



ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Jerome D. Schad, Chair
Peggy A. LaGree, Vice Chair
Michele M. Iannello, Treasurer

FROM: Terrence D. McCracken, Secretary to the Authority

DATE: May 13, 2024

SUBJECT: Support of Federal Legislation to Oversee Water System Cybersecurity

At the last Board meeting, Sabrina Figler reported on her recent participation in AWWA's Fly-In annual event in Washington, D.C. Ms. Figler noted the purpose of the Fly-In is to advance AWWA's priorities on Capitol Hill by utilizing its vast membership and the influence each member has with their own congressional representatives. One of AWWA's four legislative priorities is to support a collaborative approach to cybersecurity in the water sector by establishing an independent organization to set minimum standards with oversight by the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA").

AWWA recognizes the increasing cybersecurity threats to critical infrastructure, including water systems, and believes these threats require a collaborative solution. AWWA urges Congress to pass legislation establishing an independent organization, the Water Risk and Resilience Organization ("WRRO"). This sector-led organization would propose minimum cybersecurity standards for water systems and perform regular audits, with the EPA approving standards and providing oversight.

I am requesting that the Board approve sending a resolution of support to U.S. Senators Chuck Schumer and Kristen Gillibrand, Representative Tim Kennedy and New York Congressman Nick Langworthy.

A resolution in support of the establishment of the Water Risk and Resilience Organization has been included for your consideration at the meeting of May 23, 2024.

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ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY
AUTHORIZATION FORM
For Approval/Execution of Documents
(check which apply)

Contract:	Project No.:
Project Description:	<u>Support of Federal Legislation to Oversee Water System Cybersecurity</u>

Item Description:

<input type="checkbox"/> Agreement	<input type="checkbox"/> Professional Service Contract	<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Change Order
<input type="checkbox"/> BCD	<input type="checkbox"/> NYSDOT Agreement	<input type="checkbox"/> Contract Documents	<input type="checkbox"/> Addendum
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation for Award of Contract	<input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation to Reject Bids		
<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Proposals			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Support of Federal Legislation to Oversee Water System Cybersecurity</u>			

Program _____

Action Requested:


<input type="checkbox"/> Board Authorization to Execute	<input type="checkbox"/> Legal Approval
<input type="checkbox"/> Board Authorization to Award	<input type="checkbox"/> Execution by the Chairman
<input type="checkbox"/> Board Authorization to Advertise for Bids	<input type="checkbox"/> Execution by the Secretary to the Authority
<input type="checkbox"/> Board Authorization to Solicit Request for Proposals	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Support of Federal Legislation to Oversee Water System Cybersecurity</u>	

Approvals Needed:

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

<input type="checkbox"/> Other	_____	Date: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Chief Operating Officer	_____	Date: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Engineer	_____	Date: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Director of Administration	_____	Date: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Comptroller	_____	Date: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Chief Financial Officer	_____	Date: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Legal	_____	Date: _____

APPROVED FOR BOARD RESOLUTION:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Secretary to the Authority		Date: <u>5/8/2024</u>
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Remarks: _____

Resolution Date: _____	Item No: _____
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