

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NUMBER O25-004**

**ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF THE  
METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT  
OF GREATER CHICAGO  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026  
AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago:

*Section 1.* That this Ordinance be and the same is hereby termed the “Annual Appropriation Ordinance of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026.”

*Section 2.* That the amounts hereinafter set forth or so much thereof as may be authorized by law and as may be needed, and not exceeding the aggregate sum allocated to and expendable by each department or principal division, be and the same are hereby appropriated for the payment of: (a) interest coupons on bonds; (b) sinking fund requirements for the payment of the principal of said bonds; (c) the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Retirement Fund; (d) Construction Fund purposes; (e) Capital Improvements Bond Fund purposes; (f) Reserve Claim Fund; (g) Stormwater Management Fund purposes; and (h) all other corporate purposes of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago during the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026.

*Section 3.* That for the purposes of accounting and expenditure control, the budgetary accounts set forth under the recital of estimated resources of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago and budgetary accounts and code designations set forth in this Ordinance, shall be the official code designations of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago and that the manual of Classification of Budgetary Code Accounts issued by General Administration of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, as revised, shall be in conformity therewith.

*Section 4.* That the Clerk and the other Heads of Departments of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago shall use the aforesaid official code designations in administering the Appropriation Ordinance and in accounting for expenditures authorized herein.

*Section 5.* That wherever an appropriation is made under the classification “Personal Services,” “Contractual Services,” “Materials and Supplies,” “Machinery and Equipment,” “Capital Improvements,” “Land” or “Fixed and other Charges,” it is supported by a schedule of Line Items.

The Executive Director is authorized to transfer appropriations between line items within an object class of expenditure within a department. Transfers of appropriations between objects of expenditure or between departments must

be presented for approval to the Board of Commissioners in accordance with applicable statutes.

All expenditures against such appropriations shall be made in accordance with such supporting Line Item Schedules, and no voucher shall be approved by the Clerk for a sum exceeding the amount shown in said schedules; that the titles and the compensations appearing in the Personal Services supporting schedules shall be construed to be the official titles and maximum compensation for the same.

(a) Included in the appropriation for Total Personal Services is Account Number 601010 “Salaries of Regular Employees” that includes employees’ contributions to the Pension Fund along with associated salary and pay grade schedules for classified employees and exempt secretaries as adopted by the Board of Commissioners. The amount set up under Account Number 601010 “Salaries of Regular Employees” includes (1) the adjustment of salaries for employees eligible to receive step increases based on the prescribed standards of service and performance and (2) changes in Labor and Trades Wage Schedule Classifications as authorized by the Board of Commissioners. The amount set up under Account Number 601050 “Compensation Plan Adjustments” includes payments to eligible employees for incentive pay for unused sick leave, retirements, severance, termination, and unused overtime and/or vacation pay as authorized by the Board of Commissioners. The amount set up under Account Number 601060 “Compensation for Paid Overtime” includes payments for paid overtime.

(b) The symbol “#” followed by a number or “(AC)”, when used in the budget document, means the following:

#1. After a title, signifies that the incumbent will retain the title until he or she vacates the position and then the position will be dropped.

(AC). After a title, signifies that the position is subject to appropriation control. It may be dropped at the discretion of the Executive Director based on operational requirements.

#2. After a title, signifies that when the position is vacated, the person filling the vacancy will receive the title within the parentheses. It can also indicate that while a grade level for a class title has been lowered, the incumbent in the position will be retained at the current grade level. This is indicated by a notation of the new grade level in parentheses following the title.

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#4. After a title, signifies that while a class title has been assigned to the Technical, Administrative and Managerial (TAM) salary schedule, the incumbent in the position will be compensated under the previously assigned Professional and Managerial (PM) or General Service (GS) salary schedule. When the position is vacated, the person filling the vacancy by promotion or new appointment will be compensated under the TAM salary schedule.

*Section 6.* That amounts appropriated under classifications other than "Personal Services" to any department or division of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago shall be expended under the following conditions:

(a) Insofar as practicable, all contracts for purchases and open market orders for purchases to be charged against such appropriation shall be based upon specifications which are definite and certain as to character and quality, and which conform to standard specifications for the various classes of Materials and Supplies, Machinery and Equipment already prescribed or hereafter to be prescribed by the Board of Standardization of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago.

(b) The Clerk of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago shall certify to the sufficiency of appropriations out of which such amounts due under contracts are to be paid.

(c) The Director of Procurement and Materials Management shall certify that the specifications for purchases of such Materials and Supplies, and Machinery and Equipment, for which standard specifications have been prescribed by the Board of Standardization of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, are in conformity with such standard specifications.

(d) All open market orders issued by any department or division for Materials and Supplies, and Machinery and Equipment, for which specifications shall have been prescribed by the Board of Standardization of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, shall contain a description of the goods ordered and insofar as practicable and feasible conform with such standard specifications.

(e) The Director of Procurement and Materials Management shall, in auditing claims for goods delivered on open market order, determine through inspection or otherwise, whether the goods delivered conform to such standard specifications.

(f) Every contract or purchase order involving amounts in excess of \$60,000.00 shall be signed by the President or other duly authorized officer of the Board of Commissioners, by the Executive Director, by the Clerk, and by the Director of Procurement and Materials Management of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago.

(g) The Comptroller of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago shall conduct audits of all expenditures. The Comptroller shall report the results of such audits to the President and the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago.

*Section 7.* That no employee shall have the right to demand continuous employment and compensation by reason of the appropriation if it becomes necessary to lay an employee off due to lack of work or lack of funds.

*Section 8.* That the supporting schedules and statements including unpaid bills and the item objects and purposes are appropriated for as follows: