

# Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

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#### **AGENDA HEADING:**

Agreement for Loan of Personnel and Equipment Between the City of Des Moines and the City of Cumming

#### **SYNOPSIS:**

The City of Cumming has a vacancy on the staff of its Wastewater Treatment Plant and has requested the City of Des Moines loan an operator until such time as Cumming obtains a replacement operator for its plant.

#### FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

<u>Amount:</u> Net operating costs of the WRA are allocated to communities based on a formula (Des Moines's share is approximately 56%). This action will negligibly lower all community contributions.

<u>Funding Source</u>: 2011 Operating Budget - EN101 PWK074007 Wastewater Treatment Payment, Page 265

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The City of Cumming has an ongoing need for a licensed Wastewater Operator to meet the operational requirements for its plant. The City of Des Moines, in its capacity as the Operating Agency for the Des Moines Metropolitan Wastewater Reclamation Authority (WRA), operates the WRA's Wastewater Reclamation Facility (WRF) and has employees duly licensed as Wastewater Operators who would be qualified to assist Cumming in its need. Cumming has requested Des Moines loan it an operator until such time as Cumming obtains a replacement operator for its plant or the plant is decommissioned.

The WRA Management Agency has approved the loan of WRF personnel to Cumming, and has authorized Des Moines to enter into an agreement with Cumming for that purpose. Des Moines and Cumming have negotiated the terms of this Chapter 28E Agreement providing for the loan of WRF personnel for the operation of Cumming's wastewater treatment plant. From October 11, 2010 through December 31, 2013 the City of Des Moines will provide a Lab Analyst with a Grade II Iowa Wastewater License and the use of any WRF vehicle used to transport personnel pursuant to this Agreement will be reimbursed, with rates adjusted to reflect such increases as may occur in labor agreements and vehicle reimbursement rates during the period of this Agreement. Such amounts are due and payable upon

monthly billing to Cumming. Time and mileage charges shall accrue when WRF personnel and vehicles leave the WRF and continue until returned to the WRF.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE** 

## ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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