

**LITTLE CALUMET RIVER WATERSHED PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**QUARTERLY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2020**  
**4:30 P.M.**  
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**AGENDA**

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| I.    | CALL TO ORDER  | CHAIRMAN DON DEGRAFF    |
| II.   | ROLL CALL  | SECRETARY GENE WILLIAMS |
| III.  | TRANSCRIPT OF COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 16, 2020                                  | SECRETARY GENE WILLIAMS |
| IV.   | OLD BUSINESS/CONTINUING BUSINESS   |                         |
|       | A. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS UPDATES  | AIDA GUIDO<br>MWRD      |
|       | B. SMALL STREAM MAINTENANCE PROGRAM UPDATES  | ROB PODGORNÝ<br>MWRD    |
|       | C. WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE AND INFILTRATION & INFLOW PROGRAM                | LOLITA THOMPSON<br>MWRD |
| V.    | MEETING DATES/TIMES FOR 2020<br>JANUARY 16; APRIL 16; JULY 16; OCTOBER 15; 4:30 PM |                         |
| VI.   | NEW BUSINESS   |                         |
| VII.  | OTHER BUSINESS   |                         |
| VIII. | PUBLIC COMMENT   |                         |
| IX.   | ADJOURNMENT  |                         |

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- Village of Dixmoor
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- Village of Richton Park
- Village of Riverdale
- Village of Robbins
- Village of Sauk Village
- Village of South Chicago Heights
- Village of South Holland
- Village of Steger
- Village of Thornton
- Village of Tinley Park
- Village of University Park
  
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LITTLE CALUMET RIVER  
WATERSHED PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING

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Office of the South Suburban  
Mayors and Managers Association  
1904 West 174th Street  
East Hazel Crest, Illinois

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Thursday, January 16, 2020  
4:32 o'clock P.M.

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19 Held on Thursday, January 16, 2020,  
20 commencing at the hour of 4:32 o'clock P.M., at the  
21 Offices of the South Suburban Mayors and Managers  
22 Association, 1904 West 174th Street, East Hazel  
23 Crest, Illinois.

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1 PRESENT: (District Personnel)

2 MS. LOLITA THOMPSON, Senior Civil Engineer

3 MR. JACK CHAN, Associate Civil Engineer

4 MR. ROB PODGORNÝ, Civil Engineer

5 MR. JOE KRATZER, Managing Civil Engineer

6 MS. ANNIE WRIGHT, Asst. Public Information Rep.

7 MS. REBECCA WOOLEY, Public Affairs Specialist

8 MR. JOHN JOINER, Office of President Kari

9 Steele

10 MR. JOHN FOX, Office of Commissioner Cameron

11 Davis

12 ALSO PRESENT:

13 MR. DON DE GRAFF, Village of South Holland

14 MS. KRISTI DELAURENTIIS, Executive Director,

15 SSMMA

16 MS. LESLIE PHEMISTER, SSMMA

17 MR. RICHARD REINBOLD, Village of Richton Park

18 MR. WILLIAM BARRON, City of Markham

19 MR. DAN MILOVANOVIC, Village of Flossmoor

20 MS. ANNIE COULTER, Village of Ford Heights

21 MR. JOHN BENDLE, Village of South Holland

22 MR. BOB KOLOSH, Village of Thornton

23 MR. JOHN RYAN, Village of Alsip

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1 ALSO PRESENT (continued):

2 MR. GENE RYAN, Cook County Emergency

3 Management and Regional Security

4 MR. EMIR HARDY, F.U.T.U.R.E. Foundation

5 MS. JEN JENKINS, The Nature Conservancy

6 MR. CHARLES DIERINGER

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10 Members of the Public

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1 MR. DEGRAFF: Can I have your attention.  
2 It's 4:30 plus, 4:32, 4:33 to be exact. I'll call  
3 the meeting to order. At this point agenda, from  
4 Roman numeral II on the agenda is for a roll call.  
5 Typically a roll call is for us to go around the  
6 room and to let our recorder record your presence  
7 here. So we are going to do that.

8 We will start in the far back corner and  
9 go the back row, front row, and then on the side.  
10 We'll end up over in this end. So way in the back.

11 MR. MILOVANOVIC: Hi. I'm Dan  
12 Milovanovic, Village of Flossmoor public works  
13 Department.

14 MR. BARRON: William Barron.

15 MR. DEGRAFF: William Barron from?

16 MR. BARRON: City of Markham.

17 MS. JENKINS: Jen Jenkins, The Nature  
18 Conservancy.

19 MR. BENDLE: John Bendle from the Village  
20 of South Holland.

21 MR. JOINER: John Joiner, President Kari  
22 Steele's office, MWRD.

23 MR. FOX: John Fox, Commissioner Cam  
24 Davis's office, MWRD.

1 MR. DIERINGER: Chuck Dieringer, resident  
2 of Chicago Heights.

3 MS. WOOLEY: Rebecca Wooley, public  
4 affairs specialist, MWRD.

5 MR. KRATZER: Joe Kratzer, MWRD,  
6 stormwater management.

7 MS. WRIGHT: Annie Wright, MWRD.

8 MR. RYAN: Gene Ryan, chief of planning  
9 for Cook County Emergency Management Regional  
10 Security.

11 MR. CHAN: Jack Chan, MWRD, stormwater  
12 management.

13 MS. THOMPSON: Lolita Thompson, MWRD,  
14 local sewers.

15 MR. PODGORNY: Robert Podgorny, MWRD,  
16 small streams maintenance.

17 MR. KOLOSH: Bob Kolosh, mayor of  
18 Thornton.

19 MS. DELAURENTIIS: Kristi Delaurentiis,  
20 South Suburban Mayors and Managers.

21 MR. DEGRAFF: Don DeGraff, mayor of South  
22 Holland.

23 MS. PHEMISTER: I'm Leslie Phemister with  
24 South Suburban Mayors and Managers.



1 MR. DEGRAFF: Good. Thank you all.

2 As Item III, transcripts of the meetings  
3 are available if anyone wants to see those.

4 Let's go right into the heart of our  
5 meeting. And Capital Improvement Updates, Jack,  
6 you're going to take care of those for us.

7 MR. CHAN: Yep.

8 Thank you very much for being here today,  
9 and I'm great to have the opportunity to give you an  
10 update on some of our stormwater projects that the  
11 District is working on in partnership with  
12 municipalities within the Little Cal Watershed.

13 So I understand that we have a hard stop.

14 MR. DEGRAFF: There's a hard stop at 5:45,  
15 but if we can do it, if we can be done by 5:15, that  
16 would be even better. We'd have more time to eat  
17 pizza.

