Advisory Board Editorial Sparks Action by DCR

In last month’s News and Notes, the Advisory Board published an editorial chastising DCR for failing to fill Watershed Division positions. Since then, DCR has posted 10 positions. While it’s a start, it is not enough. There are still 13 more unposted and unfilled positions, which are critical to maintaining operations and protecting our water.

These positions need to be posted and filled as soon as possible, or DCR needs to provide a detailed explanation of why they are unable to do so. It should not require an editorial to prompt an agency to do its job.

Budget Review Season is Upon Us
Proposed FY20 CIP

Budget season has arrived, as the MWRA transmitted its FY20 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to the Advisory Board for our review and comment. The $249.8 million proposed plan includes $169.7 million for wastewater projects, $65.4 million for waterworks, and $14.7 million for business and operational projects. Advisory Board staff as always will conduct a thorough review of the proposed CIP. Find the full Board of Directors summary [here](#).

Operations Committee to Meet

**January 8, 2019**

John Sanchez, Operations Committee Chair, has scheduled a meeting for [January 8, 2019](#), at 10:00 AM at the Grandview Farm Conference Room, 55 Center Street, Burlington. Topics will include:

- Using smart technology to access your community’s system data
- Wastewater meter change-out and community flow data
- Master Plan preview

We’re hoping you’ll be able to attend. And as always, let us know if there are topics you’d like discussed at future Operations Committee meetings.

Annual Workshop Planning Underway
We have a theme! (Water and wastewater infrastructure funding)
We have a date! (June 21, 2019)
We even have our location! (Once again we will be returning to Boston College.)

Now, all that’s left is putting the details together. We will be working over the coming weeks and months to assemble our speakers and panelists. We’re thrilled to bring you another informative #MuniWorks event. Please let us know if there’s anything in particular you’d like featured in June, and keep checking our website for updates and details.

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Upcoming Events

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