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**DISTRICT BOARD  
555 MAIN STREET, HARTFORD, CT  
REGULAR MEETING**

**MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2024 5:30 PM**

Dial in #: (415)-655-0001; Access Code: 2303 702 4463#

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1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 5, 2024
5. PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS
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(February 21, 2024)
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WINDSOR
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COPPER RULE AND AUTHORIZATION FOR REPLACEMENT OF CUSTOMERS'  
PRIVATE WATER SERVICE LINES CONTAINING LEAD OR COPPER (February 21,  
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  - A. APPROVAL OF NEW JOB SPECIFICATIONS
    - i. WATER POLLUTION CONTROL CREW LEADER
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    - iii. WATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR IN TRAINING
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    - i. ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN 1
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  - C. REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FOR EMPLOYEE CLIMATE STUDY



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**D. POTENTIAL SETTLEMENT OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIM –  
KEITH SLAUGHTER (POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION)**

- 12. CONSIDERATION AND POTENTIAL ACTION RE: POTENTIAL SETTLEMENT OF  
PENDING LITIGATION – THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT v. LUDLOW  
CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. *et al.* (POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION)**
- 13. CONSIDERATION AND POTENTIAL ACTION RE: PENDING LITIGATION – THE  
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**BUREAU OF PUBLIC WORKS  
458 WINDSOR AVE, WILSON PARK  
ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT**

To: District Board

March 4, 2024

From: Bureau of Public Works

In a letter dated June 27, 2023, and revised November 22, 2023, Mr. Francis J. Vacca, P.E., Senior Project Manager at BSC Group, on behalf of the Town of Windsor, owner of the above-referenced property ("Owner"), has requested permission from The Metropolitan District ("MDC" or "District") to encroach on the MDC's existing 20-foot-wide Deckers Brook Trunk Sewer easement or right-of-way, encompassing an existing 15-inch and 12-inch sanitary trunk sewer and its appurtenant infrastructure (collectively, the "Sewer"), situated on the Property ("ROW") for the purpose of constructing and installing site improvements for and in connection with the Wilson Park Revitalization Project (the "Project").

The proposed work for the Project entails (i) removal of topsoil, excavation and filling of up to 2.3 feet of fill, (ii) installation of new concrete and bituminous concrete sidewalk and pavers, (iii) installation of a 4-inch sanitary sewer lateral connection to the Sewer, (iv) installation of four electrical and telecom conduits, and (v) adjusting two sanitary manhole frames and covers to grade as shown on the accompanying map (collectively, the "Improvements"). The Sewer was built in 1947 and 1949, and was rehabilitated in 1998.

MDC staff has concluded that the Improvements are minor and that there will be no detriment to the Sewer as a result, provided Owner enters into and executes an encroachment agreement with the MDC, whereby Owner complies with the following conditions and other conditions required hereby.

Owner has agreed to the following conditions in order to satisfy the District's concerns for protection of the Sewer located within the Property and to maintain accessibility along the length of the MDC's ROW:

1. Care must be taken during the performance of work for the Improvements or any maintenance, repair or replacement of the same not to disturb the Sewer. All heavy construction equipment and materials must be located outside of the limits of the ROW when not in use. Any earth moving equipment that will be utilized on the ROW over and adjacent to the Sewer shall be reviewed and approved by District staff prior to mobilization to the site. Any damage to the Sewer caused by any construction, maintenance, repair, replacement or associated activities by or on behalf of Owner within the ROW shall be the responsibility of the Owner.
2. No additional permanent improvements, other than the proposed Improvements, shall be located within the ROW.
3. The District reserves the right to remove Improvements within the ROW at any time if so required for maintenance, repair or replacement of the Sewer. Owner shall bear any additional maintenance, repair or replacement costs necessitated by the

presence of Improvements within the ROW, including any such costs incurred by the District.

4. In the event of a sewer emergency caused by the proposed excavation described above, the Owner shall provide, install, operate and remove, at the Owner's expense, an appropriately sized bypass pump and appurtenances.
5. An MDC or MDC hired-consultant inspector must be on the job site whenever work is being performed within the ROW, and Owner shall be responsible for the cost and expense of such inspector. Any construction of the Improvements as well as any subsequent construction, maintenance, repair or replacement of the Improvements shall conform to District standards and 48-hours advance notice must be given to the District and a preconstruction meeting shall be held prior to commencing any such activities within the ROW, except in the case of an emergency, in which case notice must be provided to the District as soon as practicable. Such inspector shall have the unilateral right to halt performance of any such work in the event the integrity of the Sewer is in any way threatened as determined by such inspector in his or her sole and absolute discretion.
6. The Owner shall perform a CCTV inspection, witnessed by an MDC inspector, of the Sewer in the areas of the construction prior to and upon completion of backfilling and restoration of the excavated areas. The videos will be delivered to the District for the purposes of assessing the pre- and post-activity condition of the Sewer.
7. The Owner shall maintain the District's standard form of insurance as stipulated in the MDC's most current Guidance Manual for Developers' Permit Agreements, which insurance shall remain in force and effect during the performance of any work with in the ROW pursuant to the encroachment contemplated herein.

Staff has reviewed this request and considers it feasible, subject to the terms and conditions herein.

Accordingly, a formal written encroachment agreement shall be entered into and executed by the Owner and the District, which agreement shall include the above conditions and any other conditions set forth herein, and filed on the Town of Windsor Land Records.

At a meeting of the Bureau of Public Works held on February 21, 2024, it was:

VOTED: That the Bureau of Public Works recommends to the District Board passage of the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the Chairman or Vice Chairman of the District Board be authorized to execute an agreement, with the above conditions and subject to approval of form by District Counsel, granting permission to Owner to encroach upon the existing 20-foot sanitary sewer easement situated on the Property in order to: (i) perform the work for the Improvements in connection with the Project as shown on the plan submitted by BSC

Group entitled "Wilson Gateway Park, 458 Windsor Avenue (CT-159) in Windsor, Connecticut, Restroom Add Alternate Plan (Alternate #1), October 1, 2023, Prepared for Town of Windsor, 275 Broad Street, Windsor, CT 06095", Sheet L-4.5, and (ii) maintain, repair and replace such Improvements, provided that: (a) the District shall not be held liable for any cost or damage of any kind from the present and in the following years as a result of any encroachment authorized hereby, (b) Owner shall reimburse MDC for any attorney fees and other costs incurred by MDC in enforcing the encroachment agreement, and (c) such agreement shall not be effective until fully executed by the District and Owner, and recorded on the Windsor Land Records. In the event that such full execution and recording does not occur within three (3) months of the date this resolution is passed by the District Board, then such resolution shall be null and void, and of no further force and effect.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John Mirtle". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John S. Mirtle  
District Clerk

JUNE 27, 2023 (REVISED NOV. 22, 2023)

Mr. Michael Curley  
Manager of Technical Services  
The Metropolitan District  
555 Main Street, P.O. Box 800  
Hartford, CT 06142-080

RE: Wilson Park Revitalization  
Windsor Ave.  
Windsor CT 06095

Dear Mr. Curley,

On Behalf of the Town of Windsor CT (Town), BSC Group (BSC) would like to request an encroachment permit for construction of various site features, amenities, and utilities associated with the development of a new community park at the former location of the "Drake Street Tot Lot" at the intersection Windsor Ave and Deerfield Road (to the southeast). There is an existing 20 ft. wide MDC Sanitary Sewer Easement which bifurcates the site from west to east, along the historic orientation of Drake Street.

Construction activities within the MDC Easement will include:

- Removal of Topsoil
- Earth excavation and filling within the top 2.3 ft. of elevation in various areas
- Installation of new concrete sidewalk and pavers
- Installation of new bituminous concrete sidewalk
- Trenching and installation of a sewer connection to the sewer within the easement from a proposed restroom facility
- Trenching and installation of one (1) new site lighting conduit and conductors across the MDC easement
- Trenching and installation of one (1) new conduit and conductor for electrical service to a stage area across the MDC easement
- Excavation and installation of one (1) new conduit and wiring for telecommunication service to wi-fi repeater hubs at various Light pole Locations across the MDC Easement
- Excavation and installation of one (1) new conduit and conductor for electrical service to a new irrigation well pump and system across MDC Easement
- Installation of temporary erosion controls during construction
- Installation of light pole bases adjacent to but outside the easement
- Loaming and seeding

BSC attempted to place the conduit crossings as close together in one utility corridor as possible, located to the west of the proposed restroom building.

Long term maintenance activities within the easement will include:

- Mowing and other horticultural practices to maintain turf. Currently, fertilizer and other turf chemicals are not proposed for use
- Sidewalk repair in the future
- Access to light poles to replace bulbs; painting; repair conduits/wiring if necessary