18 MR. CHAN: Okay. I'll keep it brief. And  
19 if you have questions, feel free to raise your hand.

20 This is a new project map that I made that  
21 kind of give you an idea how many projects that the  
22 District is working on. There's probably in the  
23 last count over 150 stormwater projects throughout  
24 Cook County. And within the Little Calumet River

1 Watershed, there are I believe 18 projects. Let me  
2 double-check, make sure that's correct. Eighteen  
3 projects; and we have five Phase I projects, six  
4 Phase II projects, and seven green infrastructure  
5 projects.

6 Just before I go through some of the  
7 updates for the projects, I want to talk about our  
8 call for project; and starting with this project  
9 call, we are changing the name of the program a  
10 little bit. Formally known as Phase II program, now  
11 we are calling it the local stormwater partnership  
12 opportunity. So there's not going to be a  
13 distinction between Phase I and Phase II. We just  
14 call these stormwater projects.

15 And the call for project application was  
16 released before Christmas; and it's, right now it's  
17 available online on our new website. And the due  
18 date is February 14th. You don't remember that  
19 date, it's Valentine's Day. So we can -- all your  
20 submission, it's a form online, just fill it out,  
21 then you'll hit the submit button, and it sends an  
22 e-mail so we'll know that you submitted.

23 So if you have any questions, you can call  
24 Rich Fisher; and he'll be happy to help you with it.

1 All right. I'm going to go through real  
2 quick, first, these are Phase I projects. The first  
3 project is the stream bank stabilization in Tinley  
4 Park. And right now we are working with the  
5 Village, and the Village is trying to rebid the  
6 project because they wanted to add a few more  
7 locations to the project. So we are right now  
8 finalizing the Intergovernmental Agreement with the  
9 Village.

10 The next project is the levee along Thorn  
11 Creek at Arquilla Park, and I think the Village is  
12 still working on acquisition of a few of the  
13 remaining properties. And so hopefully we can move  
14 that project forward.

15 The next project is another stream bank  
16 stabilization project in Markham. It's on the  
17 Calumet Union Drainage Ditch, and right now we  
18 working on the utility relocation. Once that's  
19 done, then should be able to get the project out for  
20 bid in spring of 2020, this year.

21 The next project is in Ford Heights. This  
22 project we are looking at along Deer Creek, and  
23 right now Deer Creek overflows banks and affected  
24 the residents in the Golden Meadows subdivision. So

1 we working with the Village and Cook County and  
2 various other agencies. Originally we are thinking  
3 about a floodplain widening project. Right now we  
4 are kind of looking at buyout alternatives. We are  
5 working with them; so we are moving forward in that  
6 direction.

7           So this, the rest of the projects are the  
8 Phase II projects. This is the project in Natalie  
9 Creek. Right now it's under construction. They're  
10 working on putting in the culverts. And the  
11 estimated finish date for this project would be in  
12 September this year.

13           The next project is in Robbins. It's the  
14 stormwater park. Right now we are working on the  
15 final engineering on the project. The Phase I  
16 portion of project, the construction and diversion  
17 channel, the engineering is almost done. We're at  
18 98 percent. That is going to be out for bid later  
19 this year. Right now we are working on acquiring  
20 the remaining property that we need for the entirety  
21 of the project.

22           Some of the newer partnership projects  
23 that we have, one is in Harvey. Basically it's a,  
24 what we call a preliminary engineering project. We

1 are looking at solving some of the flooding issues  
2 in the City of Harvey along Wood Street. And it  
3 happened so that IDOT is going to be doing a  
4 reconstruction project on Wood Street, and we'll be  
5 working with them to see if we can make some  
6 modification to the proposed storm sewer system; and  
7 that would create some new opportunity for us to  
8 allow a new release to Little Calumet River. So  
9 hopefully that will cause to be able to address some  
10 of the flooding issue within that area.

11 Another project very similar to Harvey is  
12 a Phase II project in South Holland along the Thorn  
13 Ditch. This is different from Thorn Creek. Right  
14 now there's a few properties that are impacted by  
15 the flooding mostly because of the backwater  
16 situation in the Little Cal. Our consultant right  
17 now is kind of doing some review of the testing  
18 information and working on the model. So hopefully  
19 we'll be able to come up with some good alternatives  
20 for the project.

21 We have, we have been doing project calls  
22 for green infrastructure projects for the past three  
23 years, I believe, starting in 2017. Every year we  
24 have about 20 projects add to the list. So each

1 year we -- the total construction cost is about  
2 10 million or so, and we've been able to generate,  
3 you know, over a million gallons per year in terms  
4 of the water being stored and infiltrating into the  
5 ground.

6 The most recent project calls from last  
7 year, again we accepted 20 projects, and we  
8 estimated there's going to be a thousand, more than  
9 a thousand structures going to be benefited from  
10 these green infrastructure projects.

11 I'm going to go through those green  
12 infrastructure projects real quick, kind of identify  
13 the area and the type of improvement that they're  
14 doing.

15 One project is in the Village of  
16 Midlothian. It's a permeable parking lot that  
17 they're building. The construction is going to  
18 start this year.

19 The project in Dolton, we're adding some  
20 bioswales in this subdivision here. Right now we're  
21 negotiating IGA with them.

22 Next project is in Thornton, the Wolcott  
23 School play yard. I think the project calls for  
24 some permeable pavement and some bioswale within the

1 school.

2 Another green infrastructure project is in  
3 Ford Heights in the Sunnyfield subdivision I think,  
4 co-op housing area. They're proposing some green  
5 streets, some detention underneath the street, and  
6 permeable pavement in the area. They will be  
7 working on the engineering sometime this year.

8 The other project is in the Village of  
9 Lansing. It's their parking lot improvement.  
10 They're proposing adding bioswales in the parking  
11 area and allow water to infiltrate. And we are  
12 working on the agreement with the Village at this  
13 time.

14 The last project is recently completed in  
15 Village of Tinley Park. They added some permeable  
16 pavement on the north side of the train station. I  
17 think it was completed last year. If you have a  
18 chance, you can go and take a look at how the  
19 installation went, especially on the rainy days and  
20 see the water just go right through the street.  
21 Very impressive.

22 Let's see. This is a green guide. I've  
23 been talking about all year last year about this  
24 green guide. So good news is the guide for the

1 resident and for homeowners is available, it's  
2 completed. We call it the Green Neighbor Guide.  
3 And I've actually brought a copy. If you want to  
4 flip through it, you can come to me after the  
5 meeting and we'll show that to you. But we do have  
6 some brochures on the table. If you're interested,  
7 you can grab one.

