

Advisory Technical Panel – Updating Infiltration and Inflow Control Program

October 16, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: See attached Sign-In Sheet

I. Reducing Excessive Infiltration/Inflow in Local Sanitary Sewer Systems

Mr. Bill Sheriff, Assistant Director of Engineering, summarized the activities of the subcommittee.

II. ATP Subcommittee

Mr. Sean Dorsey, Village of Mount Prospect, Mr. Fred Vogt, City of Rolling Meadows and Mr. Sheriff, delivered a presentation (attached) regarding the Minimum Requirements (Compliance), Annual Reporting and Funding Possibilities of the I/I program, respectively.

Mr. Patrick McAneney (Village of Glenview) asked if guidelines will be available to the communities. Mr. Sheriff and Mr. Al Hollenbeck (RJN Group) responded that the individual communities will have flexibility in forming their individual programs and indicated that guidelines will be available.

Mr. John Schaefer (Village of Homewood) stated that his Village is a non-home rule community and will have difficulty with private sector inspections and enactment of related ordinances. Mr. Dorsey and Mr. Hollenbeck responded that, for the program to be successful, private sector I/I sources can not be ignored. They also indicated that communities have 5 years to develop their private sector plan that would address inspections. Ms. Catherine O'Connor, Director of Engineering, responded that the new program will afford flexibility to the communities and not dictate inspections. She indicated that homeowner education is necessary to overcome the complications with private sector inspections.

Mr. Dave Weakley (City of Palos Hills) stated that his City is a non-home rule community and explained how he has been successful with private sector inspections through the education of citizens and elected officials and the enactment of related ordinances.

Mr. Fred Vogt stated that inspection of 80% of the private sector can be considered a success.

Mr. Mark Emory (Christopher B. Burke Engineering) asked if the MWRD will provide guidelines for the long term program. Mr. Hollenbeck responded that guidelines will be developed after the adoption of the program.

Mr. Emory asked if dry weather and wet weather SSOs and basement backups (BBs) will be differentiated and if they will be defined. Mr. Hollenbeck

responded that dry weather and wet weather SSOs and BBs will be defined and differentiated in the annual report.

Mr. Ross Dring (Kimberly Heights Sanitary District) asked how to approach and fund the rehabilitation of the private sewer laterals (PSLs). Mr. Hollenbeck responded that the private sector will be addressed within the long term program and indicated that funding by loans or grants will be necessary for the PSL rehabilitation work.

Mr. Dale Schepers (Village of Tinley Park) stated that within the short term (first 5 years) the public system will be addressed and the long term plan will be developed to address the public and private sector. He stated that due to the current timeline of presenting the new I/I Ordinance to the Board of Commissioners in January 2014, guidelines, definitions, etc. will need to be developed after the adoption of the ordinance.

Mr. Emory asked if the guidelines and definitions will added as amendments to the new ordinance. Mr. Hollenbeck responded that there will be a set of established guidelines outside of the ordinance language. Mr. Sheriff compared the approach being taken with the new program to the adoption of the MWRD Watershed Management Ordinance and the Technical Guidance Manual being published at a later date.

Mr. Weakley asked if the MWRD is considering special assessments to tax bills for funding. Mr. Sheriff responded that the MWRD has several options available to help fund the program. Mr. Hollenbeck stated that he is encouraged with the MWRD and IEPA exploring PSL rehabilitation funding, because without funding there will not be an effective I/I reduction/control program.

Mr. Vogt asked if non-home rule communities have funding tool available. Mr. Steve Saunders responded that non-home rule communities can also create special assessment areas for funding.

Mr. Chris Staron (Northwest Municipal Conference) asked if there will be a public review period. Mr. Sheriff responded that a draft should be available in November/December.

III. Next Meeting

The next ATP meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2013 at the MWRD LASMA Visitor Center at 1:00 pm.