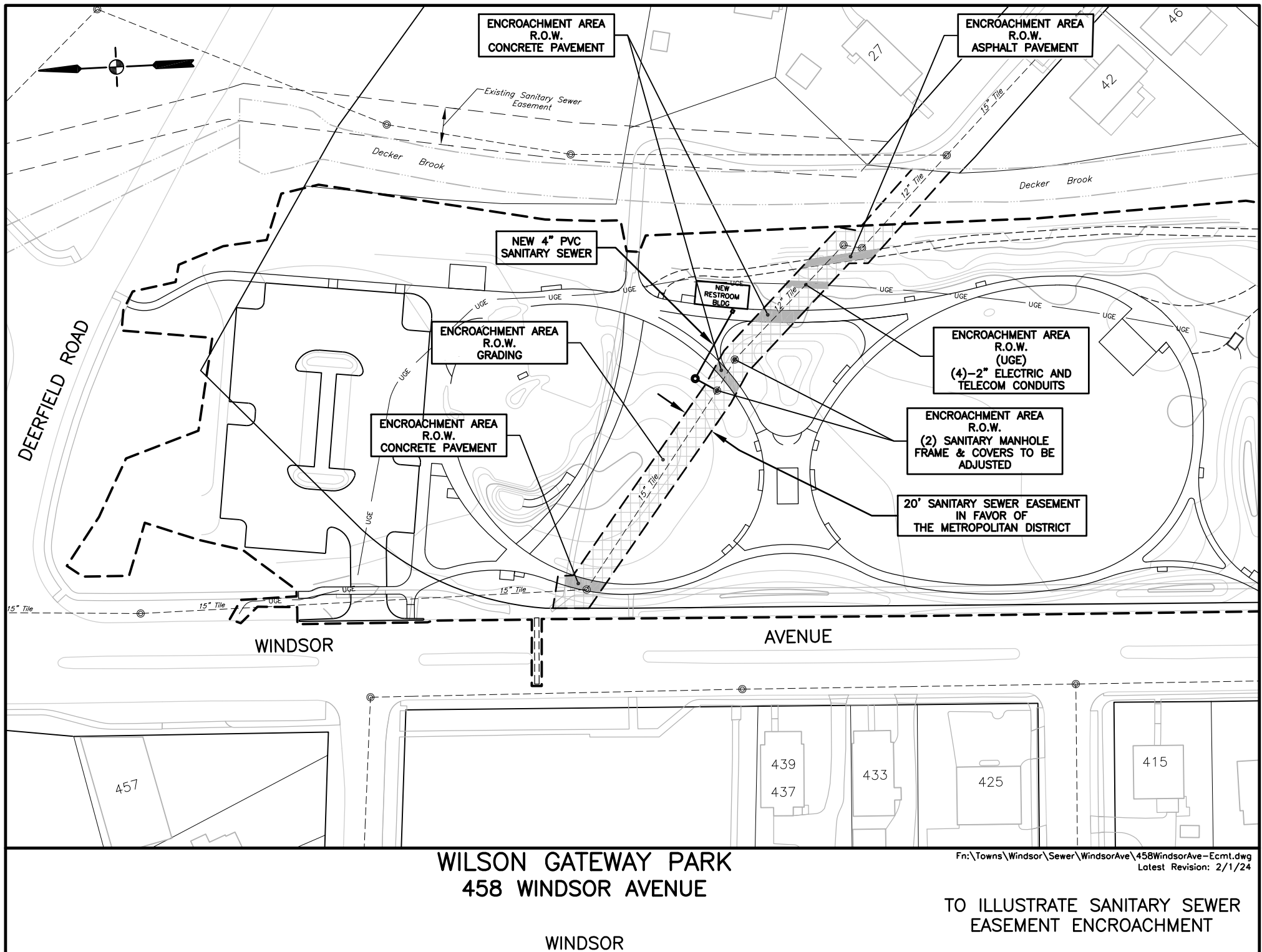
A detailed drawing showing the improvements and the conduit corridor crossing, is included as Attachment 1.

Please consider this a formal request for a permanent encroachment permit to develop and maintain site improvements within the MDC Easement.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any comments or questions regarding this request.

Best Regards,

**Francis J. Vaca, P.E.**  
Senior Project Manager





**BUREAU OF PUBLIC WORKS  
POTENTIAL REAL ESTATE LEASE AT 235 BRAINARD RD HARTFORD**

To: District Board

March 4, 2024

From: Bureau of Public Works

The Metropolitan District ("MDC") was recently approached by representatives of Fuel Cell Energy, Inc. ("FCE") regarding a potential lease of land at the MDC's 235 Brainard Road property in Hartford, Connecticut (the "235 Brainard Road Property") for three (3) FCE 3000 carbonate fuel cells (collectively, the "Project"). According to these representatives, the initial site for the Project was 455 Homestead Avenue in Hartford, Connecticut, but this site did not have the capability of providing the natural gas fuel requirements for the Project. Because the Project was approved to serve Eversource in Hartford, the Project needs to be located in Hartford, and the 235 Brainard Road Property has the natural gas fuel requirements (through CNG) to support this Project. Accordingly, FCE is proposing to enter into an Option To Lease Real Property with MDC for the Project on the following terms:

- 1) Triple net lease of approximately 32,000 square feet of land on the 235 Brainard Road Property;
- 2) Initial term of twenty (20) years with four (4) five (5)-year options to extend;
- 3) Base Rent:
  - Years 1-5: \$10.94/sq. ft. (\$350,080 per year);
  - Years 6-10: \$11.48/sq. ft. (\$367,360 per year);
  - Years 11-15: \$12.06/sq. ft. (\$385,920 per year);
  - Years 16-20: 12.66/sq. ft. (\$405,120 per year); and
- 4) The Base Rent for each five (5)-year option shall be increased by the greater of five percent (5%) or the CPI percentage change.

At a meeting of the Bureau of Public Works held on February 21, 2024, it was:

**VOTED:** That the Bureau of Public Works of The Metropolitan District recommends to the District Board passage of the following resolution:

**RESOLVED:** That the Chief Executive Officer is hereby authorized to execute the Option To Lease Real Property with Fuel Cell Energy, Inc. upon and subject to the above enumerated terms and conditions, and such other terms and conditions that the District Counsel shall deem appropriate and in the best interests of the MDC; **and be it further**

**RESOVLED:** That no entity shall be entitled to rely on, or otherwise claim any benefit by reason of this resolution should the Chief Executive Officer fail to execute the aforementioned Option To Lease Real Property; it being the intention of the District Board that all approvals and authorizations provided hereby are contingent upon, and only shall be effective on and by means of, the parties

executing such Option To Lease Real Property, which are in form and substance, acceptable to the Chief Executive Officer and the District Counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John Mirtle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "M".

John S. Mirtle  
District Clerk

**WATER BUREAU**  
**EPA LEAD & COPPER RULE AND AUTHORIZATION FOR REPLACEMENT OF**  
**CUSTOMER'S PRIVATE WATER SERVICE LINES CONTAINING LEAD OR COPPER**

To: District Board

March 4, 2024

From: Water Bureau

At a meeting of the Water Bureau held on February 21, 2024, it was:

VOTED: That the Water Bureau recommends to the District Board passage of the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That District Counsel is authorized to draft a proposed Water Ordinance authorizing the District to replace the private portion of customers' water service lines on private property that are identified as containing lead or copper in accordance with EPA's lead and copper rule.

FURTHER  
RESOLVED: That District Counsel shall report back to the Water Bureau at a future meeting on said proposed ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Mirtle". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John S. Mirtle  
District Clerk

**PERSONNEL PENSION AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE  
CHANGES TO CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM –  
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL CREW LEADER (LOCAL 184: LT-13)**

To: District Board

March 4, 2024

From: Personnel, Pension and Insurance Committee

Staff is recommending that the Classification System be amended to include the *Water Pollution Control Crew Leader (LT-13)* classification. A copy of the proposed Specification is attached. The salary allocation of LT-13 (range of \$44.86-\$53.82) or \$93,308.80 to \$111,945.60 if annualized)

This proposed job specification changes will enhance the multi-tasking approach to District positions and will consolidate the current WPC Crew Leader I and WPC Crew Leader II job specifications. The current WPC Crew Leader I and II will be eliminated through attrition.

**Employee Group: Local 184  
FLSA Status: Non-Exempt  
Labor Grade: LT-13**

**METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION  
CLASSIFICATION DESCRIPTION**

**CLASSIFICATION TITLE: WATER POLLUTION CONTROL CREW LEADER**

**JOB SUMMARY**

This is very responsible water pollution control operations crew leader work involving the oversight of plant operations with assignments in Hartford or satellite facilities in areas including preliminary, primary, secondary, disinfection, solids receiving, thickening, dewatering, incineration, heat recovery or tunnel operations, and the performance of the assigned plant operations.

Work involves responsibility for safe, effective and timely completion of assigned plant operations on the assigned shift. Duties include overseeing facility operations by crews and performing those operations assigned. This position also has the responsibility for making difficult plant operation technical decisions. This work requires that the employee have considerable knowledge, understanding, skill and ability at the Class III water pollution control plant level, as required.

**ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS**

The following duties are normal for this position. The omission of specific statements of the duties does not exclude them from the classification if the work is similar, related, or a logical assignment for this classification. Other duties may be required and assigned.

- Assigns, oversees and corrects the work of a small to medium size work crew, as assigned.
- Performs all preliminary, primary, secondary, disinfection, solids receiving, thickening, dewatering, incineration, heat recovery, and tunnel operations, as assigned.
- Gathers information for input into the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition System (SCADA), Hach WIMS and other data and computerized control systems.
- Performs maintenance on equipment, buildings and grounds, as assigned.
- Reviews and finalizes end of shift forms on completed work assignments. Compiles and reviews plant operating data and makes process changes as required by the position.
- Demonstrates work procedures through on the job training and reviewing standard operation procedures. Addresses minor work rule violations and keeps supervision informed. Assures safe work practices.
- Coordinates activities on a short-term basis to assure personnel, materials and equipment necessary for assignments. Responds to emergency call-outs.
- Performs related work as required.

#### **SUPERVISION RECEIVED**

Works under the general supervision of a supervisor.

#### **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

A high school diploma and the equivalent of five years of progressively responsible water pollution control plant experience or an equivalent combination of education and qualifying experience substituting on a year-for-year basis.

#### **SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

- Must have a valid driver's license
- Must have a valid Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) Wastewater Class III Certificate (or higher).

## KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

- Considerable knowledge and understanding of Class III or Class IV water pollution control plant operations.
- Good knowledge of plumbing, electrical, instrumentation and mechanical equipment & installations.
- Some knowledge of public administration principles and practices as applied to crew operations reporting.
- Good ability to communicate orally and to lead a work crew; some writing ability.
- Good ability to make operational decisions within established procedures and to complete routine forms.
- Good ability to oversee the activities of an assigned work crew.
- Considerable ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with coworkers, vendors and contractors.

## ADA COMPLIANCE

**Physical Ability:** Tasks require the ability to exert moderate physical effort that involves lifting, carrying, pushing and/or pulling of objects and materials of moderate weight (50 pounds and under).

**Sensory Requirements:** Some tasks require the ability to perceive and discriminate visual and/or auditory cues or signals. Some tasks require the ability to communicate orally and in writing.

**Environmental Factors:** Essential functions are performed both indoors and outdoors, with potential exposure to any or all of the following: various weather/temperature conditions, high or deep dangerous places, working near moving mechanical/heavy industrial equipment, risk of electric shock, vibration, fumes, airborne particles, chemicals, loud and/or reoccurring noises, raw sewage, activated sludge and dewatered sludge.

