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**To:** mccullochj@co.oakland.mi.us  
**Subject:** Important information about deadline to comment on proposed water contract  
**Attachments:** 2007-04-09 Resolution re DWSD Model Water Contract1.DOC

The City of Detroit's Water and Sewerage Department has asked for input from elected officials regarding its proposed water contract. It is imperative that your community goes on record with its concerns, especially in light of the fact that the proposed contract is a 30-year commitment.

At a March 23, 2007 meeting in Farmington Hills, Detroit officials imposed a 60-day deadline for community input. By my calculation, that means the deadline is **Tuesday, May 22, 2007**. I have received a significant number of concerns regarding the proposed model water contract.

Those concerns generally fell into several broad categories. They include:

The contract should provide a process for meaningful customer participation, a "**greater voice**" to provide input concerning major capital or maintenance projects or other factors impacting the rates developed by the Detroit Board of Water Commissioners.

The contract should define and provide **full and timely disclosure of information**, and in a format that will allow the communities to assist in the rate-making process and its long-term planning.

Also, the City of Detroit or the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) should provide a **reasonable policy for early withdrawal or termination** prior to the expiration of the contract term along with actual costs associated with such withdrawal or termination.

The attached proposed resolution is being provided to assist your board in providing the appropriate action. Please feel free to use the attached resolution in its entirety or modify it to fit the particular needs of your community.

Please forward the adopted resolution to Victor Mercado, director of the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department at: 735 Randolph Street, Detroit, Michigan 48226. I would appreciate a copy as well. My address is: One Public Works Drive, Building 95-W, Waterford, MI 48328.

Regards,

John P. McCulloch  
Oakland County Drain Commissioner

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