8           What that green guide is, it provides a  
9 step-by-step instruction on how to install some of  
10 the green infrastructure in your home such as rain  
11 gardens, permeable pavement if you're adventurous  
12 enough to do that. It's available to download on  
13 our website. So you get the link here. You can  
14 just go to [mwrld.org](http://mwrld.org). You'll be able to find it.

15           We are also working on another green  
16 guide. It's for professionals or municipal  
17 officials. That guide is a little bit more  
18 technical in nature to provide kind of companion to  
19 our Technical Guidance Manual. So it will be a  
20 reference for engineers working on green  
21 infrastructure projects. That guide is under  
22 development right now. So hopefully it will be  
23 published sometime this year.

24           Last but not least, this is our buyout



1 program. We call it the flood-prone property  
2 acquisition program. And the call -- the  
3 application, what we call the pre-application is out  
4 at the same time as our stormwater partnership  
5 program application. And if you are interested in  
6 taking some of the homes and acquiring those homes  
7 and take them out of the floodplain, please go take  
8 a look at the application and fill it out. Again,  
9 it's an online application, and I have a couple of  
10 paper copies with me too. If you need that, I can  
11 give those to you as well.

12           Again, Rich Fisher is -- it's my  
13 supervisor. He's in charge of that program as well.  
14 If you have any questions, feel free to give him a  
15 call. Oh. By the way, it's the same deadline,  
16 Valentine's Day, February 14th.

17           One more thing. It's our Stormwater  
18 Master Plan initiative. Last year in May we sent  
19 out a survey to all the municipalities in Cook  
20 County to collect information about your existing  
21 flooding issues. About 50 percent of those  
22 municipalities responded. So we are still looking  
23 for more data. That online survey is still  
24 available. We didn't close it down. So if you have

1 not completed survey, please go to that website --  
2 or give me a call, and I'll give you the web link  
3 and you can complete that survey. That information  
4 is going to be needed for our master planning  
5 effort.

6 Here is my contact information. If any  
7 questions, you can send e-mail or give me a call.  
8 And Annie Wright, my colleague here, she's going to  
9 give us a few updates on some grant opportunities.

10 MS. WRIGHT: Hi. I'm Annie Wright. The  
11 main reason I'm here is to introduce myself because  
12 I've been sending grant updates when they become  
13 available to the COGs, and hopefully they have been  
14 getting to the municipalities, just about some  
15 opportunities that are coming up. The reason that  
16 we are doing that is that it allows us to kind of  
17 use our funding in a wider net. You know, like  
18 if -- it gives us more flexibility to reach other  
19 areas when people find alternate avenues of funding  
20 or even as a match for our program.

21 So I'm going to keep doing that, but today  
22 I just brought a couple grants that are upcoming so  
23 that if you're not aware of it you will be. The  
24 two, they're both due on March 13th; and it's the

1 Cook County Block Development, Community Block  
2 Development Grant and Invest in Cook.

3 The CBDG is dependent on socioeconomic  
4 factors. So that is one thing to consider. Invest  
5 in Cook is for infrastructure, but the only thing is  
6 that each municipality can have one application. So  
7 you have to think hard about what you want to apply  
8 for. They have a lot more information on Cook  
9 County's website about both of those, and there's a  
10 lot of helpful guidance documents on there.

11 The other one is Sustain Our Great Lakes,  
12 and it is through the National Fish and Wildlife  
13 Association; and there are -- it is due Tuesday,  
14 February 11th. There are five funding categories  
15 mostly based on water quality, and they do have a  
16 lot of -- you have to do testing and stuff like that  
17 with it to prove that you're meeting the  
18 requirement. The funding rate is 100,000 to  
19 1 million; and a match is not required, but they  
20 said a one-to-one match makes it most competitive.

21 So they had a webinar today, but it is  
22 available on their website to watch later. So if  
23 you Google Sustain Our Great Lakes, you should be  
24 able to find it.

1           And here is my contact information. And  
2 then next up we have Rob who is going to give an  
3 update on the Small Streams Maintenance Program.

4           Rob.

5           MR. PODGORNY: Thanks, Annie.

6           All right. I'm Rob Podgorny. I've been  
7 with MWRD 20 years now but took over the Small  
8 Streams Maintenance Program from Brian Levy. A lot  
9 of you guys know Brian. You won't be contacting him  
10 anymore -- you still can contact him. It will just  
11 come to me.

12           So for about 16 days now I've been in  
13 charge of the program so bear with me. If you have  
14 any questions that I can't answer today, shoot me an  
15 e-mail, and I'll have a good answer for you shortly.

16           So our program started in 2006. We  
17 relieve flooding in urbanized areas. Unlike Jack's  
18 projects, ours are quick and simple: We go in the  
19 stream; we get obstructions out; and we get the  
20 water flowing. If it still floods after that,  
21 that's when you go into engineering design and  
22 projects.

23           We go in daily to remove obstructions,  
24 whether it's by hand with a few laborers and

1 chainsaws or a small -- we call this a boxer. He  
2 rides on the back, and they can get into these tight  
3 areas into the creeks, grab the logs, and pull them  
4 out. A little bigger skid-steer crew can grab  
5 bigger debris and also fit in tight spots. And then  
6 the Gradall for reaching over off of bridge decks,  
7 from the banks into creeks that are too far to reach  
8 by hand or with the Gradall and skid-steer. We also  
9 have a Menzi. That's kind of like this spider that  
10 can crawl up banks and get down into the water if  
11 it's out in the middle and you can't reach it off  
12 the bridge decks.

13           These are run by our contractors. So I'm  
14 in charge of two engineering techs, and those two  
15 are in charge of the contractors. So they oversee  
16 all the daily work.

17           Here's a slide of cubic yards of debris  
18 removed since the inception of the program. As you  
19 can see, the Little Cal or -- this is the Little  
20 Cal?

21           MR. DEGRAFF: Yep.

22           MR. PODGORNY: The Little Cal. Almost a  
23 hundred thousand yards of debris that's been  
24 removed. You guys can picture a 20-yard

1 construction dumpster or a 40- or a 60-yard  
2 dumpster, we are filling hundreds of those up a year  
3 just with dead trees.

4 And it's been pretty consistent in this  
5 watershed over the years. We are finding stuff  
6 every day. Now, we are not out there walking the  
7 creek and finding these. We have to rely on  
8 citizens' incident reports and the villages to  
9 report these to us.

10 There is an app that's on your iPhones.  
11 I'm not sure if we have an android app yet  
12 available. Or we can go on our website. At GIS  
13 maps and data tab, you can submit citizen incident  
14 report, odor or general incident or stream blockage,  
15 and that e-mail will come directly to me. Or call  
16 me, there's my number at Stickney, or e-mail me.