*The Metropolitan District Commission is an Equal Opportunity Employer. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Commission will provide reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities and encourages both prospective and current employees to discuss potential accommodations with the employer.*

At a meeting of the Personnel, Pension and Insurance Committee held on February 26, 2024, it was:

VOTED: That the Personnel, Pension and Insurance Committee recommend to the District Board passage of the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the job specification for Water Pollution Control Crew Leader be added to the classification system and allocated to EE13.

Respectfully Submitted,



John S. Mirtle  
District Clerk

**PERSONNEL, PENSION AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE  
CHANGES TO CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM –  
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT OPERATOR IN TRAINING (LOCAL 184)**

To: District Board

March 4, 2024

From: Personnel, Pension and Insurance Committee

Staff is recommending that the Classification System be amended to include the *Water Pollution Control Operator in Training (LT-04)* classification. A copy of the proposed Specification is attached. The salary allocation of LT-04 (range of \$28.94-\$34.75) or \$60,195.20 to \$72,280 if annualized)

This proposed job specification will provide an entry level position within the Wastewater plant.

**Employee Group: Local 184**

**FLSA Status: Non-Exempt**

**Labor Grade: LT-04**

**METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION  
CLASSIFICATION DESCRIPTION**

<b>CLASSIFICATION TITLE: WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT OPERATOR TRAINEE</b>
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**JOB SUMMARY**

The purpose of this classification is to provide entry-level wastewater treatment plant operation work at the training level involving learning the principles and procedures of wastewater plant operations, assisting plant operators, demonstrating an ability to understand and operate process equipment, and performing basic plant maintenance functions.

Under close supervision, Operator Trainee will perform a wide range of job tasks on the wastewater treatment system and facilities: process monitoring; equipment start-up and shut-down; basic maintenance; cleaning; housekeeping; recording readings; recordkeeping; and may operate computers for process control and monitoring using the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system. This work requires that the employee have some knowledge, skill and ability in general laboring work.

**ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS**

The following duties are normal for this position. The omission of specific statements of the duties does not exclude them from the classification if the work is similar, related, or a logical assignment for this classification. Other duties may be required and assigned.

- Learn and put into practice all safety procedures. Work safely at all times.
- Learn and put into practice basic plant procedures for wastewater treatment.
- Learn plant equipment operations, methods and standard operating procedures.
- Assist plant operators in plant operation, inspection and maintenance tasks at all facilities.
- Monitor wastewater treatment system operations, review flow trends and equipment status, note operational problems, and recommend adjustments.
- Follow proper procedures to gather samples and records information.
- Operate emergency generators.
- Perform basic laboratory tests.
- Maintain a variety of records and reports related to wastewater system operations.
- Use tools, equipment and materials responsibly.
- Learn state and federal rules/regulations that apply to District wastewater treatment.
- May be required to work on different shifts, nights, weekends, and holidays, depending on plant needs and training availability.
- Perform other related work as required.

## **SUPERVISION RECEIVED**

Works under the general supervision of a supervisor, crew leader or certified plant operator.

## **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

A high school or the equivalent and strong desire to learn about wastewater treatment.

## **SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

- Must have a valid driver's license.
- Must possess a Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) Operator in Training Certification or within 6 months of employment must be able to validate a minimum of 6 CEUs in CT DEEP approved Wastewater Treatment Facilities operation courses.
- Within the first year of employment must obtain a minimum of 9 CEUs in DEEP approved Wastewater Treatment Facilities operation courses AND must possess a Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) Operator in Training Certification.
- Must obtain a CT DEEP Class 1 Wastewater Operator Certificate (or higher) within two years of employment.

## **KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES**

- Knowledge of the tools, equipment, and methods of general laboring work.
- Knowledge of the work standards and safety procedures in general laboring work.
- Skill in the operation of computers and plant-related systems and software, and ability to perform data entry.
- Skill in the use of hand tools, power equipment and controls in plant operations.
- Ability to follow oral and written instructions and to learn District procedures. Ability to communicate orally.
- Ability to perform wastewater treatment work safely, effectively and efficiently.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with coworkers.



## **ADA COMPLIANCE**

**Physical Ability:** Tasks require the ability to exert moderate physical effort that involves lifting, carrying, pushing and/or pulling of objects and materials of moderate weight (50 pounds and under).

**Sensory Requirements:** Some tasks require the ability to perceive and discriminate visual and/or auditory cues or signals. Some tasks require the ability to communicate orally and in writing.

**Environmental Factors:** Essential functions are performed both indoors and outdoors, with potential exposure to any or all of the following: various weather/temperature conditions, high or deep dangerous places, working near moving mechanical/heavy industrial equipment, risk of electric shock, vibration, fumes, airborne particles, chemicals, loud and/or reoccurring noises, raw sewage, activated sludge and dewatered sludge.

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At a meeting of the Personnel, Pension and Insurance Committee held on February 26, 2024, it was:

VOTED: That the Personnel, Pension and Insurance Committee recommend to the District Board passage of the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the job specification for Water Pollution Control Plant Operator in Training be added to the classification system and allocated to LT-04.

Respectfully Submitted,



John S. Mirtle  
District Clerk

**PERSONNEL, PENSION AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE  
CHANGES TO CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM –  
WATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR IN TRAINING (LOCAL 184)**

To: District Board

March 4, 2024

From: Personnel, Pension and Insurance Committee

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This proposed job specification will provide an entry level position within the Water Treatment Plant.

**Employee Group: Local 184  
FLSA Status: Non-Exempt  
Labor Grade: LT-04**

**METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION  
CLASSIFICATION DESCRIPTION**

**CLASSIFICATION TITLE: WATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR TRAINEE**

**JOB SUMMARY**

The purpose of this classification is to provide entry-level water treatment plant operation work at the training level involving learning the principles and procedures of water plant operations, assisting plant operators, demonstrating an ability to understand and operate process equipment, and performing basic plant maintenance functions.

Under close supervision, Operator Trainee will perform a wide range of job tasks on the water treatment system and facilities: process monitoring; equipment start-up and shut-down; basic maintenance; cleaning; housekeeping; recording readings; recordkeeping; and may operate computers for process control and monitoring using the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system. This work requires that the employee have some knowledge, skill and ability in general laboring work.

## **ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS**

**The following duties are normal for this position. The omission of specific statements of the duties does not exclude them from the classification if the work is similar, related, or a logical assignment for this classification. Other duties may be required and assigned.**

- Learn and put into practice all safety procedures. Work safely at all times.
- Learn and put into practice basic plant procedures for water treatment.
- Learn plant equipment operations, methods and standard operating procedures.
- Assist plant operators in plant operation, inspection and maintenance tasks at all facilities.
- Monitor water treatment system operations, review flow trends and equipment status, note operational problems, and recommend adjustments.
- Follow proper procedures to gather samples and records information.
- Operate emergency generators.
- Perform basic laboratory tests.
- Maintain a variety of records and reports related to water system operations.
- Use tools, equipment and materials responsibly.
- Learn state and federal rules/regulations that apply to District water treatment.
- May be required to work on different shifts, nights, weekends, and holidays, depending on plant needs and training availability.
- Perform other related work as required.

## **SUPERVISION RECEIVED**

Works under the general supervision of a supervisor, crew leader or certified plant operator.

## **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

A high school diploma and strong desire to learn about water treatment.

## **SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

- Must have a valid driver's license.
- Must possess a Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) Operator in Training Certification or within 6 months of employment must be able to validate a minimum of 6 CEUs in CT DPH approved Water Treatment Facilities operation courses.
- Within the first year of employment must obtain a minimum of 9 CEUs in CT DPH approved Water Treatment Facilities operation courses
- Must obtain a Class I Water Operator Certificate (or higher) within two years of employment.

## **KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES**

- Knowledge of the tools, equipment, controls, and methods of general laboring work.
- Knowledge of the work standards and safety procedures in general laboring work.
- Skill in the operation of computers and plant-related systems and software, and ability to perform data entry.
- Skill in the use of hand tools, power equipment and controls in plant operations.
- Ability to follow oral and written instructions and to learn District procedures. Ability to communicate orally.
- Ability to perform water treatment work safely, effectively and efficiently.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with coworkers.

## ADA COMPLIANCE

**Physical Ability:** Tasks require the ability to exert moderate physical effort that involves lifting, carrying, pushing and/or pulling of objects and materials of moderate weight (50 pounds and under).

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At a meeting of the Personnel, Pension and Insurance Committee held on February 26, 2024, it was:

VOTED: That the Personnel, Pension and Insurance Committee recommend to the District Board passage of the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the job specification for Water Treatment Plant Operator in Training be added to the classification system and allocated to LT-04.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
John Mirtle  
District Clerk

**PERSONNEL, PENSION AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE  
JOB SPECIFICATION  
ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN 1 (3713)**

To: District Board

March 4, 2024

From: Personnel, Pension and Insurance Committee

Staff is recommending that the Job Specification and Job Classification System be amended to update the job descriptions for Engineering Technician 1 (PT-07) to amend the minimum qualifications. A copy of the proposed specification is attached as negotiated with Local 3713.

There is no proposed change to the updated Engineering Technician 1 role pay range is PT-07 (range of \$36.52 to \$43.80 or \$75,961.60 to \$91,104 if annualized) as negotiated with Local 3713.

**Employee Group: Local 3713  
FLSA Status: Non-Exempt  
Labor Grade: PT-07**

**METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION  
CLASSIFICATION DESCRIPTION**

<b>CLASSIFICATION TITLE:</b>	<b>ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN 1</b>
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**JOB SUMMARY**

This position provides engineering technical and administrative work.

This position also has the responsibility for making routine technical and engineering technician decisions in accordance with established procedures. This work requires that the employee have some knowledge, skill and ability in surveying, construction inspection, utility services, drafting, mapping and administration of standard water and sewer construction plans and permits.

**ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS**

The following duties are normal for this position. The omission of specific statements of the duties does not exclude them from the classification if the work is similar, related, or a logical assignment for this classification. Other duties may be required and assigned.

