



STAFF MEMO

DATE OF COUNCIL MEETING: May 10, 2021/ AGENDA ITEM NO. 11

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Jay N. Hutchison, Director of Public Works, 303-987-7901
Subject: **A RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING GREG SEKERA TO THE METRO WASTEWATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The City of Lakewood appoints two members to the board of the Metro Wastewater Reclamation District (MWRD). This resolution would re-appoint Greg Sekera to the board for a term ending June 30, 2023.

Mr. Sekera has served as a MWRD board member by City Council appointment since 2019. He currently chairs the Operations Committee of the Board and serves on the Executive Committee.

Public Works is seeking City Council's approval of the resolution re-appointing Mr. Sekera.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The City of Lakewood, like most cities in the Denver metropolitan area and many special districts, sends its sewage flow to the MWRD, which owns and operates two major sewage treatment plants. The MWRD is governed by a board of directors appointed by MWRD member organizations, including Lakewood and various districts such as the Bancroft Clover Water and Sanitation District and the Alameda Water and Sanitation District.

Specific technical expertise in areas related to wastewater utilities is desirable when serving on the MWRD board. Experience working with the MWRD and its regulatory environment is also valuable. Metro Wastewater operates under a complex set of bylaws, rules and regulations governing the operation, use and service of the system, including Colorado Statutes, the Sewage Treatment and Disposal Agreement between the MWRD and users of the system as well as federal environmental regulations.

Greg Sekera, a 30-year Lakewood resident, is a professional engineer with more than 30 years experience in the wastewater and water industry. For 25 of those years he has served as district engineer for multiple sewer and water districts in the metropolitan area. In that role, Mr. Sekera is involved in a broad range of wastewater utility services including capital improvement programming, project budgeting, board representation, project execution and support of district operations.

He routinely works with the MWRD and multiple regulatory agencies including the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and with other utility agencies. His work has included wastewater system master planning, project design, facility rehabilitation and construction management.

Mr. Sekera and the firm in which he is a principal are familiar with the City of Lakewood sewer system and have successfully executed multiple sewer and water projects for the City of Lakewood during the past 20 years. He has also served on two professional boards and his homeowners' association board as a Lakewood citizen.

BUDGETARY IMPACTS:

This re-appointment has no budgetary impacts.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

City staff recommends adoption of the resolution re-appointing Mr. Greg Sekera to the Metro Wastewater Reclamation District Board for a term ending on June 30, 2023.

ALTERNATIVES:

City Council may adopt the resolution or reject the resolution.

PUBLIC OUTREACH:

Normal City Council agenda publication has included this resolution.

NEXT STEPS:

None.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution 2021-19

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