



# 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 JANUARY 9, 2020**

#### COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE

Mr. Brian A. Perkovich, Executive Director

Authority to commence statutory procedures to lease 1.27± acres of District real estate located south of the Cal-Sag Channel between Chatham Street and Division Street in Blue Island, Illinois; Cal-Sag Channel Parcel 15.04 (portion)

Dear Sir:

The City of Blue Island ("Blue Island") and Blue Island Organic Sustainable Farm ("BIOS Farm") have requested to lease 1.27± acres of District real estate located south of the Cal-Sag Channel between Chatham Street and Division Street in Blue Island, Illinois; Cal-Sag Channel Parcel 15.04 (portion). Blue Island and BIOS Farm intend to use the subject site for commercial farming purposes. The requested lease term is 5 years.

Parcel 15.04 is currently under lease to Blue Island along with several other District parcels for public recreational use, including the construction and maintenance of the Cal-Sag Trail, hosting community events, and maintaining a parking lot and community gardens. The lease commenced June 11, 2013, and expires May 31, 2052, and comprises 150± acres of District real estate located between Kedzie Avenue and Fay's Point in Blue Island, Illinois; Cal-Sag Channel Parcels 14.01-14.02, 14.04-14.09, 14.11, 14.13, 15.03-15.07, 15.09-15.11 and 16.03. A companion transmittal letter is on today's agenda seeking approval to amend Blue Island's lease to allow for the partial surrender of this land. A commercial lease on this portion of Parcel 15.04 will not affect the construction or operation of the Cal-Sag Trail.

The District's technical departments have reviewed this lease request, have indicated that the subject site is not currently needed for corporate use and have no technical objections thereto.

It is requested that the Executive Director recommend to the Board of Commissioners that it authorize and direct the General Counsel to commence statutory procedures to lease 1.27± acres of District real estate located south of the Cal-Sag Channel between Chatham Street and Division Street in Blue Island, Illinois; Cal-Sag Channel Parcel 15.04 (portion) upon the terms and conditions set forth herein.

Requested, Susan T. Morakalis, General Counsel, STM:EMA:CMM:vp

Recommended, Brian A. Perkovich, Executive Director

Disposition of this agenda item will be documented in the official Regular Board Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners for January 9, 2020

Attachment