- Serve on a construction inspection team. Assists in inspecting construction and assists in preparing manholes, pits and vaults for entry.
- Maintain records of construction and connections. Compile and prepare reports. Enter, process and retrieve utility services information into a data management system.
- Inspect and monitor the status of pavement and sidewalk restoration.
- Marks out work area for the contractor on the basis of the cut sheet.
- Plans, plots locations, and coordinates the work of contractors.
- Estimates work area and repair costs based on the type of surface to be repaired.

- Maintains records relative to the type, size, and reason for cut, location of street and town, and budget account to be charged on behalf of repairs for District forecasting purposes.
  - Enters, processes and retrieves pavement and sidewalk restoration information into a computerized database management system according to established software procedures.
  - Communicates with State and Town officials on pavement and sidewalk restoration and other related matters.
  - Performs in a safe manner and observes all safety procedures; works in small confined spaces and must be trained in confined space entry procedures.
  - Enter, process and retrieve utility services information into a database management system according to established procedures. Issues work orders for Call Before You Dig requests and dispatches staff for emergency repairs.
  - Investigates and reports on District claims against transgressors including vehicular and non-vehicular accidents, vandalism, theft, fraud, and debts.
  - Investigates and reports on claims against the District including vehicular and non-vehicular accidents, damages and employee misconduct.
  - Maintain database of claims
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- Assist with inspection of CT DEEP permitted wastewater discharge facilities and equipment and maintain customer/facility information and discharge monitoring reports specific to the FOG, MIU/SIU and groundwater discharge programs.
  - Assist Licensed Cross Connection Surveyors
  - Maintain property survey and device testing data and create regulatory reports
  - Assist with private property surveys
  - Coordinate required improvement with contractors
  - Communicate with Contractor, Town Officials and Customers
  - Draft standard engineering project plans to scale from notes, sketches and scaled drawings.
  - Conform drafting to District drafting standards and procedures.
  - Research and compile information from a variety of sources to form water and sewer record plans for use within and outside of the organization.
  - Interpret project drafting requirements and conduct additional research to produce the needed level of detail in the drawings.
  - Inspect project areas or facilities to ascertain field conditions or problems, as directed.
  - Prepare and draft as-built plans of water and sewer facilities and related construction.
  - Compile and input utility and geographic information, including information from field inspectors, engineering plans, contractor data, and member town/state projects, into the computerized mapping system according to established procedures.
  - Ensure a quality assurance/quality control peer review process has occurred prior to entering record plans and GIS data.

- Conduct source material research, including old geographic information data.
  - Serve on a land survey or construction survey team. Cuts brush and clears a line of sight. Assist in locating pipe lines, rights-of-way and property corners and markers. Operate survey transit and other survey instruments, as assigned.
  - Review standard sewer and water construction plans for conformance with District and technical utility services standards. Identify problem areas and determine corrective actions to be taken by developers, and contractors and/or engineers. Coordinate plan revisions with developers.
  - Issue construction permits. Draft permits for plans receiving review approval. Determine special conditions to be attached to permits and drafts language. Coordinate utility services construction and inspections. Perform or coordinate necessary District clerical and technical services.
  - Search land records for titles, descriptions, dimensions, deeds, and encumbrances. Determine property dimensions and other characteristics necessary for assessment of standard and complex properties.
  - Determine ownership of a parcel or lot for which a permit has been requested for water and/or sewer service.
  - Create detailed assessments and caveat maps for proposed sewer and water main extensions; advise District personnel on assessment charges.
  - Review permit agreements for the construction or extension of sewer and water mains for outstanding assessments, connection charges, outlet charges, easements, and encroachments.
  - Review requests for encroachments on District property.
  - Assist with outreach activities for capital improvement projects
  - Calculate District charges and fees for service connections.
  - Figure cost estimates, connection charges and assessments, and drafts owner-developer agreements; calculate pipe and meter sizes and initiates billings.
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- Perform account maintenance including inputting customer information and creating contracts for services to be provided with accurate billing information.
  - Performs in a safe manner and observes all safety procedures; works in small confined spaces and must be trained in confined space entry procedures.
  - Uses all tools, equipment and materials responsibly and performs basic inspection and preventive maintenance prior to use. Cleans and maintains any necessary equipment.
  - Provides customer service both in-person and over the phone.
  - Performs related work as required.

## **SUPERVISION RECEIVED**

Works under the general supervision of the Manager of Command Center or Manager of Construction

## MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

An Associate's degree plus three (3) years construction, utility, drafting, cartography, or related experience or equivalent combination of education, training, and experience which provides the requisite skills and knowledge for the job. -

## SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Must have a valid driver's license.

## KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

- Knowledge of surveying and construction inspection principles and practices as applied to basic engineering technician projects.
- Knowledge of computer technology, as applied to construction inspection.
- Ability to ability to read and interpret plans and blueprints and to inspect utility pipeline construction safely, effectively and efficiently and with firmness and tact.
- Good knowledge, skill and ability in utility construction methods and plan review.
- Knowledge of Connecticut Public Utility Regulatory Authority requirements for Call Before You Dig and the required timeframes to complete the utility mark-out.
- Knowledge of District procedures and processes for documenting claims.
- Knowledge of CT DEEP wastewater discharge programs and requirements along with typical pretreatment equipment and operation and maintenance requirements.
- Knowledge of CT DPH Cross Connection Program and requirements.
- Knowledge of Basic plumbing and electrical work in residential and small commercial buildings.
- Knowledge of Procurement, contracting and work management standard practices.
- Knowledge of State and Local Building Codes.
- Knowledge and understanding of District Ordinances including but not limited to Developer Permit Agreements and Assessments.
- Knowledge of District Engineering standards and manuals and requirements of those standards.
- Knowledge of SAP Customer Account Maintenance and basic SAP Billing and Sales and Distribution Contract Creation.
- Some ability to operate a survey rod, tape, level and survey transit.
- Some ability to follow land and construction survey procedures, to maintain construction records and to prepare inspection reports.



- Knowledge of standardized pipe assessment procedures.
- Good knowledge of mapping technology principles and practices as applied to planimetric, thematic and topographic mapping. Some knowledge of computerized mapping digitizing practices.
- Ability in oral and written communications.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with coworkers, town officials, vendors, contractors, consultants, and the general public.

## ADA COMPLIANCE

**Physical Ability:** Tasks require the ability to exert moderate physical effort that involves lifting, carrying, pushing and/or pulling of objects and materials of moderate weight (under 50 pounds).

**Sensory Requirements:** Some tasks require the ability to perceive and discriminate visual and/or auditory cues or signals. Some tasks require the ability to communicate orally.

**Environmental Factors:** Essential functions are performed primarily outdoors, frequently exposed to any or all of the following: various weather conditions, high or deep dangerous places, working near moving mechanical parts, risk of electric shock, vibration, fumes, airborne particles, chemicals, etc.

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At a meeting of the Personnel, Pension and Insurance Committee held on February 26, 2024, it was:

VOTED: That the Personnel, Pension and Insurance Committee recommend to the District Board passage of the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the job specification for Engineering Technician 1 be updated to reflect changes to the minimum job qualifications with no change to the classification system allocated to PT-07.

Respectfully submitted,



John S. Mirtle  
District Clerk

**PERSONNEL, PENSION AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE  
JOB SPECIFICATION  
ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN 2 (3713)**

To: District Board

March 4, 2024

From: Personnel, Pension and Insurance Committee

Staff is recommending that the Job Specification and Job Classification System be amended to update the job descriptions for Engineering Technician 2 (PT-09) by consolidating similar positions into one multi-tasking job description. A copy of the proposed specification is attached as negotiated with Local 3713. to amend the minimum qualifications. A copy of the proposed specification is attached as negotiated with Local 3713.

There is no proposed change to the updated Engineering Technician 2 role pay range PT-09 (range of \$40.27 to \$48.32 or \$83,761.60 to 100,505.60 if annualized) as negotiated with Local 3713.

**Employee Group: Local 3713  
FLSA Status: Non-Exempt  
Labor Grade: PT-09**

**METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION  
CLASSIFICATION DESCRIPTION**

<b>CLASSIFICATION TITLE:</b>	<b>ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN 2</b>
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**JOB SUMMARY**

This is responsible engineering technical work involving the survey and inspection of utility construction plans and permits, investigation of sanitary sewer, storm drain and water service installations and the operation of applicable instruments/equipment.

Work involves responsibility for safe operation of survey instruments and inspection of construction. Duties include inspecting water and sewer main construction, operating a survey transit and other survey instruments, and maintaining records. This position also has the responsibility for making survey transit operation and construction inspection decisions in accordance with established procedures. This work requires that the employee have good knowledge, skill in surveying, construction inspection, utility services, drafting, mapping and administration of standard water and sewer construction plans and permits.

**ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS**

The following duties are normal for this position. The omission of specific statements of the duties does not exclude them from the classification if the work is similar, related, or a logical assignment for this classification. Other duties may be required and assigned.

- Inspect standard and highly complex utility pipeline and building mechanical systems construction and materials. Instruct contractors in construction practices and in correcting construction errors. Enforce inspection decisions. Oversee contractor pressure tests of water, sewer and force main pipelines.
- Coordinate and track the progress of contracted construction programs. Carry out liaison between District engineers and contractors. Lead construction inspection teams in the largest projects or on-going construction programs, as assigned. Demonstrate construction inspection practices and guides less experienced inspectors.