17 And we also take dogs out of creeks, save  
18 puppies. That's from the day before Thanksgiving at  
19 SEPA 3 on the Cal-Sag. This poor guy was in a  
20 garbage bag in the SEPA station sitting down in the  
21 muck. Someone threw him out. Brian and I were  
22 inspecting, going to get all that silt out, and we  
23 saw him sitting down out in there. And he -- we  
24 chased him around through the muck a little bit, and

1 he actually jumped in the river and started swimming  
2 away from us with a garbage bag tied around his  
3 neck. Every time we went over to try and save him,  
4 he would swim away from us and was totally scared.

5 Finally, we backed off and he got tired  
6 enough to swim over to that log, and I got in and  
7 grabbed him. He's doing great. He was rescued.  
8 And if anyone has Instagram, I'll show you some  
9 pictures later. He's doing fabulous.

10 MR. DEGRAFF: Did you just keep him?

11 MR. PODGORNYY: No. He's with a yoga  
12 instructor down in Florida now. She meditates with  
13 him.

14 MR. DEGRAFF: Okay.

15 MR. PODGORNYY: We also have a rain barrel  
16 program. A lot of you already know about that. We  
17 sell them, again, through Public Affairs for \$45.78.  
18 You can order it on our website. They'll deliver  
19 them to your door. You just put them together.  
20 They're simple. You cut your gutter, you slide this  
21 underneath the gutter to catch that first 55 gallon  
22 from going into the streams and the sewers.  
23 Basically the goal is to save that first flush.

24 Through December 18 -- well, I got updated

1 numbers. Through December '19 we are over 140,000  
2 rain barrels distributed in the county. I thought I  
3 updated that. Again, through Public Affairs or our  
4 website you can have those delivered.

5 We also have this Restore the Canopy  
6 program. We have an agreement with the state  
7 nursery down in Topeka. They deliver bare root  
8 bundles of oak trees to us. They come in a 50 or a  
9 hundred pack of bare root bundles. We can  
10 distribute those to the municipalities, or we -- you  
11 can come pick them up at our treatment plants. But  
12 not until the spring. Right now everything is --  
13 you don't want to be planting trees now anyway.

14 But same goal. The trees soak up the  
15 water. And we are cutting down -- not really  
16 cutting down, but there's so many dead trees down  
17 that we are trying to replenish the trees that we  
18 lost with the emerald ash borer and the various  
19 diseases. I think we are up to 77,000 trees  
20 distributed to the public.

21 Also contact Public Affairs for the trees.  
22 And you can pick them up on I think it's  
23 Wednesday -- yeah, Wednesdays from 9:00 to noon at  
24 any of the treatment plants I think starting in



1 April.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: April 2020.

3 MR. PODGORNYY: That's it for my  
4 presentation. If anyone has questions or --

5 MR. DEGRAFF: Yeah, I guess we could ask  
6 questions of Rob or Annie or Jack where we are today  
7 and either on the capital improvement program or the  
8 small stream or grants for that matter. Thoughts?  
9 Questions? Anybody have anything they want to bring  
10 up at this time?

11 Chuck.

12 MR. DIERINGER: I'm Chuck Dieringer on  
13 Thorn Creek up in the Chicago Heights area. I live  
14 in an area that's really not well served as far as  
15 stormwater services by the Water Reclamation  
16 District, and I was wondering if the Small Streams  
17 actually does follow Thorn Creek all the way up to  
18 the county line in terms of blockages. Because I  
19 know 26th Street, there's a dam right now that's  
20 partially blocked. That's a main stream that dam is  
21 located on. I think it needs to be checked more  
22 frequently.

23 MR. PODGORNYY: 26th Street? Okay. I  
24 can --

1           MR. DIERINGER: It's a dam at 26th Street,  
2 a major dam.

3           MR. PODGORNÝ: So how our work flow works,  
4 you can submit to me. I can take the information  
5 now. I go inspect the creek itself. I bring my GIS  
6 with me, log the site, take pictures, verify that  
7 it's a blockage that we can handle, create a work  
8 order --

9           MR. DIERINGER: Nobody really lives there.  
10 So people may fish there but there's not much as far  
11 as -- and I just think it's a county lake, and it's  
12 something that needs to be observed more. Because  
13 the MWRD is doing the county's business or anything  
14 with stormwater management. I would think there  
15 would be some routine checking of the major streams.

16           MR. PODGORNÝ: Yeah, like I said, there's  
17 so many that I can't be walking streams every day.  
18 We only have three people. But I got to rely on you  
19 guys to really get this information to me so I can  
20 address it.

21           MR. DIERINGER: I'll do that.

22           MR. PODGORNÝ: Really that's the only way.  
23 Unless we have drones going around and that may  
24 be --

1 MR. DEGRAFF: Who is going to pay for  
2 those?

3 MR. PODGORNÝ: Feds.

4 MR. DEGRAFF: Thank you, Chuck.

5 Others, questions, thoughts, of anybody,  
6 the three?

7 (No response.)

8 MR. DEGRAFF: Now let's move on. Lolita,  
9 you're going to take care of WMO.

10 MS. THOMPSON: I will.

11 Good afternoon, everyone. My name is  
12 Lolita Thompson. I'll be talking to you today about  
13 the Watershed Management Ordinance and the  
14 Infiltration/Inflow Control Program.

15 So today we want to talk a little bit  
16 about permit applicability. You know, a lot of  
17 times there are lots of projects that come up, and  
18 my department is local sewers. I'm in the general  
19 services unit. And so we get a lot of permit  
20 determination letters coming in when you are asking  
21 us do I need a permit for this particular project.  
22 So we thought it would be helpful to let all of the  
23 watersheds know, kind of give them a better feel of  
24 when you actually do need a permit and when you

1 don't.

2           So first of all, some of your triggers.  
3 If the development is greater than half of an acre,  
4 so if you have half of an acre of disturbed area,  
5 you typically are going to need a permit.

6           If you're modifying any District permitted  
7 detention facility, so if you got a permit, even if  
8 it was through the previous SPO or if it's through  
9 the WMO, you're typically -- and adjusting a  
10 District permitted detention facility, then you are  
11 typically going to need a permit if you're trying to  
12 modify that.

13           If you're in a flood protection area, so  
14 whether it's a floodplain or wetland, something like  
15 that, you're going to need a permit.

16           If you're doing any type of qualified  
17 sewer construction or if you're trying to tap into  
18 the TARP or any of our interceptors, permits are  
19 required along with outfalls.

