

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

Funding To-Date for the McCook and Thornton Reservoirs

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (District) has Project Cooperation Agreements (PCAs) with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) for construction of both the McCook and Thornton reservoir projects. One of the District's obligations under the PCAs is to contribute a minimum 25% of the project costs. In addition to the 25% share, the District is required to provide the storage for the reservoirs, and therefore is responsible for incremental mining costs and overburden removal costs. Finally, the Corps is currently only authorized to construct a 7 billion gallon reservoir at McCook, so the District will pay the incremental costs to increase the size to 10 billion gallons. The funding split is as follows:

**McCook Reservoir**

Federal Contribution to Date:	\$369M
MWRD Contribution to Date:	\$317M
<u>Estimated Remaining Cost:</u>	<u>\$346M</u>
McCook Total Cost:	\$1,032M

**Thornton Composite Reservoir**

Federal Contribution to Date:	\$6M
MWRD Contribution to Date:	\$299M
<u>Estimated Remaining Costs:</u>	<u>\$125M</u>
Thornton Total Cost:	\$430M

Due to funding and schedule concerns, the District assumed responsibility for design and construction of the Thornton Composite Reservoir in 2004, and has been pursuing reimbursement of funds, which is now allowed under an amendment to the PCA. Unfortunately, the District has not been successful in receiving reimbursement to date and all indications are that it will be difficult to get the Thornton reimbursement funded by the federal government, especially in the current budget climate.

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