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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Planning, Building and Zoning Committee

From:  Patrick S. Tierney, AICP  
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Subject: Lake County Public Works Department – Amendment to CUP  
Des Plaines River Water Reclamation Facility

In 1991, the Lake County Public Works Department received a Conditional Use Permit from the County Board to expand the Des Plaines River Water Reclamation Facility (a.k.a. Pekara Treatment Plant). Work related to that plant expansion was completed in 1993.

Staff recently conducted an early assistance meeting with Public Works Department staff and Lake County permitting agencies to review plant improvements, including the addition of a clarifier to manage long-term designed wastewater flows. Article 3.6.10 of the Lake County Unified Development Ordinance states that, "The Planning, Building, and Zoning Committee shall be authorized to allow establishment of accessory uses and structures" for approved Conditional Use Permits. Given that the UDO treats the additional clarifier as an accessory use to the plant, the Committee must approve the site improvement prior to staff reviewing the plans as part of the permitting process.

**Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the Conditional Use Permit for the Des Plaines Reclamation Facility to add the additional clarifier be approved.