

SOUTHEAST METRO STORMWATER AUTHORITY
acting by and through
SEMSWA WATER ACTIVITY ENTERPRISE

RESOLUTION 24-29

Authorization to Execute Agreement regarding Funding of High Line Canal Stormwater Transition and Management Plan (STAMP) with Mile High Flood District (MHFD)

WHEREAS, in June of 2024, Denver Water transferred 45 miles of the High Line Canal property to Arapahoe County, including approximately five miles within the City of Centennial and approximately four miles within unincorporated Arapahoe County, both within the Southeast Metro Stormwater Authority (SEMSWA) service area, with the intent of repurposing the property from an irrigation canal to a regional open space; and

WHEREAS, in association with the High Line Canal property transition from Denver Water to Arapahoe County, a Deed of Conservation Easement for the High Line Canal was executed by Denver Water to the High Line Canal Conservancy which recognized stormwater as one of the intended purposes of the canal; and

WHEREAS, SEMSWA wishes to participate in a Stormwater Transition and Management Plan (STAMP) for the High Line Canal with Mile High Flood District (MHFD); and

WHEREAS, the STAMP will provide canal-wide and jurisdiction-specific planning to help better understand hydraulic capacity, ecological impacts, receiving stream systems, water quality, operations and maintenance, level of service goals, existing conditions, potential flooding conditions, and to prioritize solutions for identified risks; and

WHEREAS, MHFD has included the High Line Canal STAMP in its 2024 Work Program at the request of SEMSWA; and

WHEREAS, SEMSWA will be a co-sponsor for the STAMP; and

WHEREAS, MHFD will pay \$250,000 (~38%) of the total project cost (\$657,500) for the High Line Canal STAMP, other High Line Canal co-sponsors are anticipated to pay \$347,500 (~53%), and SEMSWA will pay \$60,000 (~9%) as their local cost share of \$10,000 for canal-wide planning and \$50,000 for the City of Centennial jurisdiction-specific planning; and

WHEREAS, the High Line Canal was previously studied in 2018 as part of the High Line Canal Stormwater and Operations Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, SEMSWA has adopted a budget for calendar year 2024 subsequent to public hearing which includes funds for the STAMP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Board authorizes the Executive Director to execute an Agreement regarding Funding of the High Line Canal Stormwater Transition and Management Plan with MHFD.
2. Total cost for the work authorized herein, without prior authorization of the Board, is \$60,000 payable to MHFD.

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Date: September 18, 2024

ATTEST:

Secretary

Chairperson

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Attorney for
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By _____
Edward J. Krisor