



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

# Press Release

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## MWRD Vice President Barbara McGowan honored with the Top Ladies of Distinction award



*(L-R): Jason Bullock, MWRD Diversity Officer; Linda Cobran, Administrative Specialist; Eddie Amin-Raul, Senior Diversity Officer; MWRD President Mariyana Spyropoulos; Denise Hardney, Diversity Officer; Commissioner Frank Avila and Sherry Avila; Vice President Barbara McGowan; Regina Berry, Diversity Administrator; Congressman Danny Davis; David St. Pierre, MWRD Executive Director; and Omari Prince, representing Cook County Commissioner Larry R. Rogers, Jr.*



*Omari Prince, representing Cook County Commissioner Larry R. Rogers, Jr.; MWRD President Mariyana Spyropoulos; MWRD Commissioner Frank Avila; Vice President Barbara McGowan; and Congressman Danny Davis.*

The Ebony Chapter of the Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc., (TLOD) a national non-profit, humanitarian service organization, honored Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago Vice President Barbara McGowan during the Sparkling Jewels Award Ceremony held at the Elmcrest Banquet Hall in Elmwood Park on April 28.

Vice President McGowan, Congressman Danny Davis and Cook County Commissioner Larry R. Rogers, Jr. received awards for their humanitarian, political and community service and as trailblazers in helping to alleviate the myriad of problems confronting youth in Cook County.

TLOD was established in 1964 with a purpose of marshalling the talents and energies of local leaders to alleviate moral and social problems confronting our youth. Since its inception, the organization has expanded its objectives to improve the



*MWRD Vice President Barbara McGowan and MWRD Executive Director David St. Pierre.*

status of women, provide service to senior citizens, beautify communities and engage in partnerships. There are numerous chapters nationwide which support the National Council of Negro *(continued)*

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Women, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the United Negro College Fund. Membership in TLOD has grown over the past 54 years to include thousands of dedicated, hardworking and powerful women.

“It is a tremendous honor to be recognized for something I am passionate about,” said Vice President McGowan. “I believe children are our future, and the adults in their lives are important role models.”

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*Vice President Barbara McGowan and MWRD Diversity Officers Jason Bullock and Denise Hardney.*

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### 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 used water treatment and stormwater management in Cook County, Illinois.*