- Compile outstanding deficiencies for substantially completed construction projects and resolves issues with contractors. Ensure the accuracy and completeness of associated documentation at the completion of a construction project.
- Ensure that work zones comply with MDC and OSHA safety standards.
- Respond to state Call Before You Dig Mark-out Program requests. Interprets existing records using various equipment to accurately identify and mark utilities. Maintain accurate mark-outs and document mark-outs through video/photo and GPS data collection of infrastructure marked out.
- Assist in collection of monies for delinquent water accounts and miscellaneous bills. Confer with customers, attorneys or District personnel regarding collection action. Appear as a court witness representing the District. Establish payment schedules. Determine abatement of penalties and occupancy/hardship status.
- Respond to inquiries and complaints and assist in the follow-up of claims. Assist in processing and scheduling termination and restoration of service for non-payment. Assist Operations Function with service shut on/off during off-hours. Demonstrate service termination procedures.
- Monitor customer compliance with wastewater discharge limits against Federal/State/Local/District regulations
- Calculate discharge fees related to specific customer discharges.
- Inspect standard cross-connections in all types of structures for backflow conditions. Conducts surveys of industries for possible hazardous waste discharge, determines corrective actions and assures their implementation. Perform surveys at residential and small/medium Industrial and Commercial facilities
- Determine backflow prevention measures for standard problems and assures the implementation of those measures by the owner. Investigate standard water contamination problems, including meter readings, excessive water use, water leaks, and water quality, and determine corrective actions to be taken and assures their implementation.
- -Perform and document private property surveys with regards to the District's sewer backup prevention program and the water and sewer service line inspection and replacement program, including monitoring and tracking of assessments, permitting, execution and completion. Coordinate required improvement with contractors
- -Conduct research and makes recommendations for inclusion of customers' property in the District's inflow, backwater device installation, rain water disconnect, and similar programs. Meet with property owners and others to explain program implications. Assists in development of strategy for effective program presentation, implementation and expansion. Educates customers through home visits and public speaking.
- Review basic plumbing of customer's property to determine applicability to the program. Coordinates activities for inflow and backwater device installation. Receive customer complaints and recommends solutions. Follows up to ensure proper actions.
- Operate all survey equipment, as assigned. Participates in land surveying parties. Survey completed pipeline construction projects for proper line and grade. Prepares not-to-scale as-built drawings and performs calculations. May act as leader of a survey party, as assigned.
- Use survey equipment to provide base map locations involving horizontal and vertical control, topographic, land and boundary surveys; locate existing land and building features and utilities for records and design purposes (mark-outs); and handle residential inquiries and/or disputes of easements, ~~right-of-ways~~, and property lines.
- Prepare contracts, including document preparation, revision of existing contract specification, adding new specifications, preparing budgets, preparing requisitions, evaluating bidder qualifications, and determining restoration schedules.
- Administer complex permitting procedures with firmness and tact. Prepare assessment publications, water and sewer liens and District agendas.

- Respond to questions from owners, developers, contractors, attorneys, agencies and the public regarding assessments, water and sewer extensions, liens and other District-related matters. Confer with project engineering staff on real estate considerations of projects.
  - Advise District personnel on assessment charges.
  - Provide information to customers and others requiring customer financial data. Prepare summaries and analyses financial data according to explicit instructions.
  - Coordinate and maintain the document management system files
  - Coordinates engineering program activities with other divisions, town officials, vendors, consultants, and the general public.
  - Inspects invoices of contractors and others performing program work; coordinates reimbursement to property owners. Arranges follow-up inspections.
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- Inspects and analyzes data for power rodding and video camera surveillance. Identifies causes of sewer failures and identifies solutions or corrective actions.
  - Performs hydrostatic tests on private force mains, ejector systems and water services to assure adequate pressure. Conducts dye tests to locate defective sewers and drains.
  - Drafts, details and letters varied and complex engineering project plans to scale from notes, sketches and scaled drawings. Conforms drafting to District drafting standards and procedures.
  - Drafts and letters plans for large and complex utility components and unusual features.
  - Interprets project drafting requirements and conducts additional research to produce the needed level of detail in the drawings. Inspects project areas or facilities to ascertain field conditions or problems, as directed.
  - Researches and compiles mapping data and creates and updates a variety of map series including topographic, planimetric, regional, town and utility.
  - Generates DFX AutoCAD, Shape files, and Drawing files.
  - Inspects and tests standard cross-connections in all types of structures for backflow conditions. Conducts surveys of industries for possible hazardous waste discharge, determines corrective actions and assures their implementation. Tests backflow prevention devices.
  - Determines backflow prevention measures for standard problems and assures the implementation of those measures by the owner.
  - Responds to emergency calls on off hours
  - Performs related work as required.

## **SUPERVISION RECEIVED**

Works under the general supervision of the Manager of Command Center or Manager of Construction

## **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

An Associate's degree plus four (4) years construction, drafting, Utility, or related experience or equivalent combination of education, training, and experience which provides the requisite skills and knowledge for the job. Must be certified, or be able to be certified within one year, as a CT Backflow Prevention Tester and a Cross-Connection Survey Inspector and a Connecticut Water Distribution System Operator Class I.

## **SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

Must have a valid driver's license.

~~Must be certified as a certified Connecticut Cross-Connection Survey Inspector. Must be certified as a Connecticut Water Distribution System Operator Class I.~~

## KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

- Knowledge of surveying and construction inspection principles and practices as applied to basic engineering technician projects.
- Knowledge of computer technology, as applied to construction inspection.
- Good ability to ability to read and interpret plans and blueprints and to inspect utility pipeline construction safely, effectively and efficiently and with firmness and tact.
- Good knowledge, skill and ability in utility construction methods and plan review.
- Knowledge of cartography, geodesy and photogrammetry principles and practices as applied to topographic, planimetric and thematic mapping.
- Knowledge of automated mapping applications with respect to a geographic information system environment.
- Knowledge of Arc Info, GIS Mapping, and other related software.
- Knowledge of water and sewer system and pipe design.
- Knowledge of claims administration principles and practices
- Knowledge of Public Administration Principles and practices as applied to claims resolution.
- Knowledge of account clerical procedures and techniques in support of claims management
- Knowledge of basic plumbing and electrical work in residential and small commercial buildings
- Knowledge of procurement, contracting and work management
- Knowledge of various ESRI tools, databases and services.
- Knowledge of SAP Sales and Distribution reporting as it relates to department functions
- Knowledge of SAP Project Systems reporting for Developer Permit Agreement Projects and Capital Projects
- Ability in mathematics as applied to surveying and related operations.
- Knowledge of standardized pipe assessment procedures.
- Some knowledge of computerized mapping digitizing practices. Good ability in oral and written communications.
- Ability in oral and written communications.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with coworkers, town officials, vendors, contractors, consultants, and the general public.

## ADA COMPLIANCE

**Physical Ability:** Tasks require the ability to exert moderate physical effort that involves lifting, carrying, pushing and/or pulling of objects and materials of moderate weight (under 50 pounds).

**Sensory Requirements:** Some tasks require the ability to perceive and discriminate visual and/or auditory cues or signals. Some tasks require the ability to communicate orally.

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VOTED: That the Personnel, Pension and Insurance Committee recommend to the District Board passage of the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the job specification for Engineering Technician 2 be updated to reflect changes to the minimum job qualifications with no change to the classification system allocated to PT-09.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John Mirtle". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John S. Mirtle  
District Clerk

**PERSONNEL, PENSION AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE  
JOB SPECIFICATION  
SENIOR ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN (3713)**

To: District Board

March 4, 2024

From: Personnel, Pension and Insurance Committee

Staff is recommending that the Job Specification and Job Classification System be amended to update the job descriptions for Senior Engineering Technician (PT-11) to amend the minimum qualifications. A copy of the proposed specification is attached as negotiated with Local 3713.

There is no proposed change to the updated Senior Engineering Technician role pay range PT-11 (range of \$44.41 to \$53.30 or \$92,372.80 to \$110,864 if annualized) as negotiated with Local 3713.

**Employee Group: Local 3713  
FLSA Status: Non-Exempt  
Labor Grade: PT-11**

**METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION  
CLASSIFICATION DESCRIPTION**

<b>CLASSIFICATION TITLE:</b>	<b>SENIOR ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN</b>
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**JOB SUMMARY**

This is responsible engineering technical work. Responsible for the survey and inspection of the most complex utility construction plans and operation of all survey equipment, inspection, correction and enforcement of cross-connection back-flow problem maintenance. Duties may include inspecting construction, instructing contractors in making corrections, coordinating construction programs, cross-connection back-flow problem maintenance, and claims administration. This position also has the responsibility for making difficult construction inspection technical field decisions.

Work involves responsibility for assuring that work is carried out according to plans and District and professional standards.

**ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS**

The following duties are normal for this position. The omission of specific statements of the duties does not exclude them from the classification if the work is similar, related, or a logical assignment for this classification. Other duties may be required and assigned.

- Monitor project construction and financing. Track construction against project schedules. Assure project completion, punch list completion, project viability during acceptance periods, and completion of as-built drawings, as necessary.
- Coordinate project public relations. Resolve public questions and complaints and associated technical and administrative problems. Attend public hearings.

- Assist with the planning, monitoring and coordination of staffing and operational activities for the construction inspection unit, including resolving critical construction project issues in the field.
  - Identify and analyze opportunities for improving service delivery methods and procedures; identifies and calculates resource needs; coordinate informational reviews and updates with appropriate management staff; and provide guidance and leadership with the implementation of revised, adjusted and/or new work procedures.
  - Direct and coordinate the review of work plans for assigned construction inspection services and activities; assign work activities and projects; monitor and track work flow; review and evaluate work products, methods, and procedures; meet with staff to provide input to identify and resolve problems.
  - Assign, review, monitor and track work performed in the field; performs field inspections and approves construction work; reviews and approves inspector diaries, reports, correspondence, memoranda, and recommendations for change orders and progress payments; confers with construction inspectors, engineers, and contractors regarding contract and plan interpretation and use and provision of construction materials, or methods. This position ensures compliance with the plans, specifications and internal engineering construction standards. Takes appropriate action to correct or remediate construction issues or concerns.
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- Coordinate the training, evaluation and motivation of assigned construction inspectors, devising plans and methodologies to work with employees to correct, modify or improve upon production techniques and procedures.
  - Administer CBYD program for the District. Report contractor mismarks and hits to regulatory authorities when required. Provide annual summaries of performance. Provide input on improvements to the program and execute improvements as directed.
  - Confer and negotiate with claimants or debtors, including individuals, companies, other governmental agencies, attorneys, and insurance companies.
  - Determine smaller settlements of claims and recommends settlement levels for larger claims. Collect on bills and arranges for payment schedules with debtors. Handle subrogation matters.
  - Oversee the District's wastewater discharge pre-treatment program. Report performance of customers against permitted discharges. Review and address variances with other District departments and communicate non-compliance with enforcement agencies.
  - Inspect complex cross-connections in all types of structures for backflow conditions. Conduct surveys of industries for possible hazardous waste discharge, determines corrective actions and assures their implementation. Perform surveys at large Industrial and Commercial facilities
  - Determine backflow prevention measures for complex problems and assures the implementation of those measures by the owner. Compile and analyze cross-connection and backflow data in preparation for producing the annual report submitted to CT DPH.
  - Coordinate large inspection campaigns for the sewer backup prevention program and the water and sewer service line inspection and replacement program, including monitoring and tracking of assessments, permitting, execution and completion.
  - Monitor the use of drafting standards on use of construction plans. Address variances from the standards with appropriate departments.
  - Provide improvement opportunities to GIS, Drafting and survey processes, applications and tools and execute improvements as directed.
  - Maintain industry best practices for the District in areas of GIS, Drafting and Survey.
  - Oversee developer permit projects and non-complex capital improvement projects. Develop work plans for capital improvement projects