20           Now, within Cook County development and  
21 modification to our detention facilities and also  
22 flood protection areas, they generally will, like I  
23 said, will require a permit. And then that also  
24 triggers our stormwater management, which is Article

1 5 of the WMO.

2           However, that does not apply to the  
3 Chicago area. Chicago area generally just needs a  
4 permit if it's qualified sewer construction. Okay?  
5 And -- or if it's District, if they're tieing into  
6 the District or to one of the outfalls. And then  
7 the District impacts and outfalls are going to  
8 automatically, everybody in Cook County including  
9 Chicago will need that.

10           I'm going to go into a little more detail  
11 on each one of those. I just want to give you a  
12 quick overview.

13           So first of all, let's explain the  
14 difference between development versus maintenance.  
15 So development is when you have a change, a change  
16 in real estate which either is done by the private  
17 or public and it affects the volume, the flow rate,  
18 the drainage pattern or composition of the  
19 stormwater, and development does include  
20 redevelopment. Okay?

21           Maintenance is when you're doing in-kind  
22 replacement or restoration or repair of an existing  
23 infrastructure. So if you're replacing something  
24 that's asphalt pavement with another asphalt

1 pavement, that's maintenance. Okay?

2 So that's the difference. And that  
3 becomes important when we start talking about our  
4 permits. Because a lot of times with our permits  
5 you'll hear the word "development" used, and  
6 sometimes we get project requests that have that  
7 confused with maintenance.

8 And so typically within a flood protection  
9 area you are going to need a permit, and that is any  
10 disturbance that meets the definition of  
11 development, which we just went over, within the  
12 flood protection area, and it doesn't matter what  
13 size. You know, before I told you development  
14 greater than half an acre generally needs a permit?  
15 It doesn't matter what size if you're in a flood  
16 protection area. You have to have, you're going to  
17 need a permit.

18 So our little Lenny the Lightbulb reminds  
19 us that the permit area is needed even if you're  
20 less than a half an acre. And flood protection  
21 areas are defined in the WMO in Section 601, 602,  
22 and a few other sections; but just as an overview,  
23 the flood protection areas include the regulatory  
24 floodplains, the regulatory floodways, and that's

1 the floodways under the IDNR. These are a few of  
2 our definitions of those. And also it includes the  
3 riparian environments, our wetlands, and our wetland  
4 buffers.

5 And as you can see, each one of the  
6 definitions are there. I'm not going to read every  
7 one of them for you but just wanted to let you know  
8 kind of where that can be found within the WMO, in  
9 Section 603 to 607. And so, you know, if you're in  
10 any of those, that's considered flood protection  
11 area; and if you're doing any development in that  
12 area regardless of size, you will need a permit.

13 So we also mention an indirect wetland  
14 impact. So that means that the development that  
15 causes the wetland hydrology to fall below that 80  
16 percent threshold or if it exceeds 150 percent of  
17 the existing condition storm event runoff volume,  
18 that's based on the two years, 24-hour storm event.  
19 So that's when if you have an indirect wetland  
20 impact, then you also need a permit.

21 Also if you're building a residential  
22 building that's within 100 feet of the regulatory  
23 floodplain, you will need a permit.

24 Now projects that are undertaken by the

1 state or federal agencies such as IDOT, Illinois  
2 Tollway Authority, or any flood control projects  
3 that the District undertakes, those do not require a  
4 permit for development in flood protection areas,  
5 you know, or if they're greater than half an acre.  
6 But if we get qualified sewer construction and newer  
7 reconstructed outfalls, you do need a WMO permit  
8 still.

9           So development that's greater than half an  
10 acre. So here's some examples of items that require  
11 a permit. So if you have new concrete, asphalt,  
12 asphalt grinding, or parking or storage areas, new  
13 buildings that are greater than half an acre, a new  
14 parking lot, anything that changes the drainage  
15 pattern, those are examples of things that are -- if  
16 they're more than half an acre, you're going to need  
17 a permit.

18           Now, I told you when a permit is required.  
19 This is going to let you know when it's not  
20 required. If you're a single-family home and you  
21 are not in a flood protection area, okay, you won't  
22 need a permit.

23           If you're installing, replacing, or  
24 renovating a utility that's serving an existing



1 building or structure and you're restoring  
2 everything back to the way it was previously, you  
3 will not need a permit.

4           If you're excavating in public  
5 rights-of-way or public utility easements or to  
6 maintain utilities -- and again, you have to be  
7 restoring everything back to the existing grade and  
8 the vegetative cover has to be restored -- then a  
9 permit will not be required.

10           And so if the development involves  
11 maintenance activities or in-kind replacement of  
12 lawn areas that wouldn't otherwise require a permit,  
13 that means you're not putting any drain, any  
14 sprinkler systems or something to it, something  
15 isn't going to tie in to our interceptors or  
16 something, and again as long as the area is restored  
17 to existing grade and vegetative cover is restored,  
18 you will not need a permit.

19           And so we talked about in the beginning  
20 difference between maintenance and development. So  
21 this is some examples of what is not considered  
22 maintenance, because we get a lot of these in all  
23 the time.

24           So if you change the drainage pattern by

1 constructing a pond or something, that's not  
2 maintenance. Okay.

3 If you install some pervious pavers where  
4 something was formally grassy, that is not  
5 maintenance. That's considered development and you  
6 would need a permit. It's not an in-kind  
7 replacement. Okay?

8 Replacing a grass field with a synthetic  
9 turf, not considered maintenance. Okay. That is  
10 not in kind. In kind means exactly what it says:  
11 It has to be exactly the same type before as it is  
12 after.

13 And installing structural grass to convert  
14 a landscape area to parking, you know, even if let's  
15 say you had, you know, cars used to park there  
16 anyway on the grass, but that's not considered  
17 maintenance because that wasn't the purpose intended  
18 for it. So that is a change in use.

19 All right. A permit is not required if we  
20 have in-kind replacements of existing impervious  
21 areas also. Just like we had with pervious areas,  
22 if they're impervious and you're doing in-kind  
23 replacement, same before and same after, you don't  
24 need a permit.

1           Some examples of some that are not  
2 maintenance and they will require a permit. So if  
3 you install drainage structures or storm sewers in  
4 an existing parking lot, you know, that is not  
5 considered maintenance anymore even if you kept  
6 everything else the same. It's because you're  
7 changing the drainage pattern.

8           If you construct a curb around an existing  
9 impervious area that changes the stormwater runoff,  
10 that's not maintenance anymore.

11           Installing permeable pavers in an existing  
12 impervious area, again, not maintenance, requires a  
13 permit.

