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Committee: Board of Public Works	Date: 11/19/2015
Common Council Item Number: Click here to enter text.	Date: 12/1/2015
Submitted By: Fred Abadi, P.E. Public Works Director	City Administrator Approval: Kevin Lahner, City Administrator KL
Finance Department Review: Rich Abbott, Finance Director RA	City Attorney's Office Review: Brian Running, City Attorney BER
Subject: Discussion and recommendation to Council: Approval of Memorandum of Contract between the City and local water softener dealers	

Details:
 The wastewater treatment plant has been required by DNR to implement measures aimed at reducing effluent chloride output due to salt from residential water softeners. Plant staff has initiated a residential chloride incentive program. A partnership has been developed with 3 local softener dealers who will offer softener tuneups to residential users at a discounted rate. The tuneups will be focused on minimizing the amount of salt used by each softener. The dealers will provide services and submit documentation to the City for each tuneup. The City will then pay the dealers a set amount for each tuneup performed. The incentive program and funding were authorized by the Board of Public Works on October 8, 2015. The attached memorandum of contract would set up the structure for implementing the program.

Options & Alternatives:
 The City approved an ordinance amendment in 2014 requiring new softeners to be high-efficiency demand initiated units. Flyers and articles were also mailed to increase public awareness. City staff would not be capable of inspecting or adjusting the estimated 15,000 residential softeners in the City.

Financial Remarks:
 \$6,000 will be earmarked for this project in the treatment plant's 2016 Consulting budget, account 7380.52135.

Executive Recommendation:
 Approve the Memorandum of Contract.

