

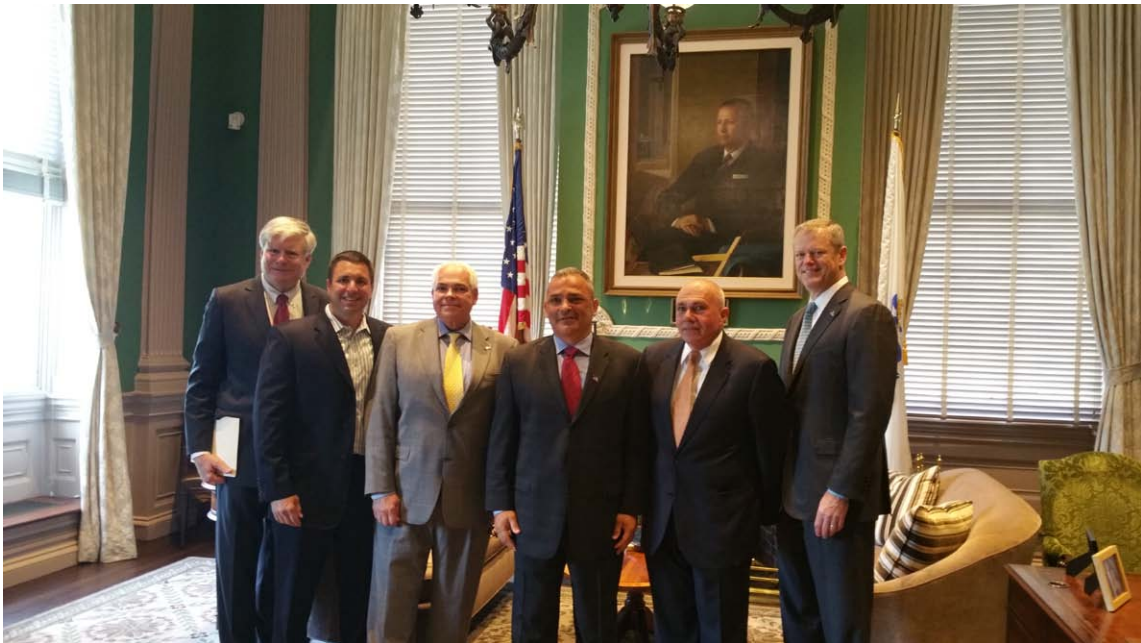


News and Notes

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Governor Baker Swears In Joe Foti

This Will Be Mr. Foti's Sixth Term
on the MWRA Board of Directors



From left to right: MWRA Executive Director Fred Laskey, Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs Matthew Beaton, Advisory Board Chairman Lou Taverna, MWRA Board of Directors Member Joe Foti, Advisory Board Executive Director Joe Favaloro, and His Excellency, Governor Charlie Baker

Earlier this month, Joe Foti was sworn in as an Advisory Board representative on the MWRA Board of Directors. Since 1990, Joe has served with honor and distinction.

Upon accepting the nomination and once elected to the Board, Joe stated:

"For the past 15 years... I have worked with John and Andy to make every effort to strengthen the Advisory Board's presence at the Board of Directors meetings. With the assistance of the Advisory Board staff, and guidance from the membership, we have been vigorous in representing the member communities on both financial and operational issues. It is

a privilege to serve not only as your representative to the Board of Directors, but also as an Advisory Board member since 1990."

Year In Review...

FY16 Advisory Board Top Ten Accomplishments

1. Reduced FY17 rate increases by 14.5% (3.34% down from the proposed 3.91%)
2. Introduced a policy to "smooth" rate increases at the utility level
3. Redirected \$5.8 million from "Pay-Go" in FY17 to pay down debt in critical years
4. Reduced future year rate increase projections to 3.8% from 3.9%
5. Recommended interest-free loans to finance connection costs for new waterworks communities.
6. Introduced the "Get The Lead Out" Loan Program to help member communities remove local lead service lines.
7. Helped North Reading to approve becoming the next MWRA community
8. Championed the effort to have MassDEP assume delegated authority for NPDES ("Primacy")
9. Successfully changed burdensome MassDEP regulations for molybdenum levels in pellets, allowing potential year-round distribution of MWRA pellets in-state
10. Recommended a Program Management Division structure approach for the upcoming Metropolitan Tunnel Redundancy project

You can view our entire set of Comments and Recommendations [here](#).

MWRA's Year In Review

MWRA Executive Director Fred Laskey's FY16 Year-In-Review



Presentation to the



FY 2016: THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Frederick A. Laskey
Executive Director

June 16, 2016

Advisory Board Goes Paperless

Change Will Cut Costs and Speed Up Distribution

As we move into FY17, the Advisory Board will be launching a paperless initiative. Beginning with our September 2016 meeting, we will be entirely paper free. In addition to the positive environmental impact, the move to paperless will reduce the budgetary demand for printing, postage, and supplies.

The Advisory Board has already made lots of progress towards this event over the past few years with the introduction of paperless Comments & Recommendations, News & Notes, Green Sheets, and MWRA Board of Directors Meeting Summaries. The Executive Committee has already gone entirely paperless as well. The most noticeable difference for Advisory Board members will be the discontinuation of hard copy meeting packets sent via postal mail.

This summer, as we make our final push towards paperless, all members will receive a survey in order to gauge their access to tablets/mobile devices and printing preferences. Please feel free to contact the Advisory Board office with any additional feedback or questions about the paperless process as well.

Click [here](#) to see the Paperless Advisory Board presentation from the June 2016 meeting.

Upcoming Events

MWRA
Board of Directors

Have a Great Summer! Advisory Board Field Trip

June 29, 2016
Charlestown – 10:00 am

August 18, 2016
Nut Island and
Other Locations TBD

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