



# *Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago*

Press Release

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## **Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, Unions conclude successful negotiations**



*MWRD Board President Terrence J. O'Brien, at left, and MWRD Executive Director David St. Pierre, signing the collective bargaining agreements in the MWRD Board Room on December 1.*

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (District), which is responsible for reclaiming and treating the city's wastewater and providing stormwater management for more than five million people, recently concluded successful negotiations with employee union representatives. Tentative agreements were forged with SEIU Local 1, Fireman and Oilers Division; International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local No. 9 (Electrical Operations and Electrical Instrumentation and Testing); International Union of Operating

Engineers, Local 399; International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 700; Building Trades Coalition and Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters. These units represent approximately 750 employees.

The provisions of these agreements cover wages, hours and other terms and conditions of employment. During negotiations, the Unions and District worked cooperatively to develop strategies to reduce health care and operating costs to assist the District in stabilizing its financial condition during this challeng-

ing economic environment.

"The successful completion of these negotiations demonstrates the continued good relationship between the District and the Unions," said District Executive Director David St. Pierre. "We appreciate our union partners and their understanding of the need to work efficiently, hold the line for taxpayers and work toward securing the benefits that have made this organization and country great. As we work together, there is nothing we cannot accomplish." It is a team effort that achieves results and is especially needed in these economic times.

Three of the successor collective bargaining agreements were approved December 1, including Local No. 9 (Testing), International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 700, and Building Trades Coalition and Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters. The final three will be placed on the agenda for approval by the District's Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meetings on December 15.

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