

**COMMISSION FILE NO:** 21-095-6 **DATE INTRODUCED:** June 28, 2021

**INTRODUCED BY:** Executive Director (Signature on File in the Office of the Commission)

**REFERRED BY COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON TO:** Commission

**RELATING TO:** Authorizing and Approving a Levy Increase Requirement for a Six-year Period

**SUMMARY:**

The Commission is requested to authorize and approve a capital budget restriction regarding levy increases over a six-year period. This approval is contingent on the State of Wisconsin modifying State Statutes to allow the District to finance and construct the Milwaukee Estuary Area of Concern's Dredged Material Management Facility (DMMF).

In October 2020, the Commission authorized staff to work with the legislature to modify State Statutes to allow the District to finance and construct a DMMF that is required to store contaminated sediments dredged from the bottom of the Milwaukee Estuary.

Wisconsin State Statute Chapter 200, Metropolitan Sewerage Districts, provides the powers and duties of metropolitan sewerage districts throughout the State. Subchapter II of this statute specifically outlines the powers and duties of the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District, which includes a city of the first class (City of Milwaukee). Section 200.35(14) of this chapter relates to shore protection projects, allowing the Commission to construct such projects only prior to 1992.

Staff has been working with the legislature to modify Section 200.35(14) to allow MMSD to participate in the financing and construction of the DMMF for the Milwaukee Estuary Area of Concern.

**ATTACHMENTS:** **BACKGROUND** ☒ **KEY ISSUES** ☐ **RESOLUTION** ☒  
**FISCAL NOTE** ☐ **S/W/MBE** ☐ **OTHER** ☒ Resolution 20-158-10; Draft Statutory Language

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## **BACKGROUND**

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Negotiations with leadership at the State legislature have resulted in a recommendation that the District provide assurance that the capital budget levy increases over a six-year period do not increase significantly. The recommended draft statutory language is attached.

## RESOLUTION

Authorizing and Approving a Levy Increase Requirement for a Six-year Period

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**RESOLVED**, by the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage Commission, that contingent on the State of Wisconsin modifying State Statutes to allow the District to finance and construct the Area of Concern's Dredged Material Management Facility, the District's annual capital budget levy increases during a six-year period will be at or below three percent.