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**RE: Lake County Special Service Area (SSA) #16 – Lake Michigan Water Project**

Dear Lake County Customer,

You recently received a “Notice of Public Hearing” from Manhard Consulting about the proposed formation of a Special Service Area (SSA) to fund the project that would bring Lake Michigan water supply to the water systems serving the parcels within the area.

A public hearing is required when proposing the formation of an SSA, which is a funding mechanism whereby the cost of the project is distributed among the properties receiving the service through their property tax bill.

Over the last several years, the County and the Villages of Lake Villa and Lindenhurst have been working together to provide a means to bring Lake Michigan water supply to the municipalities and unincorporated areas of Fox Lake Hills and Grandwood Park to address the problem of reduced water levels in wells and declining water quality requiring additional treatment.

Manhard Consulting is the firm hired by Lake County, Lake Villa and Lindenhurst to create the legal description for the SSA and distribute the SSA information. The packet you received was the required legal notice of the public hearing that will take place on **Tuesday, August 13 at 6 p.m. at the Lehmann Mansion, 485 N. Milwaukee Ave., in Lake Villa.**

This public hearing will provide residents who own property within the proposed SSA the opportunity to submit written or verbal comments to the Lake County Board about the Lake Michigan Water Project and the formation of SSA 16.

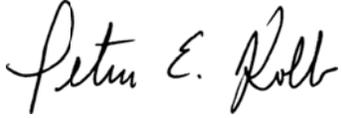
Once the hearing adjourns, there is a 60 day waiting period where objections to the formation of the SSA may be filed with the County Clerk’s Office. Following the 60 day waiting period, the Lake County Board may consider an “establishing ordinance” on November 12, 2013 that would create SSA 16 and allow the County to issue bonds to fund the Lake Michigan Water Project. If the County Board approves the establishing ordinance, the SSA would be created and taxes would be levied to fund the engineering/design phase of the Lake Michigan Water Project shortly thereafter.

Enclosed is a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) handout about the SSA and the project. For more information, visit this website: [www.lakecountyil.gov/lakemichiganwater](http://www.lakecountyil.gov/lakemichiganwater). The webpage has video presentations that address costs and the necessity for the project. There is also information about the proposed project schedule and the general project map.

If you would like to discuss your questions with a member of our engineering staff, feel free to call our office at 847-377-7500 and press 2 to be directed to the Engineering Department.

Sincerely,

Lake County Public Works Department

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter E. Kolb". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'P' and 'K'.

Peter E. Kolb, P.E.  
Director of Public Works

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cc: Barry Burton, County Administrator