14           Demolishing a building. We get this one a  
15 lot. And installing a new building but it's on the  
16 same footprint. New buildings are development, and  
17 so they do require a permit. Even if it's on the  
18 exact same lot and foundation.

19           So qualified sewer construction. That's  
20 all new and replacement public and private sewers  
21 and the sewer connections that are outside of a  
22 building foundation. So if you're doing sanitary  
23 sewer, you're going to need a permit. Storm sewer  
24 that's within the combined sewer area that's

1 tributary to either the combined sewer or waterway  
2 needs a permit. Storm sewer within a separate sewer  
3 area that's tributary to some of the District  
4 facilities, that also needs a permit.

5 Okay. Now, your interior sewer work,  
6 that's considered plumbing. You don't need a permit  
7 for that. That is regulated by the local authority.  
8 So you have to check with your own individual areas  
9 for that.

10 And qualified sewer that is not  
11 accompanied by development you might be able to get  
12 away with not a full WMO permit but a notification  
13 and request for inspection permit. So if you're  
14 only doing something with the sewer, then you can,  
15 you know, check and see if you can -- and you're not  
16 doing any development, then you might not need to  
17 get a full WMO permit, you can get an NRI possibly.

18 And so if you want a complete list of the  
19 qualified sewer construction, it can be found in  
20 Section 701 of the WMO.

21 Talked a little bit earlier about District  
22 permitted detention facilities. So you would need a  
23 permit for those if you're reconfiguring an existing  
24 stormwater system that's changing the service area

1 or if you're modifying the control structure or  
2 storage volume.

3 And so the volume, the high water level,  
4 and the release rates, they're regulated under the  
5 permit; and they have to be maintained, and they  
6 have to be maintain until you get a new permit or  
7 you get a permit revision. And then if you get one  
8 of those, that supersedes the original permit; but  
9 until that time you do. And that applies to all  
10 detention facilities. So that applies -- that are  
11 permitted by the District. So if they were under  
12 the Sewer Permit Ordinance or if they're under the  
13 WMO, then that rate applies.

14 And then for District impact. So District  
15 connections to our interceptors, our reservoirs, our  
16 facilities, the TARP. Okay. So a permit is always  
17 required for that. You have to have a WMO or you  
18 have to have a Facility Connection Authorization,  
19 which is an FCA, when you're doing connections. And  
20 the FCA is only available to Chicago residents.

21 And then when we have newer reconstructed  
22 outfalls to waterways or to Lake Michigan, you're  
23 also going to need a permit.

24 So reconstruction of outfalls, that's

1 something that we get too, requires a permit; and it  
2 includes in-kind replacement. So if you're going to  
3 extend a pipe, if you're going to relocate or, you  
4 know, add some wing walls or something, you are  
5 going to need a permit. However, if you're just  
6 going to do maintenance, like just do some simple  
7 grouting or something, you don't need a permit for  
8 that, use patching, sealing. So if you're not going  
9 to be modifying it or replacing it, you wouldn't  
10 need a permit. If you're doing liners, you would  
11 need something like an NRI possibly.

12           Authorized -- for authorized  
13 municipalities -- try saying that one 20 times  
14 fast -- when you enter into an IGA with the District  
15 in order for you to issue a WMO permit, that's when  
16 you're considered an authorized municipality, and  
17 the authorized municipality reviews the WMO permit.  
18 So in those cases the District will only review the  
19 qualified sewer construction, and they'll look at  
20 detention for projects that use existing detention  
21 facilities that were previously permitted by the  
22 District. But if you're authorized municipality,  
23 they will review --

24           MR. DEGRAFF: Say that again.

1 MS. THOMPSON: I know. Right?

2 -- they will review the WMO permit.

3 Now multicounty municipalities who have  
4 entered into an IGA with the District to enforce the  
5 adjacent county's stormwater ordinance within Cook  
6 County, they don't -- a WMO permit is not required  
7 for them for development that is within the flood  
8 protection areas or for more than a half an acre.  
9 However, municipal projects need to submit a full  
10 WMO because you can't, you know, permit yourself.  
11 So you can't, you know, do that.

12 So a WMO permit is required for qualified  
13 sewer construction, newer reconstructed outfalls, or  
14 municipal projects that are within that multicounty  
15 municipality, then they should submit a full WMO  
16 permit. Okay.

17 So if you're still not sure if you need a  
18 permit, again, submit a permit determination  
19 request. We will always be happy to, you know, look  
20 at it, see whether or not. The more information you  
21 give us the better. So, you know, drawings, scope  
22 of work, let us know exactly what you're planning at  
23 that point; and we will be glad to take a look at it  
24 and we recommend that you do that, and we'll let you

1 know whether or not you need a permit.

2 And then if you have a question about the  
3 permit application once it has been decided that you  
4 do need a permit, you can always request to have a  
5 pre-application meeting. Okay. And all the  
6 requests go to the attention of Ms. Justine Skawski  
7 at the District address, and that information is  
8 also on our website.

9 So again, you can check with Justine's  
10 contact information on our website, or you can look  
11 at [mwrdd.org/WMO](http://mwrdd.org/WMO) for permit determination requests.  
12 If you had a previously issued SPO or WMO, you can  
13 send an e-mail to [mwrddpi@mwrdd.org](mailto:mwrddpi@mwrdd.org). And there is  
14 also an e-mail list for WMO updates, and you can  
15 please feel free to download and use the most recent  
16 WMO forms which are on our website. If you can't  
17 see them, make sure you might need to clear your  
18 browser cache. If it's like, hey, this looks like  
19 the old ones I've been using, clear your browser and  
20 make sure before, you know, you go forward.

21 So the new WMO was amended January 1st  
22 of this year, and the watershed specific release  
23 rate changed for Little Calumet. It is now 0.25 cfs  
24 per acre for Little Calumet. And there's updated



1 Bulletin 70 rainfall data, and there's redevelopment  
2 allowances and new methodology that have been in our  
3 new updated WMO.

4 And this just shows all the different  
5 watersheds and the various release rates that became  
6 effective first of the year.

7 Our forms that have been updated are the  
8 schedules D and the D Legacy, schedules H, P, W.  
9 Our fee payment vouchers have also been updated and  
10 authorized municipality form. Then we -- here are  
11 some detailed updates you can find in our Technical  
12 Guidance Manual regarding the outlet control  
13 structures; and they added, we have added new  
14 typical volume control storage below the detention  
15 basin outlet.

16 Regarding the TGM updates, we updated  
17 Article 5 and Article 14. So that is a new version.  
18 We have got some new design calculators, and we have  
19 got some new HEC-HMS model templates in there.  
20 Again, you might need, you know, to clear your  
21 browser in order to see these, but I think these  
22 are -- will be really helpful for you as you're  
23 trying to do your developments in the future.

