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DETROIT WATER AND SEWERAGE DEPARTMENT UNVEILS REORGANIZATION PLAN

DETROIT – *Today* Detroit Water and Sewerage Department Director Sue McCormick unveiled a much anticipated study, detailing the reorganization of DWSD, to the Board of Water Commissioners.

McCormick said the goal of the study was to find ways DWSD could become more efficient and effective, in addition to assessing financial savings. If adopted, the reorganization would be implemented over five years and would save DWSD roughly \$149 million annually.

“The assessment is a proposal that will assist us as we move towards realigning and reorganizing the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department. The results will need to be confirmed to see if the recommended target is feasible,” said McCormick. “The department’s number one priority of quality and safety will not be sacrificed by this reorganization.”

The study, conducted over three months by EMA, Inc., included staff interviews, a workforce analysis, training and technology reviews, and an operational and management assessment.

“The reorganization will help DWSD to reduce its debt and make capital investments without incurring additional debt and focusing on providing our core services to our customers at affordable levels,” McCormick added.

The complete DWSD presentation is available on the department’s website at www.dwsd.org and can be found at Announcements and Media.

DWSD supplies high-quality drinking water to Detroit and 126 other communities in southeast Michigan. The Department provides wastewater services to Detroit and 76 other southeast Michigan communities.

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