Commitment to SRIC Outreach Process

WHEREAS, the Sewer Regionalization Implementation Committee ("SRIC") was created through a partnership of 3 Rivers Wet Weather ("3RWW") and the Congress of Neighboring Communities ("CONNECT"), with financial support from the Colcom Foundation, in order to implement a process for sewer regionalization in response to the charge of the ALCOSAN Sewer Regionalization Review Panel ("Regionalization Review Panel"), chaired by Carnegie Mellon University President Emeritus, Dr. Jared Cohon and administered by the Allegheny Conference on Community Development ("ACCD"). Specifically, in the Regionalization Review Panel’s formal findings, published in March 2013, it was recommended that the municipalities within the ALCOSAN service area should transfer “Intermunicipal Conveyance Lines and Wet Weather Control Facilities to ALCOSAN”, and charged those municipalities in its “Specific Action Steps” to “immediately initiate an expeditious process to determine how intermunicipal conveyance lines, other trunk lines and upstream wet weather facilities will be conveyed to ALCOSAN.” The SRIC was convened as a response of ALCOSAN, Allegheny County, and a number of municipalities and municipal authorities within the ALCOSAN service area to the charge of the Regionalization Review Panel.

WHEREAS, the SRIC Communications Subcommittee has developed an outreach strategy, which has been endorsed by the SRIC in plenary session.

WHEREAS, execution of the SRIC outreach strategy is a vital component to achieving sewer regionalization consistent with the charge from the Regionalization Review Panel and the mission of the SRIC.

WHEREAS, 3RWW and CONNECT have committed to implementing the SRIC outreach strategy during 2015, with the expectation that municipalities will be prepared to transfer assets to ALCOSAN commencing January 1, 2016.

WHEREAS, successful achievement of the SRIC outreach strategy goals will require additional capacity, leadership, and advocate resources.

WHEREAS, the SRIC representatives are the best positioned and the most qualified individuals to provide the necessary capacity, leadership, and advocacy to make the SRIC outreach strategy a success.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the SRIC representatives hereby commit to provide capacity, leadership, and advocacy, through their best efforts to assist and support the SRIC outreach strategy during 2015.