24 Our I/I program. So the short-term

1 requirements, the completion of short-term  
2 requirements were due July 10th, 2019. And so the  
3 annual summary reports, they're due March 1st of  
4 every year. So that means we have got one coming up  
5 in a couple of months. So if you haven't gotten  
6 that in, you can feel free, start working on that,  
7 your 2019 annual summary reports.

8           And the long-term operation and  
9 maintenance program and the PSP, the private sector  
10 program, those were due also July the 10th, 2019.  
11 So if you have any questions, you're not sure if  
12 you're in compliance or if you have everything in or  
13 not, please feel free to contact Ann Gray. Her  
14 information is here, 751-3085, or graya@mwrdd.org.  
15 And if you have any questions about IICP, you can  
16 find that again on our website at mwrdd.org/ii.

17           For those that may be interested, we do  
18 lend GPS equipment and related software at no cost  
19 to sewer system owners to map their sewer system in  
20 GIS. You have to have an IGA with the District.  
21 And if you're interested, you can just -- in order  
22 to be added to the list, you have to submit a letter  
23 of intent to our director of engineering. And so we  
24 also again have on our website a template letter,

1 and I believe that website is incorrect. It's still  
2 mwrld.org/wmo. We should update that one. Or you  
3 can contact Ann if you would like to look into that,  
4 into borrowing one of our units.

5 With that said, again this is my  
6 information and contact number. And I also left on  
7 the table, if you would like, a few pamphlets. One  
8 is just a quick guide for developers about the  
9 Watershed Management Ordinance. Another one is a  
10 guide for homeowners about the WMO that might be  
11 interested. And another one is a guide for  
12 homeowners on inflow and infiltration. So I have a  
13 few copies of those back there if you're interested  
14 in those.

15 If you have any questions, feel free to  
16 see me after the meeting, give you a business card,  
17 or write down my information, and I'll be very happy  
18 to talk with you.

19 MR. DEGRAFF: Thanks, Lolita.

20 Questions? Obviously WMO is very  
21 comprehensive and I/I, there's a lot of thought and  
22 work that's been going into this.

23 Anybody have any questions. As specific  
24 as that was, we can certainly ask those after the

1 meeting.

2 Something specific, Chuck?

3 MR. DIERINGER: Specifically, I think you  
4 touched on a good project with the municipalities  
5 that are in multicounty areas, but I think that  
6 needs to be expanded to the watersheds that are  
7 affecting us, those watersheds, because you're  
8 dealing with unincorporated areas and development in  
9 those areas. I think you're going in the right  
10 direction in solving a problem that we're facing.

11 MS. THOMPSON: Okay.

12 MR. DIERINGER: Throughout the whole  
13 county there's a problem of infiltration with  
14 watersheds, but we happen to be in the flashiest  
15 stream in northeastern Illinois, and Thorn Creek is  
16 a big area that needs to be considered. But I  
17 just -- we are going in the right direction. I do  
18 support MWRD. I'm glad that at least we got  
19 somebody big in here with drive and audacious. Got  
20 to get to work. Thank you.

21 MR. DEGRAFF: Thank you, Chuck.

22 Others? Anybody else?

23 (No response.)

24 MR. DEGRAFF: Big issue. So basically

1 it's not so much what you know but who you know, the  
2 ability to call and ask questions. An example is  
3 when we have our pizza, if you haven't had Aurelio's  
4 pizza before, you have to get a permit to eat it.  
5 Water is not -- no permit for water, but pop you got  
6 to get a permit. See you all later for permits.

7 Bottom line is it's a complicated issue.  
8 If you don't know, make sure you ask. Thank you.

9 We are going to move on to Kim and Gene.

10 MR. RYAN: Gene.

11 MR. DEGRAFF: Gene. Go for it.

12 MR. RYAN: I got a PowerPoint, sir, but I  
13 know you got a time schedule you're trying to meet.  
14 If you want, can I just give you kind of a quick  
15 overview?

16 MR. DEGRAFF: Yeah, I would say that's  
17 fine, and see if there's any follow-up questions,  
18 that would be great. Appreciate that.

19 MR. RYAN: So again, my name is Gene Ryan.  
20 I'm the chief of planning for Cook County, take a  
21 second here, Emergency Management Regional Security.  
22 Our name has changed. Former, we were Homeland  
23 Security. Anyway, what we do is emergency  
24 management.

1           So what I'm here to give you an update on  
2 is what's called the Cook County  
3 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, and  
4 it's been very successful outcome. Again, we have a  
5 huge partner, and that's why we're invited here to  
6 share this with you, with Water Reclamation as  
7 well. Though we're represented, this involves a lot  
8 of you. We have different municipalities that have  
9 a point of contact we have worked with for than a  
10 year.

11           So what does this do for you? It's  
12 different kinds of funding opportunities such as  
13 Flood Mitigation Act or Pre-Disaster Mitigation Act  
14 or Hazard Mitigation Act funding. We are talking  
15 hundred of millions of dollars the federal  
16 government is providing out there for competitive  
17 bidding.

18           For you to go for those grants project to  
19 help make some of these projects and programs, as I  
20 mentioned, Water Reclamation, Economic Development  
21 for Cook County, and our office from Cook County are  
22 partnering together to help out municipalities  
23 currently with some of the grant opportunities out  
24 there. But the very first question that's asked as

1 member, everybody in the country, first question  
2 asked is: Do you have a hazard mitigation plan? If  
3 you say no, you're out.

4 So at this point in time out of the 135  
5 municipalities in this county, 121 have said they  
6 want to be part of it. As I walked in the door, 97  
7 have done adoption of resolutions, and you have to  
8 have that adoption resolution for me to accept it  
9 and pass it on to IEMA, then IEMA passes on to FEMA,  
10 and then FEMA will then notify you that you've been  
11 accepted and you're available now to compete with  
12 all this grant funding.

13 Usually there's a 25 percent matching fund  
14 with that that goes along with it, but we try to  
15 work as county agencies and also places such as  
16 Water Reclamation, try to work together to see how  
17 we can combine our efforts and help you out.

18 This has been going on since 2014. This  
19 is an update that had to be done that's required to  
20 be done in 2019 in September, which we accomplished.  
21 And 2014 we're recognized as being the largest one  
22 in the country, and we are again. Matter of fact,  
23 we're looked at as a model of how to move this  
24 process forward. A lot of different counties in the

1 country aren't as successful as we are.

