

COMMISSION FILE NO: 25-049-4 **DATE INTRODUCED:** April 14, 2025

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

REFERRED BY COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON TO: Policy, Finance, and Personnel Committee

RELATING TO: Authorizing the Executive Director to Execute Purchase Orders and Purchase Order Changes for Private Property Infiltration and Inflow Reduction Residential Program Preapproved Contractors for Project M10007, Infiltration and Inflow Removal on Private Property via Residential Request

SUMMARY:

The Commission is requested to authorize the Executive Director to execute purchase orders and purchase order changes for the District's preapproved contractors completing work through Project M10007, Infiltration and Inflow (I/I) Removal on Private Property via Residential Request, for a total value not to exceed the approved budget for Project M10007.

Through the 2020 revisions of the Private Property Infiltration and Inflow (PPII) policy, the residential component of the PPII program, Pipe Check, was created to provide funding for individual residential private property owners in the service area's 29 municipalities to reduce I/I. The work is completed by contractors preapproved by the District through a qualifications-based evaluation process. Qualifying property owners contract directly with a preapproved contractor of their choice. Pipe Check funding offsets the total cost of the work through financial incentives paid to the contractor on behalf of the homeowner. This work helps the District meet its current Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit goal. The program also increases public awareness and education about PPII while facilitating solutions that allow more small and locally owned businesses to compete for District work.

ATTACHMENTS: **BACKGROUND** ☒ **KEY ISSUES** ☐ **RESOLUTION** ☒
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BACKGROUND

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The Pipe Check Program approach offers effective and efficient solutions to PPII and is founded on the principles of similar successful programs in West Allis, Wisconsin, and Duluth, Minnesota. The Pipe Check Program provides fixed unit cost financial incentives that offset homeowner out-of-pocket costs for qualifying work that comprehensively rehabilitates their aged and damaged infrastructure, rather than only applying patch repairs.

Some of the benefits of the Pipe Check Program include:

- Reduced basement backups – Pipe Check increases opportunities for program participation by allowing more homeowners to participate with a wider variety of I/I solutions offered.
- Increased small, women, and minority-owned business enterprise involvement – Pipe Check is tailored for work most effectively completed by small residential plumbing contractors with diverse ownership.
- Competitive pricing – Homeowners will have a list of approved contractors from which to choose. Contractors must provide competitive pricing to successfully contract with homeowners.
- Quality control – Municipal plumbing inspectors will inspect the work through the standard permitting process.
- Reduced liability and risk – Homeowners initiate the work, choose the contractor, and approve the scope of work that will be completed in their homes.
- Increased public awareness – Homeowners are more engaged in the work, since they initiate the work, make the decisions, and have a financial commitment.

The budget for Project M10007 (the Pipe Check Program) was \$1.3 million for Year 1 (2021) and \$1 million annually since then, as approved by the annual adoption of the budget.

The District's Long-range Financing Plan (LRFP) functions as a plan only and does not set or commit any expenditures or tax levies in the years beyond the current approved budget. The Commission does not act on any expenditure scheduled beyond the LRFP. As budgets for future years are prepared, staff will present to the Commission the recommended annual funding levels for the Pipe Check Program, depending on budget constraints.

BACKGROUND (Cont'd)

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The Commission is requested to authorize the Executive Director to execute purchase orders and purchase order changes for the Pipe Check Program (M10007) amount not to exceed the Project M10007 approved budget. The previous Commission Resolution, 21-088-6, limited the Executive Director to 15 purchase orders not to exceed \$6.3 million through 2026, contingent on District annual budget approvals. Currently, 11 purchase orders have been issued, with an average of three added annually.

Now in its fifth year, the Pipe Check Program continues to grow, requiring additional contractors to expand capacity and support increasing participation. The requested change will allow purchase orders and purchase order changes to be issued bound only by the approved Project M10007 budget.

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Executive Director to Execute Purchase Orders and Purchase Order Changes for Private Property Infiltration and Inflow Reduction Residential Program Preapproved Contractors for Project M10007, Infiltration and Inflow Removal on Private Property via Residential Request

RESOLVED, by the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage Commission, that the Executive Director is authorized to execute purchase orders and purchase order changes for District preapproved contractors completing work through Project M10007, Infiltration and Inflow Removal on Private Property via Residential Request, for a total value not to exceed the approved budget for Project M10007.