



News & Notes

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Alex Dunn to Address at November Advisory Board Meeting

Regional Perspective on Environmental Priorities



We are pleased to announce that the current EPA Region 1 Administrator Alex Dunn has accepted our invitation to speak at our November 15 meeting* at Boston Water and Sewer Commission. As you may recall, Ms. Dunn participated in our Climate Workshop this past June at Boston College.

This will provide Advisory Board members an opportunity to hear Ms. Dunn discuss stormwater regulations, permit issues, climate change, and other topics of interest. If there is an issue you would like discussed, feel free to contact Advisory Board staff.

*Ms. Dunn has recently been [nominated to serve](#) as assistant administrator for the EPA's Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention in Washington D.C. While her plan is to attend our Advisory Board meeting, she may be called to Washington at the last minute.

WIFIA Info Session

December 11 in Boston



You are invited to attend an informational session on WIFIA, the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act, on December 11, 2018, in Boston. The

meeting will serve as an overview for prospective borrowers and will dive into eligibility requirements, the application process, and financial benefits. You can also meet one-on-one with EPA staff to discuss any specific questions. Learn more about the program and [register here](#).

Spaghetti Session in December

Seeing What Sticks

Last year, we dedicated our December Executive Committee meeting to an idea-generating discussion affectionately called a Spaghetti Session (or, throwing spaghetti against the wall and seeing what sticks). Simply put, we took a handful of topics, such as rates management, system expansion, and regulatory impacts, and fully explored and discussed them.



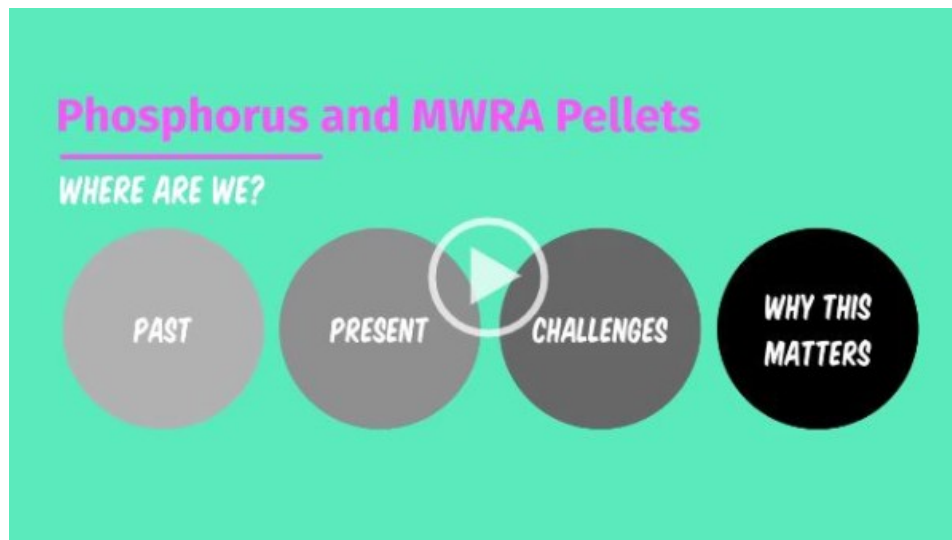
The Executive Committee felt that this was a fruitful engagement. Our plan is to once again engage our Executive Committee in the same forum, with possible topics to include:

- Stormwater and regulatory impacts on communities
- How the MWRA and Advisory Board can better serve communities
- Attaining 2.4% by '24

This meeting, like the [Finance Workshop](#), is open to all Advisory Board members. We would love to have your input and participation. Let us know if you would like to attend, along with any additional topics you'd like to discuss. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for 8:30 AM on December 7 at the Advisory Board offices. Details to follow soon.

Have You Seen our Latest Videos?

Regulatory and Financial Topics in Focus



We recently created a short video on the beneficial reuse of wastewater sludge through [MWRA fertilizer pellets](#), coupled with the current phosphorus issues challenging their distribution. On the financial side, you can watch an [overview of FY18](#), as well as a recap of spending in the [first quarter of FY19](#). An updated "Who We Are" video will be coming soon.

Upcoming Events

For the Month of [November](#)

November 9 | 8:30 AM, [Executive Committee Meeting](#) at Advisory Board offices

November 12 | Veteran's Day (Advisory Board office open)

November 13 | 8:00 AM, [OMSAP](#) (Outfall Monitoring Science Advisory Panel) Meeting, Boston

November 14 | 10:00 AM, [MWRA Board of Directors Meeting](#) in MWRA Board

Room

November 15 | 11:30 AM, [Advisory Board Meeting](#) at BWSC

November 22 | Thanksgiving

November 23 | Advisory Board office closed



Have a happy and safe Halloween!

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