2 Again, some of the challenges we have,  
3 this county, we're recognized as the second largest  
4 by population; but also I'm aware we have more  
5 population in Cook County itself than 46 of the  
6 states within the United States. We have 5.2  
7 million people that we're protecting and looking out  
8 for.

9 So it's a good idea for us all partnering  
10 up together and be multi-jurisdictional. The hazard  
11 plan is going and that's how it's moving forward.  
12 That's basically what's taking place. So the good  
13 news is as of right now there's 97. We are going to  
14 get to 121 before we're done.

15 Now, some people ask me, Well, Gene, why  
16 aren't all 135 in? Well, a lot of municipalities  
17 are in more than one county at one time; and some of  
18 the other counties had prior HMPs prior to ours so  
19 they opted to stay with theirs, which is fine  
20 because we go across borders and we work with the  
21 other five big counties all around us. We try to  
22 help one another.

23 So people can get in at any point in time  
24 they want to. There's a process they got to go



1 through but they can join. But that's why there's  
2 only the 121 at this point in time: We were the  
3 only ones they could turn to and help them moving  
4 forward.

5 The rest of the PowerPoint slide, it goes  
6 to -- oh, again on behalf of Director Barnes, thank  
7 you for this opportunity to give you a heads-up on  
8 this. The rest of the slides talk about some of the  
9 capabilities and resources that we have. I can  
10 stick around for a couple minutes if you like and  
11 talk about that because I know you're trying to move  
12 on forward with your next meeting.

13 So other than that, it's basically, again,  
14 if it wasn't for the input of your representation,  
15 being all the municipalities in this room and across  
16 the county and your points of contact working with  
17 us, Water Reclamation, we would not have been this  
18 successful.

19 MR. DEGRAFF: We appreciate a lot what  
20 you're doing in the department. Last time I heard  
21 you give that similar speech, about six months ago,  
22 whatever, the numbers weren't near as high --

23 MR. RYAN: No, sir.

24 MR. DEGRAFF: -- as they are today. So

1 there's been significant progress.

2 Any questions, thoughts, that anybody has  
3 here?

4 MR. RYAN: If I could, but if it wasn't  
5 for this organization, others like this, I would not  
6 have been this successful, their help as well.

7 MR. DEGRAFF: Good. Good.

8 Anybody else? Questions? Thoughts?

9 MS. DELAURENTIIS: Just a quick question,  
10 Gene. Kristi Delaurentiis with South Suburban  
11 Mayors and Managers, executive director.

12 Would I be able to reach out to you and  
13 find out if any of our local municipalities --

14 MR. RYAN: You can go online right now,  
15 like I just did as I walked in the door, I was asked  
16 a municipality that Water Reclamation is working  
17 with, did they adopt it. As soon as they adopt, we  
18 post them on our site. So you can see the 96 or 97  
19 ones that are on there right now.

20 The current address is still you can go to  
21 [cookcountyhomelandsecurity.org](http://cookcountyhomelandsecurity.org) and it will get you  
22 to it, and it will direct to whatever the new one is  
23 they're building out. You want to go to hazard  
24 mitigation, hit it -- if someone could advance that

1 very last slide for me, I'd appreciate it. I'll  
2 pull up my e-mail address up here as well as Kim.  
3 You can contact us. If you reach out to us  
4 tomorrow, we can call and tell you. If you don't  
5 mind just going through this real quick here. There  
6 you go.

7           So that's, again, my contact information.  
8 My partner with this program is regional planner Kim  
9 Nowicki. And again, the county as we see it is  
10 broken into three sections. There's a north region,  
11 central region, and a south region. Right now a  
12 couple guys are overseas in Iran fighting the battle  
13 right now. A couple guys have been promoted and  
14 they've left us, which happens all the time, working  
15 with other federal agencies.

16           So right now there's Brian Daliege and  
17 Dave Olson. You're best to reach out to right now,  
18 for now would be Brian Daliege. He's covering  
19 central and south, Dave is handling the rest of it,  
20 and I'm helping out as much as I can. My cell phone  
21 number is (312)735-2407, (312)735-2407. That's the  
22 best way to get ahold of me.

23           MR. DEGRAFF: Thank you, Gene. Very  
24 informative, very helpful.

1           Anybody else have thoughts or question of  
2 Gene?

3                           (No response.)

4           MR. DEGRAFF: Looking at the agenda,  
5 you'll see there are meeting dates. Pretty much  
6 write down the 16th of every month in your book,  
7 April 16, July 16, make it October 15th. Those  
8 three dates are the next meeting dates at 4:30, not  
9 at 6:00 o'clock anymore. So it's been a good  
10 attendance and a good meeting.

11           New Business. Anybody want to bring up  
12 any thoughts, any concerns, thoughts that they have?

13                           Yes.

14           MR. KRATZER: Thank.

15           Joe Kratzer again with MWRD. I just  
16 wanted to mention that as part of our regular  
17 updates on our capital projects in the stormwater  
18 programs, we wanted to inquire about having  
19 communities that have either done their own projects  
20 or partnered with MWRD to do a project to present on  
21 kind of their experience of going through the  
22 project.

23           So we are going to ask SSMMA and the other  
24 Councils of Governments to kind of solicit ideas for

1 presentations from municipalities within each area.  
2 And if there's anybody here today that would like  
3 to, you know, kind of show off a project that they  
4 have done, especially if it was one that the  
5 District was able to participate or partner on, we'd  
6 like to kind of give people some ideas on the types  
7 of projects that are out there and give some  
8 perspective from those communities.

9 MR. DEGRAFF: Where will these projects be  
10 displayed? Are you talking about --

11 MR. KRATZER: I'm sorry, I'm talking about  
12 at these meetings. So instead of us, you know, kind  
13 of going through the --

14 MR. DEGRAFF: At the COG meetings?

15 MR. KRATZER: Yeah, at the COG meetings.  
16 If anybody has any ideas, just let us know.

17 MR. DEGRAFF: Thank you.

18 Other thoughts, New Business, questions?  
19 Or for that matter Old Business, anybody else wants  
20 to bring up what we talked about in the past?

21 (No response.)

22 MR. DEGRAFF: Any Public Comment?  
23 Anything else that we want to address prior to our  
24 adjournment? Everybody seems happy.

1                   We will at this point motion to adjourn by  
2 Bob.

3                   MR. KOLOSH: Motion to adjourn.

4                   MR. DEGRAFF: Supported by Rick.

5                   MR. REINBOLD: Second.

6                   MR. DEGRAFF: All in favor, signify by a  
7 vote of aye.

8                                   (Chorus of ayes.)

9                   MR. DEGRAFF: We are out of here.

10                                   (WHEREUPON, at 5:32 P.M. the  
11 proceedings were concluded.)

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