

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
DES MOINES, IOWA**

**CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 96-223
MAY 28, 1996 AGENDA**

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
CHAPTER 28E AGREEMENT—RIVER GAGES & JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	HAROLD SMITH ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

SYNOPSIS —

As a continuing part of the City Flood-Control Program, the annual 28E Agreement for funding and the Cooperative Agreement to keep river- and stream-gaging stations in operation have been prepared.

FISCAL IMPACT —

The total cost for this period of operation is \$42,030. Under this Agreement, the City pays \$19,893; West Des Moines and the Water Works pay \$11,637; and the U.S. Geological Survey pays \$10,500. The funds for this are found in Account No. 330845, *Des Moines and Raccoon River Levee Maintenance*, CIP Page 84.

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval of 28E Agreement and Joint Funding Agreement.

BACKGROUND —

These gages set standards for flood insurance and flood operations within the Des Moines area. The gages are located at: Des Moines River at 2nd Avenue; Raccoon River at Van Meter; Raccoon River at 63rd Street; Walnut Creek at 63rd Street; Raccoon River at Fleur Drive; and Four Mile Creek at Easton Boulevard.

The Chapter 28E Agreement between the City, West Des Moines, and the Water Works provides for cost-sharing with the U.S. Geological Survey for operation of river-level gages. The Geological Survey Joint Funding Agreement provides funding for operation of river-level gages from October 1, 1995 to September 30, 1996.

Cost of operation after September 30, 1996, will be covered by future Joint Funding Agreements with the Geological Survey.

The Agreements are somewhat late in presentation for execution because the U.S. Geological Survey has been affected by the recent Federal Government cutbacks. As a result of the cutbacks, the Geological Survey has had to reprogram the jointly-funded Gaging Station Agreements. The part that must be paid by the local governments has now more than doubled in cost.