



# News and Notes

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## Have You Checked Out Our New Website?

### Advisory Board Unveils New Logo and Website

Over the summer staff, working with our consultant KnoxWeb, totally revamped the AB website as well as created a new logo with three goals in mind.

- Site must be adaptable to all electronic devices
- User-friendly/easily navigable
- Relevant, updated information

Check it out at [www.mwraadvisoryboard.com](http://www.mwraadvisoryboard.com)

P.S. Have you completed your Annual Water and Sewer Retail Rate Survey? As part of the new website, we've created a new online form you can use to submit your responses! Check it out at <http://mwraadvisoryboard.com/ratesurvey/>

## Over and Above

MWRA Staff Get a "High Five" from Governor Baker



Usually, the press et al thrives on the negative, but every now and then, there comes a story that really needs to be shared. It's kind of a long story, but it's a good one...

[Read more.](#)

## Drought Update

### Quabbin Levels Still "Normal" But Important to Conserve

The lone highlight of last week's Drought Monitor report is "for the first time since May, the scope of the drought that's dehydrated Massachusetts did not expand."

It underscores, however, that the drought continues. Currently, 98% of the state is experiencing at least a "moderate drought" and 52.13% of the state is in an "extreme drought."

In the MWRA water service area, we continue to operate within normal operating range, with the Quabbin at 84.4% full.

MWRA staff presented a detailed report at the MWRA Board of Directors meeting in September. Staff highlighted that even if the drought continues for several more years, adequate supply exists in the Quabbin and Wachusett reservoirs to fully meet the needs to MWRA and also, if needed, to augment the supplies of some of the adjacent stressed communities.

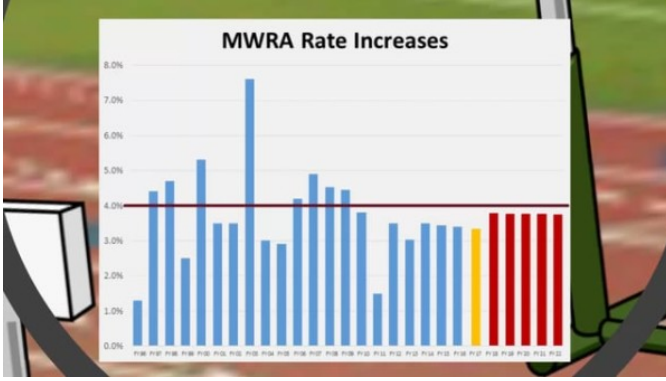
Even with the Quabbin continuing to remain within normal operating range, the MWRA strongly urges communities/water users to practice water conservation. "It is important for everyone to use water wisely. We have many good ideas for saving water both [indoor](#) and [outdoors](#)."

For more information on how to conserve water call the MWRA's water conservation line at 617-242-SAVE.

## Videos are Back!!

### The Green Sheet Returns

From NPDES permits strategies, rates moving forward, and a new approach to system



expansion, the September 2016 Green Sheet lays out the Advisory Board's FY17 challenges and priorities.

[Read more.](#)

## Upcoming Events

October 6

**Metropolitan Tunnel Redundancy Stakeholders Meeting**

Carroll Water Treatment Plant – 9:00 am

October 12

**MWRA Board of Directors Meeting**

Charlestown – 10:00 am

**Note: The Advisory Board does not schedule a regular meeting for October.**

**The next meeting is on November 17 at 11:30 at the Boston Water and Sewer Commission.**

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