- Manage the administration of project development and execution. Schedule project approval and construction activities.
- Prepare reports, applications, forms, contracts, budget transfers, and related project documents. Chair meetings of contractors, developers and other governmental agencies.
- Review water revenue accounts and miscellaneous bills for open receivables. Prepare files to be sent to collections. Provide court testimony as needed.
- Oversee data collection and data accuracy and completeness as it relates to services being provided and billed.
- Monitor customer equipment data accuracy and completeness and provide reports on data cleanliness.
- Responds to emergency calls on off hours.
- Performs in a safe manner and observes all safety procedures; works in small confined spaces and must be trained in confined space entry procedures.
- Performs related work as required.

## **SUPERVISION RECEIVED**

Works under the general supervision of the Manager of Command Center or Manager of Construction

## **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

An Associate's degree plus eight (8) years construction, inspection, utility, or related experience or equivalent combination of education, training, and experience which provides the requisite skills and knowledge for the job. Must be certified as a Connecticut Backflow Prevention Tester and a Cross-Connection Survey Inspector and a Water Distribution Operator Class II.

## **SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

Must have a valid driver's license. ~~Must be certified as a Connecticut Backflow Prevention Tester and a Cross-Connection Survey Inspector.~~

## **KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES**

- Thorough knowledge of land and construction survey and inspection principles and practices.
- Good ability to follow land and construction survey procedures, to maintain construction records and to prepare inspection reports.
- Thorough ability to inspect utility pipeline and building mechanical trades construction safely, effectively and efficiently and with firmness and tact.
- Good ability to operate all survey instruments and to survey land and completed construction.
- Considerable ability in mathematics as applied to surveying and related operations.
- Good ability to ability to read and interpret plans and blueprints and to inspect utility pipeline construction safely, effectively and efficiently and with firmness and tact.
- Knowledge of complex insurance claims and legal requirements to support the District in claim response and resolution.

- Knowledge of complex real estate assessment and adjustments
- Knowledge of complex SAP customer contracts including creation and maintenance of SAP Utility and Sales and Distribution Contracts.
- Ability in oral and written communications.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with coworkers, town officials, vendors, contractors, consultants, and the general public.

## ADA COMPLIANCE

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VOTED: That the Personnel, Pension and Insurance Committee recommend to the District Board passage of the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the job specification for Senior Engineering Technician be updated to reflect changes to the minimum job qualifications with no change to the classification system allocated to PT-11.

Respectfully submitted,



John S. Mirtle  
District Clerk

**PERSONNEL, PENSION AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE  
CHANGES TO CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM –  
RISK MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATOR**

To: District Board

March 4, 2024

From: Personnel, Pension and Insurance Committee

Staff is recommending that the Job Specifications and Salary Grade be amended for the *Risk Management Administrator* currently classified as an EE13 (range of \$97,876.59-\$127,239.57) to EE14 (\$102,767.46 to \$133,597.70) with no changes to the specification as attached.

This proposed salary grade amendment will align the *Risk Management Administrator* with other Administrators at the MDC which are classified as EE14.

**Employee Group: Exempt & Excluded  
FLSA Status: Exempt  
Labor Grade: **EE-14****

**METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION  
CLASSIFICATION DESCRIPTION**

<b>CLASSIFICATION TITLE:</b>	<b>RISK MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATOR</b>
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**PURPOSE OF CLASSIFICATION**

The purpose of this classification is to perform professional-level work in the Treasury function of the organization. The Risk Management Administrator is responsible for development, implementation and management of risk management policies and procedures to control/prevent risks and losses of the organization. This position will work under the direction of the Manager of Treasury.

**ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS**

**The following are the essential duties for this position**

Designs and implements policies, procedures, practices and controls to mitigate risk. On an ongoing basis, performs risk assessments in each of the core functional areas in order to identify potential risk exposure areas for the organization. Educates and communicates key risk management issues and responsibilities to departments and individuals.

Develops, manages and updates Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity plan. Works together with various functional groups to ensure plan supports the needs of the organization and addresses core risks which could confront the organization.

Manages relationships with business insurance broker and insurance companies. Manages Insurance programs for all property and casualty insurance policies including but not limited to Property, General liability, Workers Compensation, Umbrella Liability, PO/EPL Liability, Crime & E&O and other required policies. Analyzes potential insurance gaps and provides recommendations for coverages and retentions. Obtains and reviews loss information and provides recommendations on contracts regarding insurance requirements. Manages issuance, retention, monitoring and maintenance of Certificates of Insurance.

Provides oversight of workers compensation claims. Works with Human Resources, Third Party Claims Administrator and various operational managers to reduce losses/injuries. Coordinates investigations & follow-up of incidents involving loss time accidents.

Develops and manages claims protocols, policies and procedures for the organization.

Develops, maintains and reports on key performance indicators which highlight the Risk Management function's performance. Makes recommendations for improving operational efficiency and control.

Communicates with managers, customers, other individuals and groups. Makes presentations at the Board of Finance and District Board Meetings, as required.

Develops, tracks and communicates objectives and goals for Risk Management function personnel on an annual basis and manages the annual employee performance appraisal process. Provides timely feedback to all assigned direct reports regarding performance against objectives and goals on a quarterly basis.

Performs personnel management tasks in accordance with collective bargaining agreements applicable to staff including: conducting interviews and making recommendations for applicant selection; assigning work; establishing performance expectations; providing training and opportunities for employee development; providing guidance and advice regarding difficult issues; ensuring safe work practices; evaluating employee performance; counseling employees; implementing disciplinary action or making recommendations for disciplinary action as necessary; taking other personnel actions, such as reclassifications as needed.

Operates a personal computer proficiently, and general office equipment as necessary to complete essential functions, to include highly skilled use of word processing, spreadsheet, database, or other system software.

Performs other related duties as assigned.

## MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Bachelor's Degree in business administration, economics, finance, accounting or closely related field with a minimum of five (5) years of progressively responsible financial, treasury or insurance experience including two (2) years of treasury or insurance supervisory and/or managerial experience; or any equivalent combination of education, training and experience which provides the requisite knowledge, skills and abilities for this job. Master's Degree in Business Administration and/or professional certifications are desirable.

## PERFORMANCE APTITUDES

**Data Utilization:** Requires the ability to coordinate, manage, strategize, and/or correlate data and/or information. Includes exercise of judgment in determining time, place and/or sequence of operations. Includes referencing data analyses to determine necessity for revision of organizational components.

**Human Interaction:** Requires the ability to function in a supervisory/managerial capacity for a group of workers. Includes the ability to make decisions on procedural and technical levels.

**Equipment, Machinery, Tools, and Materials Utilization:** Requires the ability to operate, maneuver and/or control the actions of equipment, machinery, tools, and/or materials used in performing essential functions.

**Verbal Aptitude:** Requires the ability to utilize a wide variety of reference, descriptive, advisory and/or design data and information.

**Mathematical Aptitude:** Requires the ability to perform addition, subtraction, multiplication and division; ability to calculate decimals and percentages; may include ability to perform mathematical operations involving basic algebraic principles and formulas, and basic geometric principles and calculations.

**Functional Reasoning:** Requires the ability to apply principles of logical or synthesis functions. Ability to deal with several concrete and abstract variables, and to analyze major problems that require complex planning for interrelated activities that can span one or several work units.

**Situational Reasoning:** Requires the ability to exercise the judgment, decisiveness and creativity required in situations involving the direction, control and planning of an entire program or set of programs.

## PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

Ability to perform tasks involving light physical effort. Frequently required to sit for long periods of time. Frequently required to use arms, hands and fingers to reach, handle, finger and feel objects and materials.

Some tasks require the ability to perceive and discriminate sounds, and visual cues or signals. Some tasks require the ability to communicate verbally.

## ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS

Essential functions are regularly performed in an office setting without exposure to adverse environmental conditions.

*The Metropolitan District Commission is an Equal Opportunity Employer. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Commission will provide reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities and encourages both prospective and current employees to discuss potential accommodations with the employer.*

At a meeting of the Personnel, Pension and Insurance Committee held on February 26, 2024, it was:

VOTED: That the Personnel, Pension and Insurance Committee recommend to the District Board passage of the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the job specification for Risk Management Administrator be amended in the classification system and allocated to EE14.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John S. Mirtle". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John S. Mirtle  
District Clerk

**PERSONNEL PENSION AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE  
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FOR EMPLOYEE CLIMATE STUDY**

To: District Board

March 4, 2024

From: Personnel, Pension and Insurance Committee

At a meeting of the Personnel, Pension and Insurance Committee held on February 26, 2024, it was:

VOTED: That the Personnel, Pension and Insurance Committee approved the following resolution:

RESOLVED: Move forward asking the administration to develop a Request for Information and forward it back to the PPI Committee for review.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Mirtle". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John S. Mirtle  
District Clerk

**PERSONNEL, PENSION AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE  
WORKERS COMPENSATION TENTATIVE AGREEMENT**

To: District Board

March 4, 2024

From: Personnel, Pension and Insurance Committee

The Chief Executive Officer has authorized our workers compensation attorney to review outstanding workers compensation cases to determine, as based upon a financial assessment of expended monies with a projection for future costs, if it is advisable to attempt to stipulate to an agreement to limit future costs. To that point, the Chief Executive Officer has conducted regular meetings to review worker's compensation issues.

