



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

# Media Advisory

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## MWRD commissioners to be sworn in for six years of leadership



*(L-R): MWRD Commissioner Cameron Davis, Commissioner Kimberly Du Buclet, and Commissioner-elect Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda will be formally installed at the MWRD Board of Commissioners' Annual Meeting.*

**WHO:** Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) Commissioners Cameron Davis, Kimberly Du Buclet and Commissioner-elect Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda will join fellow commissioners, dignitaries and MWRD staff.

**WHAT:** Commissioner-elect Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda joins returning commissioners Cameron Davis and Kimberly Du Buclet to be formally sworn in as members of the MWRD's nine-member Board of Commissioners responsible for providing financial oversight and establishing policies and procedures which meet the MWRD's objective of protecting the water environment for the citizens of Cook County. The elected commissioners will be formally sworn in as commissioners in a first of its kind virtual installation ceremony as part of the MWRD Board of Commissioners' Annual Meeting. During the meeting, President Kari K. Steele will also release the [President's Annual Message for 2020](#).

**WHERE:** To view the installation ceremony, visit [mwrdd.org](http://mwrdd.org) and click on Board Meetings in the upper right corner or visit [mwrdd.legistar.com/calendar.aspx](http://mwrdd.legistar.com/calendar.aspx), scroll to "All Departments" and click on the "In Progress" link. Public comments can also be submitted by clicking on the eComment link. Public comment can also be made during a public comment period by calling (312) 751-3299.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, December 8, 2020, at 1 p.m.

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## **MWRD commissioners to be sworn in for six years of leadership, *cont.***

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) will hold its Board of Commissioners' Annual Meeting and commissioners' installation ceremony by video conference at 1 p.m. on Tuesday Dec. 8. Due to Governor J.B. Pritzker's Disaster Declaration and pursuant to Public Act 101-0640, the MWRD Board Room and building will remain closed to protect the health and safety of the public and staff; only essential personnel will be allowed entry. The public is encouraged to view the proceedings via live stream at [mwrld.org](http://mwrld.org). To view the meeting and make comment, visit [mwrld.legistar.com/calendar.aspx](http://mwrld.legistar.com/calendar.aspx). The President's Message is available for review at [mwrld.org/presidents-message-2020-year-review](http://mwrld.org/presidents-message-2020-year-review). Public comment may also be made during the Public Comment Period by calling (312) 751-3299 or by registering under the eComment link during the live meeting. Electronic comments will not be read during the meeting. Instead, electronic comments will be distributed to the Board and will be posted online.

The Board of Commissioners are responsible for providing financial oversight and establishing policies and procedures which meet the MWRD's objective of protecting the water environment for the citizens of Cook County. The MWRD commissioners are elected at large and serve on a salaried, part-time basis. Three commissioners are elected every two years for six-year terms.

Created in 1889 as the Sanitary District of Chicago, the MWRD today is an award-winning, special-purpose district responsible for treating wastewater and providing stormwater management for residents and businesses in its service area, which encompasses 882.1 square miles and includes Chicago and 128 suburban communities throughout Cook County. In its daily role, the MWRD strives to protect businesses, homes and neighborhoods from flood damages, clean wastewater entering water reclamation plants and manage water as a vital resource for the area, protecting area waterways and the source of drinking water in Lake Michigan. The MWRD is known famously throughout the world for its work reversing the flow of the Chicago and Calumet River Systems, constructing the North Shore Channel and the Tunnel and Reservoir Plan, also known as "TARP" or the "Deep Tunnel," and developing groundbreaking technologies to recover and reuse valuable resources to protect the planet.

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*Established in 1889, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) is an award-winning, special purpose government agency responsible for wastewater treatment and stormwater management in Cook County, Illinois. Learn more at [mwrld.org](http://mwrld.org).*