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MWRD Offers Ethics Quick Link on Website

The Illinois Ethics Act required units of local government to pass ordinances regulating political activities and the making and accepting of gifts by their officers and employees. The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) Board of Commissioners adopted Ordinance No. 04-001, known as the “Ethics Ordinance.”

Under the ordinance, the MWRD designates an ethics advisor and three members of the community to serve as ethics commissioners. Earlier this year, the MWRD Board of Commissioners approved Executive Director David St. Pierre’s appointments of Zelda B. Harris, Jose A. Lopez, and Michael J. Weicher to serve as members of the Ethics Commission effective May 15, 2014. Ms. Harris lives in Chicago and is a law professor at Loyola University School of Law. Mr. Lopez also lives in Chicago and is a partner at the law firm Perkins Coie. Mr. Weicher lives in Riverside and his law office is in Oak Park. The Board also approved the designation of Ronald M. Hill, MWRD’s General Counsel, as the agency’s Ethics Advisor.

The Commission receives complaints filed in accordance with the requirements of the Ordinance, and the advisor provides guidance concerning the interpretation of and compliance with the provisions of the ordinance and the state’s ethics laws. The MWRD also has a Whistleblower Hotline. These tools ensure that the MWRD maintains its commitment to meeting high ethical standards. A copy of the Ethics Ordinance and related information, including the requirements for filing a complaint, can be found by clicking on the “Ethics” quick link at www.mwrdd.org. Click on the “Whistleblower Hotline” quick link for a copy of MWRD’s Whistleblower and Anti-Retaliation Procedures and for the available options to make a report under the Whistleblower Hotline.

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