

REGIONALIZATION

Third, Final Draft of 28E/F Shared with Potential Founders

Representatives of West Des Moines Water Works, Des Moines Water Works and the Urbandale Water Utility have shared the third draft of the 28E/F agreement with the 12 potential founding members, which includes community water departments, independent water works and rural water utilities.

The three board-governed utilities took the lead in negotiating the agreement, which if approved by the local water departments and utilities, will establish Central Iowa Water Works, a regional drinking water production system.

12 ENTITIES WORKING TOGETHER

The potential members signed agreements to consider the formation of a regional drinking water system in late 2021 or early 2022. They include: Ankeny, Clive, DMWW, Grimes, Johnston, Polk City, Urbandale, Warren Water District, WDMWW, Waukee and Xenia Rural Water.

Central Iowa communities have a long history of working together on the management of water resources. In fact, this cooperative approach traces its roots back nine decades to 1934 when Urbandale Water Utility inked an agreement to buy water from DMWW.

After the 1993 flood, suburban partners contributed \$100 million to build additional water treatment plants and facilities operated by DMWW. Today, these suburban partners use more than 50 percent of the water produced by DMWW.

INDEPENDENT AND REGIONAL

“Water is an essential and finite resource that every community in the metro needs to grow and thrive,” noted Christina Murphy, general manager of WDMWW. “As we look to the future, we are facing many of the same challenges, and we have a fiduciary obligation to our customers to ensure ample water today and tomorrow. Collaborating on CIWW gives us more tools and opportunities for the future.”

CIWW would not replace or eliminate the water boards or water departments within each community, according to the proposed agreement. Each community would supply the water it purchases from CIWW to its individual customers, set its own water rates, operate and maintain its local distribution system (mains and water towers), and provide all of its own customer service.

COLLABORATIVE AND REGIONAL

The governing agency of Central Iowa Water Works will work together to manage the growth of the water system. Each founding member will have a seat on the CIWW governing board.

These potential partners will review the final agreement and begin taking steps to confirm their respective support and participation in the founding CIWW over the next month with the goal being to approve the 28E/F by the end of 2023 or early 2024.

PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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| Sept. 28 | Valley Junction Activity Center, 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m., 217 Fifth St., West Des Moines. |
| Oct. 16 | Trustees Board Meeting, 4 p.m., WDMWW boardroom |
| Nov. 1 | Budget Workshop, 4 p.m., public comment during public forum, WDMWW boardroom |
| Nov. 2 | Online Meeting, noon to 1 p.m. |
| Nov. 9 | Online Meeting, noon to 1 p.m. |
| Nov. 15 | Trustees Meeting, 4 p.m., WDMWW boardroom |
| Dec. 4 | Special meeting – Budget Hearing public input during public forum |
| Dec. 20 | Trustees Board Meeting, public hearing and vote on CIWW 28E/F |

WATER EDUCATION

Wild Water Week with the Walnut Creek YMCA

West Des Moines Water Works takes every opportunity to educate youth on the ins and outs and ebbs and flows of water. This past summer, campers from the Walnut Creek YMCA learned about water hydrants and meters from WDMWW pros Joe Mohler, distribution coordinator, and Derek

Hatfield, distribution specialist. If your organization would like to host a water education activity or presentation, please contact: **Josh Heggen**, business manager, at 515-222-3460 or josh.heggen@wdmww.com



A Beacon of Light to Spotlight a Fallen Officer



West Des Moines Water Works helped Iowans pay homage to Brian Cram, the fallen Algona Police Department officer, with a “beacon of light” on the 50th Street water tower. The request to shine the iconic Bat Signal with Officer Cram’s badge number, 55-18, came from the Iowa League of Heros, a charity that strives “To help others in whatever way we can and be more than fictional heroes.”

WDMWW’s Bill Mabuce helped with the lighting, and the signal beamed on the tower for 15 minutes at 8 p.m. on Sept. 17.

Condolences to Officer Cram’s family, colleagues, friends and community.

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