As a result of these efforts, a tentative agreement with Keith Slaughter (retiree) and his attorney has been reached to close out his three workers compensation files. This tentative agreement is fashioned as a full and final settlement to cap all future indemnity and medical claims in the amount of \$ 18,000. A worker's compensation file typically remains open for the individual's lifetime. If this agreement is approved by the Personnel, Pension and Insurance Committee and the Board of Commissioners, the stipulation would still go before the Workers Compensation Commissioner for final approval.

Staff has reviewed the tentative agreement and recommends approval.

At a meeting of the Personnel, Pension and Insurance Committee held on February 26, 2024, it was:

**VOTED:** That the Personnel Pension and Insurance Committee recommend to the District Board passage of the following resolution:

**RESOLVED:** That pursuant to Section B2f of the By-Laws of the Metropolitan District, the Board of Commissioners of The Metropolitan District hereby authorizes District Counsel, or designee, to execute any and all documents necessary to effect settlement of all Workers Compensation Indemnity and Medical Claims for Keith Slaughter in the amount of \$18,000, subject to the final approval by the Workers Compensation Commissioner.

Respectfully Submitted,



John S. Mirtle  
District Clerk



**THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING**

555 Main Street  
Hartford, Connecticut 06103  
Monday, February 5, 2024

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Andrew Adil, Kyle Anderson, John Avedisian, John Bazzano, Clifford Avery Buell, Richard Bush, Esther Clarke, Dimple Desai, William A. DiBella, David Drake, Peter Gardow, James Healy, Allen Hoffman, Jean Holloway, Gary Johnson, Byron Lester, Maureen Magnan, Jacqueline Mandyck, Bhupen Patel, Pasquale J Salemi, David Steuber, Alvin Taylor, James Woulfe and District Chairman Donald Currey (24)

**REMOTE ATTENDANCE:** Commissioners Joan Gentile, Diane Lewis, Dominic Pane and David Steuber (4)

**ABSENT:** Commissioners John Gale, Christian Hoheb, Mary LaChance, Michael Maniscalco, Calixto Torres and New Britain Special Representative Michael Carrier (6)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Scott W. Jellison, Chief Executive Officer  
Christopher Stone, District Counsel  
John S. Mirtle, District Clerk  
Christopher Levesque, Chief Operating Officer  
Kelly Shane, Chief Administrative Officer  
Sue Negrelli, Director of Engineering  
David Ruttly, Director of Operations  
Robert Schwarm, Director of Information Technology  
Tom Tyler, Director of Facilities  
Josh Tryon, Business Systems and Security Administrator  
Lindsay Williams, Accounting Administrator (Remote Attendance)  
Carrie Blardo, Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer  
Julie Price, Executive Assistant  
Jacob Aviles, IT Consultant (Remote Attendance)  
Dylan Pecego, IT Consultant (Remote Attendance)  
Linda Russo, Citizen Member

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by District Chairman Currey at 5:30 PM

**ROLL CALL AND QUORUM**

The District Clerk called the roll and informed District Chairman Currey that a quorum of the Commission was present, and the meeting was declared a legal meeting of the District Board of The Metropolitan District of Hartford County, Connecticut.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSIONER AND ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE**

The District Clerk swore in Commissioner Esther Clarke of East Hartford.

***Commissioner Healy entered the meeting at 5:33 PM***

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

***On motion made by Commissioner DiBella and duly seconded, the meeting minutes of January 10, 2024 were approved.***

***Commissioners Steuber and Lewis entered the meeting remotely at 5:34 PM***

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS**

Alma Elder, of the organization Third Act, complimented the Board on the progress being made on the Integrated Plan including increased funding, private property management improvements, no increase in Clean Water Project charges, and a commitment to working closely with the City of Hartford.

***Commissioner Pane entered the meeting remotely at 5:38 PM***

### **REPORT FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Chief Executive Officer Scott Jellison informed the Board regarding efforts to work with our Congressional delegation to get deauthorization of the Colebrook US Army Corps of Engineers project in the upcoming Federal WRDA bill. He also stated that we have requested federal funding for elimination of CSOs to Wethersfield Cove. He discussed items that will be brought to the next Water Bureau meeting including potential sale of land to the Town of Glastonbury, a discussion of the EPA's lead & copper rule, and changes to customer water bills. He informed the Board that he submitted his monthly Integrated Project report and forwarded that to the Commissioners as well. Lastly, he let the Board know that the new community outreach office at 179 Barbour Street, Hartford, was announced and that there will be a ceremonial ribbon cutting scheduled for the near future.

**REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNSEL**

District Counsel Christopher Stone updated the Board on the Hartford Landfill claims, stating that the first claim is in court, the second claim has an upcoming hearing before the State's Claims Commissioner, and the third claim is pending before the Claims Commissioner.

***Without objection, agenda item #9A "Approval for State of CT Financing DWSRF 2023-7118," agenda item #9B "Approval for State of CT Financing DWSRF 2023-5001" and agenda item #9C "Approval for State of CT Financing DWSRF 2023-7123" were consolidated and considered together.***

**BOARD OF FINANCE  
APPROVAL FOR STATE OF CONNECTICUT FINANCING DWSRF 2023-7118**

To: District Board

February 5, 2024

From: Board of Finance

Staff seeks approval from your Board to execute and deliver the Interim Funding Obligation and/or Project Loan Obligation to the State of Connecticut for DWSRF 2023-7118 having a principal amount of \$4,783,692.03 and having an interest rate of 2.00%.

The low interest loan and accompanying grant will fund the replacement of water mains and associated appurtenances in the vicinity of Hartford Hospital in Hartford.

The State of Connecticut, through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program, will provide \$6,283,692.03 in state funding with \$1,500,000 in grants and \$4,783,692.03 in low interest loans at 2.00% to fund the expenses associated with this agreement.

Bond Counsel prepared the following resolution for your approval.

At a meeting of the Board of Finance held on January 24, 2024, it was:

VOTED: That the Board of Finance recommends to the District Board passage of the following resolution from Bond Counsel

RESOLVED:

Section 1. The Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman, and the District Treasurer, or in his absence, the Deputy Treasurer, are authorized to execute and deliver the Project Loan and Subsidy Agreement DWSRF 2023-7118 to be entered into with the State of Connecticut (the "Agreement") and any and all Interim Funding

Obligations and Project Loan Obligations for DWSRF 2023-7118 in the aggregate amount not to exceed \$4,783,692.03, to fund the replacement of water mains and associated appurtenances in the vicinity of Hartford Hospital in Hartford, Connecticut. All previous actions taken by the District, including the actions of the Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman, and the District Treasurer, or in his absence, the Deputy Treasurer, in furtherance of this resolution or otherwise related to the Agreement and any and all related documents, shall hereby be ratified and confirmed in all respects. Such Interim Funding Obligations shall be dated as of their date of issue, shall mature within six months of the Scheduled Completion Date, as defined in the Agreement, shall bear interest at a rate of two percent (2.00%) per annum, shall be payable as to principal and interest as provided in the Agreement and, to the extent not paid prior to maturity from The Metropolitan District funds, may be renewed by the issuance of Interim Funding Obligations or Project Loan Obligations, all as provided in the Agreement. Capitalized terms used herein and not defined shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Agreement.

Section 2. The Project Loan Obligations shall be dated as of their date of issue, shall mature no later than twenty years from the Scheduled Completion Date, shall bear interest at a rate of two percent (2.00%) per annum and shall be payable as to principal and interest as provided in the Agreement.

Respectfully Submitted,



John S. Mirtle, Esq.  
District Clerk

**BOARD OF FINANCE**  
**APPROVAL FOR STATE OF CONNECTICUT FINANCING DWSRF 2023-5001**

To: District Board

February 5, 2024

From: Board of Finance

Staff seeks approval from your Board to execute and deliver the Interim Funding Obligation and/or Project Loan Obligation to the State of Connecticut for DWSRF 2023-5001 having a principal amount of \$340,133.80 and having an interest rate of 2.00%.

The low interest loan and accompanying grant will fund the inventory and material identification of service lines within the MDC water service area.

The State of Connecticut, through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program, will provide \$1,360,535.22 in state funding with \$1,020,401.42 in grants and \$340,133.80 in low interest loans at 2.00% to fund the expenses associated with this agreement.

Bond Counsel prepared the following resolution for your approval.

At a meeting of the Board of Finance held on January 24, 2024, it was:

VOTED: That the Board of Finance recommends to the District Board passage of the following resolution from Bond Counsel

RESOLVED:

Section 1. The Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman, and the District Treasurer, or in his absence, the Deputy Treasurer, are authorized to execute and deliver the Project Loan and Subsidy Agreement DWSRF 2023-5001 to be entered into with the State of Connecticut (the "Agreement") and any and all Interim Funding Obligations and Project Loan Obligations for DWSRF 2023-5001 in the aggregate amount not to exceed \$340,133.80, to fund the Water Service Line Inventory, which shall consist of the inventory and material identification of service lines within The Metropolitan District water service area. All previous actions taken by the District, including the actions of the Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman, and the District Treasurer, or in his absence, the Deputy Treasurer, in furtherance of this resolution or otherwise related to the Agreement and any and all related documents, shall hereby be ratified and confirmed in all respects. Such Interim Funding Obligations shall be dated as of their date of issue, shall mature within six months of the Scheduled Completion Date, as defined in the Agreement, shall bear interest at a rate of two percent (2.00%) per annum, shall be payable as to principal and interest as provided in the Agreement and, to the extent not paid prior to maturity from The Metropolitan District funds, may be renewed by the issuance of Interim Funding Obligations or Project Loan Obligations, all as provided in the Agreement. Capitalized terms used herein and not defined shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Agreement.

Section 2. The Project Loan Obligations shall be dated as of their date of issue, shall mature no later than twenty years from the Scheduled Completion Date, shall bear interest at a rate of two percent (2.00%) per annum and shall be payable as to principal and interest as provided in the Agreement.

