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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE FOR FY2024 CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND (CWSRF) PROJECT

The Downriver Utility Wastewater Authority (DUWA) announces a Public Hearing regarding its Project Plan for the proposed Ultraviolet Disinfection Replacement Project at the Downriver Wastewater Treatment Facility (DWTF) in Wyandotte, MI. The purpose of this public hearing is to receive comments from interested persons.

The Ultraviolet Disinfection Replacement Project involves replacement of the existing ultraviolet (UV) disinfection system with an upgraded disinfection system. The existing UV disinfection system is obsolete in that the manufacturer no longer provides technical support nor supplies spare parts, and it has now reached the end of its useful life. UV disinfection is the final step in the wastewater treatment process where the DNA from bacteria and other pathogenic microorganisms is damaged such that the bacteria cannot reproduce. Disinfection is necessary to ensure the effluent water is safe to be discharged to the Detroit River in accordance with the DWTF's discharge permit requirements.

The temporary impact of construction activities will be minimized as all work is planned to occur within the existing building and facilities at the DWTF. Improvements to the infrastructure are needed to maintain the long-term reliability of the DWTF to treat wastewater from the surrounding communities. This project will improve the treatment of sewage flows through the DWTF.

Adverse impacts on historical, archaeological, geographic, or cultural areas are not expected as all work is proposed to take place on the DWTF site where earth has been previously disturbed for construction. However, if any potential impacts arise, construction will be halted and the proper steps will be taken following appropriate guidelines.

The cost of this project is currently estimated at \$16.5 million and is eligible for participation in the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) low interest Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) financing program. DUWA intends to pursue this low interest funding opportunity for FY2024.

The public hearing on the FY2024 CWSRF Project proposed by DUWA will be held for the purpose of receiving comments from interested persons. The presentation at the public hearing will provide a description of the need for the project and the proposed improvements, their estimated costs, anticipated impacts, as well as the cost per household impact for customer communities. Comments and viewpoints from the public are requested. The Project Plan document will be available for review online after March 29, 2023 on the DUWA Website: <https://duwauthority.org/psa/>.

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD ON:

DATE: Thursday, April 13, 2023

TIME: 9:00 AM, Eastern Time

PLACE: **In person:**
City of Taylor Council Chambers
23555 Goddard Road
Taylor, MI 48180

Zoom Videoconferencing:

Zoom link: <https://ohm-advisors.zoom.us/j/92351387718?pwd=bnpMVXQ3NVNJWWtWYURoSFoyRGZEUT09>

Meeting ID: 923 5138 7718

Passcode: DUWA

Telephonic Hearing:

Phone Number: 1-301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 923 5138 7718

Passcode: 194624

Members of the public may offer comments in the following manner:

In Person: Members of the public who, subject to capacity, wish to attend the meeting and/or offer public comments in person may attend the meeting at the location provided above.

By Zoom Videoconferencing: Members of the public who wish to use Zoom videoconferencing to attend the meeting and/or offer public comment may “raise their hand” by using that feature within the Zoom software program during the portion of the hearing designated for public participation.

By Telephone: Members of the public who wish to attend the meeting and/or offer public comment by telephone should call in at the phone number provided above and press *9 on their keypad to “raise their hand” during the portion of the hearing designated for public participation. During other portions of the meeting, members of the public are asked to mute their line by pressing *6 on their keypad to mute or unmute their line.

By Email: Members of the public may provide written comments to the Board by emailing those comments to duwa@ohm-advisors.com on or before 5:00 p.m. EST on Thursday, April 13, 2023, and should reference “April 13, 2023 Public Hearing on Proposed SRF Project” in the subject line of the email. The opportunity to submit written comments by email may remain open throughout the duration of the public hearing.

By U.S. Mail: Members of the public may provide written comments by United States mail addressed to:

Downriver Utility Wastewater Authority
c/o DUWA System Manager, OHM Advisors
34000 Plymouth Road
Livonia, MI 48150

Written comments by U.S. mail should reference “April 13, 2023 Public Hearing on Proposed SRF Project” in the letter. The opportunity to submit written comments by U.S. mail may remain open throughout the duration of the public hearing.

If a member of the public requires accommodation due to a disability, please contact duwa@ohm-advisors.com or call (734) 522-6711 and ask to speak with DUWA's System Manager no less than 72 hours prior to the date of the meeting.