



News & Notes

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Election Reminder

Seat on MWRA Board of Directors

The election for one of our three seats on the Board of Directors is scheduled for May 16 in Canton. If you would like to be considered, please submit a letter of intent and your resume by May 3 to the MWRA Advisory Board, 100 First Avenue, Building 39-4, Boston, MA 02129.



As usual, the Executive Committee will serve as the Nominating Committee. They will interview all candidates at their May 10th meeting and nominate a candidate to the full Advisory Board. On May 16, all candidates will be allowed an opportunity to address the full Advisory Board. An election will follow. Please note that election for the Board of Directors is one vote for each community, and a quorum of 33 voting members is necessary to validate the election. We hope you can attend this important meeting and election on the 16th!



Advisory Board Family Increases by 1

Congratulations to the Ahern Family!



Travis and Lisa welcomed the newest member of their family, Ryan Kevin Ahern, into the world on April 18, 2019. Happy and healthy Ryan joins his older brother Sean in the Ahern household. The Advisory Board is thrilled for Travis and his family, and we wish them all a hearty congratulations.



Save the Date

Operations Committee Meeting on May 7

The [Operations Committee](#) is scheduled to meet on May 7 at 10:00 AM at the Grand View Farm, 55 Center Street, Burlington, MA 01803. The topic will be understanding the MWRA's wastewater system, and areas to be discussed include how it works, what its limits are, the impacts of CSOs and CSO flows, and stormwater and the MWRA system. Clearly with MS4 permits progressing, this is a timely discussion and will require a series of meetings. We hope to see you in Burlington.



FY20 Comments and Recommendations Preview

Details on the Proposed 3.15% Increase

**FY2020
Comments and
Recommendations**

MWRA Advisory Board
April 18, 2019



Highlights

FY 2020

**Integrated
Comments and Recommendations**

on the MWRA's Proposed
Capital Improvement Program
and
Current Expense Budget

**MWRA
Advisory Board**

The Community Advisory Board to the
Massachusetts Water Resources Authority

May 2019

At the April Advisory Board meeting, staff presented components of the annual Comments and Recommendations document as a precursor to the June MWRA

Board of Directors vote. Staff outlined, in detail, [recommendations](#) to tweak the Authority's proposed FY20 Current Expense Budget and Capital Improvement Program.

The Draft FY20 Advisory Board Comments and Recommendations include a spending reduction of \$4.3 million, lowering the average rate increase from 3.74% to 3.15%. Adjustments include:

- \$1.5 million reduction on personnel for the staffing vacancy rate, fringe benefits, and leave balance accrual
- A recommendation decreasing the watershed budget for the first time, by \$500,000
- \$1 million decrease on the FY20 interest rate assumption (25 basis point reduction)
- Reevaluating capital spending for the Wiggins Pump Station which supports Massport's Conley terminal.

The Advisory Board will vote on the final recommendations of staff at the May meeting in Canton. The approved comments and recommendations will be presented to the MWRA Board of Directors during their June meeting.



New Green Sheet Video

Highlights from FY19 Quarter 3



Check out our latest [Green Sheet video](#) providing a summary of spending through the third quarter of FY19.



Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

Metro Tunnel Redundancy Begins to Take Shape

MWRA Board of Directors Meeting
April 17, 2019
Voting Summary Sheet

Item Name	Type	Notes	Vote	Presentation
Approval of Minutes	n/a	n/a	Unanimous	
Report of the Chair	n/a	n/a	n/a	
Report of the Executive Director	n/a	n/a	n/a	
PCR Amendments - April 2019	Approval	• Approved the amendments to the Position Control Register, as presented and filed with the records of the meeting.	Unanimous	
Resident Engineering and Inspection Services for Tonnage Generator Docking Stations: Arcadis U.S., Inc., Contract 2024	Contract Award	• Awarded: Arcadis U.S. Inc. • Amount: \$209,063.00 • Term: 30 months from the Notice to Proceed	Unanimous	Presentation
Maintenance and Support of the Integrated Financial, Procurement and Human Resources/Payroll Management System: Infor Inc.	Contract Award	• Awarded: Infor Inc. • Amount: \$452,790.57 • Term: June 1, 2019 through May 31, 2020	Unanimous	
Lift/liftage Related Compliance Services: PFM Asset Management LLC, Contract F251	Contract Award	• Awarded: PFM Asset Management LLC • Amount: \$124,900 • Term: Three years from Notice to Proceed	Unanimous	
Preferred Service Agreement for the Combustion Turbine Generators at the Deer Island Treatment Plant: PIV Power Systems, Inc.	Contract Award	• Awarded: PIV Power Systems, Inc. (Formerly Pratt & Whitney) • Amount: \$490,760.00 • Term: Three years	Unanimous	
Technical Assistance Consulting Services - Deer Island Treatment Plant: AECOM Technical Services, Inc., Contract 7503, Amendment 1	Contract Amendment/Change Order	• The Board voted to approve Amendment 1 to Contract 7503, with AECOM Technical Services, Inc., extending the contract term by 630 calendar days from July 1, 2019 to March 31, 2021, with no increase in contract amount.	Unanimous	Presentation
CSO Post-Construction Monitoring and Performance Assessment: AECOM Technical Services, Inc., Contract 7572, Amendment 1	Contract Amendment/Change Order	• The Board voted to approve Amendment 1 to Contract 7572, CSO Post-Construction Monitoring and Performance Assessment with AECOM Technical Services, Inc., in the amount of \$931,490 and increasing the contract term by 385 days from April 7, 2013 to April 7, 2022.	Unanimous	Presentation
Metropolitan Redundancy Program: Update on Tunnel Hydraulics and Program Support Services Key Personnel: Contract 7655	Information	• Please see related staff summary	n/a	Presentation
Proposed Organizational Changes in the Operations Division	Information	• Please see related staff summary	n/a	
2018 Annual Update on New Connections to the MWRA System	Information	• Please see related staff summary	n/a	
Delegated Authority Report - March 2019	Information	• Please see related staff summary	n/a	
FY19 Financial Update and Summary as of March 2019	Information	• Please see related staff summary	n/a	
MWRA Retirement System Update	Information	• Please see related staff summary	n/a	Presentation
Compliance with New NPDES Permit Phosphorus Requirements at the Clinton Wastewater Treatment Plant	Information	• Please see related staff summary	n/a	Presentation
Operations and Maintenance of the Fox River Pelletizing Plant	Information	• Please see related staff summary	n/a	Presentation

For complete meeting materials, including staff summaries, please view the [MWRA website](http://www.mwra.com).

Administration and Finance Wastewater Water Personnel

At the [April BOD meeting](#), Kathleen Murtagh, Director of Tunnel Redundancy, and Fred Brandon, Director of Design and Construction, updated the Board on elements of the Metropolitan Redundant Tunnel System. In addition to outlining the current status of the hydraulic analysis, they introduced the consultant team that will be providing program support services for the project. The role of JCK Underground, Inc. is to assist MWRA staff with program-wide activities, in everything

from risk management planning to rock core storage to budget planning. Learn more about key personnel on the JCK team [here](#).



Upcoming Events

For the Month of [May](#)

- May 7** | 10:00 AM, [Operations Committee Meeting](#) in Burlington
- May 10** | 10:00 AM, [Executive Committee Meeting](#) at Advisory Board offices
- May 16** | 11:30 AM, [Advisory Board Meeting](#) in Canton
- May 22** | 10:00 AM, MWRA and MWRA Advisory Board Budget Hearing, followed by [Board of Directors Meeting](#)



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