



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

# Press Release

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## Commissioner David J. Walsh appointed to MWRD Board

A new member has been appointed to the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD).

David J. Walsh was appointed Sept. 28, 2015 by Gov. Bruce Rauner to fill a vacancy on the Board of Commissioners left after former Commissioner Patrick Thompson was elected earlier this year to serve as alderman of Chicago's 11th Ward.

"I am excited about the opportunity to serve on the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago. It is my privilege to work with this Board to help steer the MWRD in the right direction to help meet its goals as a leader in transforming and protecting our region's water while serving as a model agency in resource recovery and stormwater management," said Commissioner Walsh. "I thank Governor Rauner for this terrific opportunity and my fellow commissioners and MWRD staff who have welcomed me to this dynamic agency. Working together, we can ensure that the MWRD achieves its high standards of excellence in a fiscally responsible manner."

Commissioner Walsh will serve as chairman of the Board of Commissioners' committees on Industrial Waste & Water Pollution and Monitoring & Research and vice chairman of the Information Technology and Judiciary committees.

Since 2011, Commissioner Walsh has worked as head of Business Development at Mark J. Walsh & Company in 2011, a Chicago-based commodity trading advisor. He previously served as senior vice president of advertising for the Minneapolis Star Tribune and prior held a variety of positions



*Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago Commissioner David J. Walsh brings a wealth of insight to the Board with his private sector business background.*

with the Tribune Company, including vice president of advertising for the Los Angeles Times. Before joining the Times in 2005, he served as vice president of Tribune Interactive, where he oversaw print and online classified strategies for 10 Tribune-owned newspapers.

Commissioner Walsh has an extensive background serving citizens and businesses. He was a founding member of the Under 40, Inc., a non-profit organization that was tasked with engaging young men and women in the political process in Illinois. Additionally, he served as a business unit chairperson for the United Way of Northern Illinois in 2004. In Los Angeles, Walsh served on the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Sports Council. In 2008, he was named to the Board of Directors of the Minneapolis Regional Chamber of Commerce, a position he held until 2010. Gov. Pat Quinn appointed him as a commissioner of the Illinois Human Rights Commission in October 2011. He was confirmed to that post by the Illinois State Senate in *(continued)*



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March 2012. In March 2013, Gov. Quinn re-appointed Walsh to a full term on the Commission. Currently, Commissioner Walsh is involved with Holy Trinity High School in Chicago, where he serves as a mentor and student sponsor.

Commissioner Walsh was born in Chicago. He attained a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1985. While at Illinois, he served as an elected member of the faculty-student Senate. After graduation, he served three terms as a director of the University of Illinois Alumni Board. In 2000, he successfully completed the General Management Executive Education program at Harvard Business School in Boston, Mass.



*New Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago Commissioner David J. Walsh (right) speaks with fellow Commissioner Timothy Bradford at his first Board of Commissioners meeting on Oct. 1. Commissioner Walsh was recently appointed to the Board by Gov. Bruce*

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