



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District *of* Greater Chicago

# Press Release

**Allison Fore**

Public and Intergovernmental Affairs Officer

312.751.6633

public.affairs@mwr.org

100 East Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611

For immediate release

June 12, 2015

## MWRD holding open house to discuss Burbank flooding solutions

- Who:** Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago
- What:** Open House to be held to receive input from residents and discuss alternatives to reduce the impact of severe storms
- When:** Tuesday, June 16, from 5 to 7 p.m
- Where:** Reavis High School, 6034 W. 77th St., Burbank, Illinois

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) is hosting an open house in Burbank to receive input from residents and discuss various alternatives to reduce the impact of severe storms.

The MWRD open house will be held on Tuesday, June 16, from 5 to 7 p.m., at Reavis High School, 6034 W. 77th St., in Burbank. The public is invited to attend between those hours to review the alternatives and provide feedback. Stations will offer participants opportunities to learn about five alternatives for improvements to the Melvina Ditch Reservoir, near 87th Street and Nashville Avenue.

A few weeks before a major rain event caused flooding in the areas of Burbank and Oak Lawn in August 2014, the state legislature granted the MWRD authority to work with communities on local flood control projects. At the request of Burbank and Oak Lawn officials, the MWRD initiated an engineering study to prevent flooding. In September 2014, former Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn announced funding to improve Melvina Ditch Reservoir. After meeting with Burbank and Oak Lawn officials in May to discuss the results of the study and alternatives, both communities agreed that the next step was to hold public meetings.

###

**Recovering Resources, Transforming Water**

*Established in 1889, the MWRD ([www.mwr.org](http://www.mwr.org)) is an award-winning, special purpose government agency responsible for wastewater treatment and stormwater management in Cook County, Illinois.*