February 5, 2019.

Following the public comment period, and after reviewing comments received, the Engineering Department will prepare an amendment to the WMO for Board approval.

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

Recommended, Brian A. Perkovich, Executive Director

Respectfully Submitted, Debra Shore, 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 December 6, 2018

Attachment