

Lead Service Line Replacement Advisory Board Meeting DRAFT Minutes
July 27, 2022

The second meeting of the Lead Service Line Replacement Advisory Board Meeting was called to order at approximately 1:00 p.m. with the following Board members in attendance:

Africa, Associate Director, IDOR

Jason Bauer, Assistant City Engineer, City of Aurora

Anna-Lisa Castle, Policy Director, Clean Water & Equity, Alliance for the Great Lakes

Andrea Cheng, Commissioner, Chicago Department of Water

Dave Clark, Acting Public Works Director, City of Champaign

Brad Cole, Executive Director, Illinois Municipal League

Brian Cox, Plumbing and Water Quality Program Manager, IDPH

Anthena Gore, Water Programs Strategist, Elevate

Joseph Healy, Business Manager, LiUNA Local 1092

Paul Hinterlong, Councilman, City of Naperville

Todd LaFountain, CWLP Water Division Manager, City of Springfield

Brent O'Neill, Director of Engineering, Illinois American Water

Rick Powers, Director of Public Works, City of Peoria

Jones Richmond, Business Representative, Plumbers Local 130

Brenda Santoyo, Senior Policy Analyst, LVEJO

Iyana Simba, City Programs Director, Illinois Environmental Council

Sanjay Sofat, Chief, Bureau of Water, IEPA

Tom Somers, Director of Public Works, City of Herrin

Allison Swisher, Department of Public Utilities, City of Joliet

Eric Weiss, Water Director, City of Elgin

Justin Williams, Policy Manager, Metropolitan Planning Council

Others attending:

Gary Bingenheimer, Bureau of Water, IEPA

Mike Brown, Bureau of Water, IEPA

Brad Frost, Office of Community Relations, IEPA

Jeff Guy, Office of Community Relations, IEPA

Sara Terranova, Division of Legal Counsel, IEPA

Deb Williams, CWLP Regulatory Affairs Director, City of Springfield

Gary Bingenheimer took a roll call of members present.

The Draft Minutes from the April 29, 2022, Advisory Board meeting were adopted by a unanimous voice vote.

Justin Williams, Metropolitan Planning Council, made a slide presentation titled “LSLR Funding Needs and Potential Revenue Sources”. This was followed by a comment period during which various potential funding mechanisms and issues were discussed, including: bonds; SRF grants; other rate charges and fees; hybrid funding solutions; CDBG funds; unfunded municipal mandates; equity among households based on income; equity among households that do not have LSL; sunseting of surcharges adopted; statutory authorization for local units of government to identify their own revenue sources.

Andrea Cheng, City of Chicago, made a slide presentation titled “Individual Household Income Variation Within a Service Area: Chicago as a Case Study”. No comments or questions were received.

Gary Bingenheimer opened to floor to comments or questions on the July 29, 2022, letter to Sanjay Sofat from the Illinois Municipal League. No comments were made.

Brad Cole reiterated that a statewide fee was not in the Lead Service Line Replacement and Notification Act’s legislative intent, but rather the statutory language gives units of government the power to levy fees, rather than establishing state-wide fees.

Justin Williams stated that he welcomes brainstorming on LSL replacement funding.

Deb Williams asked for an update on Agency activity, including SRF rulemaking. Gary Bingenheimer stated that the Agency hopes to have them ready by the end of the year.

Anthena Gore asked if any municipalities were using CDBG funding for LSL replacement. Brad Cole gave some background about CDBG funding and ARPA funding.

The next meeting of the LSL Replacement Advisory Board is November 16, 2022.

Further comments and documents are to be sent to Jeff Guy for compilation and possible posting to the LSLR website at <https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/topics/drinking-water/public-water-users/Pages/Lead-Service-Line-Replacement-Advisory-Board.aspx>.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:30 p.m.