

COMMISSION FILE NO: 20-061-4 **DATE INTRODUCED:** April 15, 2020

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: Approve Change in Total Project Cost for Project W10004, Milwaukee River – North Avenue to Silver Spring Drive, and Approval to Create One Senior Project Manager Position

SUMMARY:

The Commission is requested to approve an increase in the total project cost (TPC) for Project W10004, Milwaukee River – North Avenue to Silver Spring Drive, by \$823,578 for an amended TPC of \$1,713,968 and to make a corresponding change to the TPC for Project M99001, Allowance for Cost and Schedule Changes.

Further, the Commission is requested to authorize the Executive Director to create one Senior Project Manager position, pay grade 13.

The purpose of Project W10004 is to identify solutions to fish passage, habitat improvements, and sediment accumulation issues for a Milwaukee Estuary Area of Concern (AOC) funded project. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) will reimburse the District all labor and expenses of this AOC funded project, including the labor costs for the new Senior Project Manager position. The scope of the project involves expanding on an existing planning study by collecting additional inventory information, refining alternative concepts and designing solutions to meet Milwaukee Estuary AOC metrics for delisting. The project area is expanded to extend from North Avenue to Silver Spring Drive along the Milwaukee River.

The Milwaukee Estuary was designated as an AOC in 1987 by the International Joint Commission because of historical modifications and pollutant loads that contributed toxic contamination to the AOC and Lake Michigan. Five AOC's have been identified in the Great Lakes basin within Wisconsin. WDNR is responsible for developing and implementing plans that address the specific water quality impairments in AOC's in Wisconsin, and, for the Milwaukee Estuary, WDNR is the lead agency in the cleanup plans.

ATTACHMENTS: **BACKGROUND** ☐ **KEY ISSUES** ☐ **RESOLUTION** ☒
FISCAL NOTE ☒ **S/W/MBE** ☐ **OTHER** ☐ _____

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SUMMARY (Cont'd)

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In December 2018, the Commission approved signing of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) among WDNR, Milwaukee County, Ozaukee County, City of Milwaukee, Fund for Lake Michigan, and Milwaukee Riverkeeper to develop and implement a management action list of projects for the Milwaukee Estuary AOC. The MOU describes the framework through which the partners will work together with WDNR to develop and implement the projects. The purpose of the projects is to improve the conditions in the AOC to a level where they are no longer degraded and the AOC can be delisted.

Project W10004 involves requested WDNR projects along the Milwaukee River between North Avenue and Silver Spring Drive that the District will manage by developing solutions to fish passage, habitat improvements, and sediment accumulation. The increase TPC for Project W10004 is for the project budget to perform the requested WDNR projects. The new Senior Project Manager position request will address workload issues from the requested WDNR projects and other projects as assigned by the Executive Director. The position will work for the Executive Director. The labor costs for WDNR requested projects are reimbursable and there is adequate capital and operations and maintenance budget to accommodate the new position.

RESOLUTION

Approve Change in Total Project Cost for Project W10004, Milwaukee River – North Avenue to Silver Spring Drive, and Approval to Create One Senior Project Manager Position

RESOLVED, by the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage Commission, that the total project cost for Project W10004, Milwaukee River – North Avenue to Silver Spring Drive, is increased by \$823,578 for an amended total project cost of \$1,713,968 and that a corresponding change is made to the total project cost for Project M99001, Allowance for Cost and Schedule Changes.

FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage Commission, that the Executive Director is authorized to create one Senior Project Manager position, pay grade 13.