



City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

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Legislative File No: 2014-0352

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Allan E. Schneck, P.E., Director of Public Services

DATE: September 8, 2014

SUBJECT: Michigan's Water and Wastewater Agency Response Network (MIWARN)
City File No. E14-021

REQUEST:

The Department of Public Services requests that the Rochester Hills City Council authorizes entering into the Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement with the Michigan Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (Mi-WARN), and authorizes the execution of the Agreement by the Mayor and Clerk.

BACKGROUND:

A Water and Wastewater Agency Response Network (WARN) is a network of utilities and public works agencies in Michigan assisting one another to respond to and recover from major emergencies. MiWARN provides a single agreement with protocols for sharing resources and maintaining emergency contacts. The agreement contains indemnification and worker's compensation provisions to protect participating members and provide reimbursement protocols.

There is no cost to participate and no obligation to respond. Under no circumstances is a member to send resources if it impacts their own ability to manage daily operations or respond to an emergency.

Execution of the Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement will assist in FEMA reimbursement for equipment, fuel and personnel in the event of a disaster. A few key considerations for FEMA reimbursement are: 1) that the entity can provide documentation of rates and payment for services, which are provided in the MiWARN database. 2) the Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement is written and in effect prior to the disaster.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Rochester Hills City Council authorizes entering into the Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement with the Michigan Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (Mi-WARN), and authorizes the execution of the Agreement by the Mayor and Clerk.

**Attached: Michigan Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network By-Laws
Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement**

APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Review		
Department Director		
Mayor		
Deputy Clerk		

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