



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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750 represented employees receive good holiday tidings as MWRD and Union reps complete successful negotiations



MWRD human resources staff, including (from left to right) associate human resources analyst Thomas Soukup, assistant director of human resources Ted Kosowski, and senior human resources analyst Brian Deitz reviewed the union agreement following the MWRD Board meeting on December 15.

Negotiations between employee union representatives and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) concluded today as the last three agreements were signed following the MWRD Commissioners' regular board meeting.

The organization recently concluded agreements 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 challenging economic environment.

"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," said District Executive Director David St. Pierre. "It is a team effort that achieves results and is especially needed in these economic times. The successful completion of these negotiations demonstrates the continued good relationship between the District and the Unions."

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 were approved today.

MWRD is responsible for reclaiming and treating the city's wastewater and providing stormwater management for more than five million people.

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