Respectfully Submitted,



John S. Mirtle, Esq.  
District Clerk

**BOARD OF FINANCE**  
**APPROVAL FOR STATE OF CONNECTICUT FINANCING DWSRF 2023-7123**

To: District Board

February 5, 2024

From: Board of Finance

Staff seeks approval from your Board to execute and deliver the Interim Funding Obligation and/or Project Loan Obligation to the State of Connecticut for DWSRF 2023-7123 having a principal amount of \$3,160,371.65 and having an interest rate of 2.00%.

The low interest loan and accompanying grant will fund improvements to the Orchard St. Pump Station in Glastonbury, CT.

The State of Connecticut, through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program, will provide \$3,493,042.35 in state funding with \$332,670.70 in grants and \$3,160,371.65 in low interest loans at 2.00% to fund the expenses associated with this agreement.

Bond Counsel prepared the following resolution for your approval.

At a meeting of the Board of Finance held on January 24, 2024, it was:

VOTED: That the Board of Finance recommends to the District Board passage of the following resolution from Bond Counsel

RESOLVED:

Section 1. The Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman, and the District Treasurer, or in his absence, the Deputy Treasurer, are authorized to execute and deliver the Project Loan and Subsidy Agreement DWSRF 2023-7123 to be entered into with the State of Connecticut (the "Agreement") and any and all Interim Funding Obligations and Project Loan Obligations for DWSRF 2023-7123 in the aggregate amount not to exceed \$3,160,371.65, to fund improvements to the Orchard Street Pump Station in Glastonbury, Connecticut. All previous actions taken by the District, including the actions of the Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman, and the District Treasurer, or in his absence, the Deputy Treasurer, in furtherance of this resolution or otherwise related to the Agreement and any and all related documents, shall hereby be ratified and confirmed in all respects. Such Interim Funding Obligations shall be dated as of their date of issue, shall mature within six months of the Scheduled Completion Date, as defined in the Agreement, shall bear interest at a rate of two percent (2.00%) per annum, shall be payable as to principal and interest as provided in the Agreement and, to the extent not paid prior to maturity from The Metropolitan District funds, may be renewed by the issuance of Interim Funding Obligations or Project Loan Obligations, all as provided in the Agreement. Capitalized terms used herein and not defined shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Agreement.

Section 2. The Project Loan Obligations shall be dated as of their date of issue, shall mature no later than twenty years from the Scheduled Completion Date, shall bear interest at a rate of two percent (2.00%) per annum and shall be payable as to principal and interest as provided in the Agreement.

Respectfully Submitted,



John S. Mirtle, Esq.  
District Clerk

***On motion made by Commissioner Salemi and duly seconded, the reports for agenda item #9A "Approval for State of CT Financing DWSRF 2023-7118," agenda item #9B "Approval for State of CT Financing DWSRF 2023-5001" and agenda item #9C "Approval for State of CT Financing DWSRF 2023-7123" were received and resolutions adopted by unanimous vote of those present. District Chairman Currey abstained.***

**COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION  
APPOINTMENTS OF COMMISSIONER TO COMMITTEES**

To: District Board

February 5, 2024

From: Committee on Organization

At a meeting of the Committee on Organization held on February 5, 2024, it was:

**Voted:** That the Committee on Organization recommends to the District Board the following Bureau, Committee, and Board appointments for the years 2024 and 2025 and until their successors are appointed and qualified:

**Water Bureau**

Esther Clarke

**Strategic Planning Committee**

Esther Clarke

**Committee on MDC Government**

Esther Clarke

**Personnel, Pension and Insurance Committee**

Bhupen Patel

Respectfully submitted,



John S. Mirtle, Esq.  
District Clerk

***On motion made by Commissioner DiBella and duly seconded, the report was received and resolution adopted by unanimous vote of those present. District Chairman Currey abstained.***

**COMMITTEE ON MDC GOVERNMENT  
APPOINTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE CONSULTANTS**

To: District Board

February 5, 2024

From: Committee on MDC Government

Over the past year, the firms of Gaffney, Bennett and Associates Inc. (Attorney Brendan Fox), SJB Strategies, LLC (Attorney Steve Bonafonte), and Strategic Outreach Solutions, LLC (Janice Flemming) have provided exemplary service in the area of government relations and advocacy within state government on behalf of the District, and the same holds true for Squire Patton Boggs (William Schuster) and SJB Strategies, LLC on the federal level. On the federal level, we have been working with our Congressional delegation on an amendment to federal infrastructure legislation that would terminate our agreement with the US Army Corps of Engineers relating to the Colebrook River Reservoir, consistent with the granting of source abandonment application by the State Department of Public Health. The importance of this federal initiative cannot be understated, and staff suggest that SJB Strategies, LLC devote its time exclusively to its federal lobbying effort, and that another firm, namely Levin, Paolino and Christ Government Relations Consulting, LLC, be added during the state legislative session to assist at the state level. Based upon this suggestion, and in recognition of the past performance of our existing lobbyist, District staff recommends the reappointment of each of our existing firms for the 2024 state and federal legislative consultants, and addition of Levin, Paolino and Christ Government Relations Consulting, LLC. The term of the appointments of existing firms would be from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, and as to Levin, Paolino and Christ Government Relations Consulting, LLC, from February 6, 2024 to May, 2024, all subject to Board approval.

Furthermore, in the event the Committee on MDC Government forwards the appointments to the District Board, District staff recommends the following annual fees for state legislative/administrative consultants: (1) Gaffney, Bennett and Associates, Inc. receive \$69,000.00, (2) Levin, Paolino and Christ Government Relations Consulting, LLC receive \$14,000.00 and (3) Strategic Outreach Solutions, LLC receive \$66,000.00.

On the Federal level, District staff recommends the reappointment of Squire Patton Boggs and SJB Strategies LLC as federal legislative consultants. In the event the Committee on MDC Government forwards the appointments to the District Board, District staff recommends the following annual fees for federal legislative/administrative consultants: (1) Squire Patton Boggs receive \$150,000.00; and (2) SJB Strategies, LLC receive \$95,000.00.



At a meeting of the Committee on MDC Government held on January 31, 2024, it was:

**Voted:** That the Committee on MDC Government recommends to the District Board passage of the following resolution:

**Resolved:** That the firms of Gaffney, Bennett and Associates Inc. and Strategic Outreach Solutions, LLC shall be retained to perform state lobbying services for a period commencing on January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, and the firm of Levin, Paolino, and Christ Government Relations Consulting, LLC, shall be retained for the period from February 6, 2024 through May, 2024. Gaffney, Bennett and Associates, Inc. fee will receive \$69,000.00, Levin, Paolino and Christ Government Relations Consulting, LLC will receive \$14,000.00, and Strategic Outreach Solutions, LLC will receive \$66,000.00, all subject to the execution of a written agreement prepared and approved by District Counsel as to form and content, reflecting the scope of services, reporting requirements and such other terms and conditions as District Counsel, may specify.

**Further**

**Resolved:** That the firms of Squire Patton Boggs and SJB Strategies, LLC be retained to perform federal lobbying services for a period commencing on January 1, 2024 and terminating on December 31, 2024. Squire Patton Boggs will receive \$150,000.00 and SJB Strategies, LLC will receive \$95,000.00, subject to the execution of a written agreement prepared and approved by District Counsel as to form and content, reflecting the scope of services, reporting requirements and such other terms and conditions as District Counsel may specify.

Respectfully submitted,



John S. Mirtle, Esq.  
District Clerk

***On motion made by Commissioner Bazzano and duly seconded, the report was received and resolution adopted by unanimous vote of those present. District Chairman Currey abstained.***

**KENNY OBAYASHI JOINT VENTURE v. MDC LITIGATION**

At 5:59 PM, District Chairman Currey requested an executive session to discuss both agenda item #12 “Kenny Obayashi Joint Venture v. MDC Litigation” (pending litigation) and agenda item #13 “Cybersecurity” (per Connecticut General Statue § 1-200(6)(C), the cybersecurity discussion falls under the executive session criteria).

***On motion made by Commissioner Mandyck and duly seconded, the District Board entered into executive session to discuss agenda item #12 “Kenny Obayashi Joint Venture v. MDC Litigation” and agenda item #13 “Cybersecurity.”***

Those in attendance during the executive session for item #12 “Kenny Kobayashi Joint Venture v. MDC Litigation”: Commissioners Andrew Adil, Kyle Anderson, John Avedisian, John Bazzano, Avery Buell, Richard Bush, Esther Clarke, Donald Currey, Dimple Desai, William DiBella, David Drake, Peter Gardow, Joan Gentile (Remote), James Healy, Allen Hoffman, Jean Holloway, Gary Johnson, Byron Lester, Diane Lewis (Remote), Maureen Magnan, Jacqueline Mandyck, Dominic Pane (Remote), Bhupen Patel, Pasquale J. Salemi, David Steuber (Remote), Alvin Taylor, James Woulfe; Chief Executive Officer Scott Jellison, Chief Operating Officer Chris Levesque, Director of Engineering Susan Negrelli; Attorneys Christopher Stone, John S. Mirtle, Tim Corey of Hinkley Allen, and David Hill of Ford & Paulekas.

***At 7:01PM, Chief Operating Officer Chris Levesque, Director of Engineering Susan Negrelli, Attorney Tim Corey and Attorney David Hill exited executive session.***

#### **CYBERSECURITY**

***At 7:02 PM, Chief Administrative Officer Kelly Shane, Director of Information Technology Robert Schwarm, and Business Systems & Security Administrator Joshua Tryon entered the executive session.***

#### **RECONVENE**

At 7:40 PM, District Chairman Currey requested to come out of executive session and on motion made by Commissioner DiBella and duly seconded, the District Board came out of executive session and reconvened.

No action was taken.

#### **OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

#### **COMMISSIONER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Commissioner Bush would like to have the look-back period for lateral repair to be brought forward, as requested in the past.

Chairman Currey informed the Board that to maintain his impartiality while presiding over District Board meetings, he will by default abstain from voting but may elect to vote when his vote will affect the outcome.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM

ATTEST:

John S. Mirtle, Esq.  
District Clerk

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Date of Approval