



# News & Notes

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## Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

### MWRA Transmits Proposed \$797.0 Million FY20 CEB to Advisory Board

Budget season is once again upon us, and the Advisory Board has begun our statutory review of the MWRA's proposed Current Expense Budget for FY20. The proposed CEB presented at the [Board of Directors meeting](#) includes a rate revenue requirement of \$766.66 million, a 3.74% increase over last year's budget. This amounts to the funds paid by communities through their assessments. Authority staff will provide a presentation of the proposed CEB at the next Advisory Board meeting on **Thursday, March 21, 2019, in Lexington** (see calendar below for details). This is your chance to weigh in. We hope to see you there.

MWRA Board of Directors Meeting  
February 20, 2019  
Voting Summary Sheet

Item Name	Type	Action	Vote	Preservation
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	
Transmittal of the FY20 Proposed Current Expense Budget to the MWRA Advisory Board	Approval	*Approved transmittal of the FY20 Proposed Current Expense Budget to the MWRA Advisory Board for its 60-day review and comment period.	Unanimous	<a href="#">Proposed</a>
Approval of Eighth Supplemental Bond Resolution	Approval	*Approved adoption of the Eighth Supplemental Resolution authorizing the issuance of up to \$38,000,000 of Massachusetts Water Resources Authority General Revenue Bonds and Massachusetts Water Resources Authority General Revenue Refunding Bonds and the supporting Issuance Resolution.	Unanimous	
Delegation of Authority to Secure Contracts for the Purchase and Supply of Motor Power for the MWRA Internal Accounts	Approval	*Approved authorizing the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to execute contracts for the supply of motor power to the Internal Accounts, consisting of the Canal Water Treatment Plant and the large operations and facility management accounts, with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, for the period and pricing schedule, as determined by MWRA's bid process, and for a contract supply maximum of 12 months. This delegation of authority is necessary because MWRA will be required to notify the selected bidder within a five hour of bid submitted to bid in the bid price in a constantly changing market.	Unanimous	
Appointment of Proxy for Five Silver Railroad Corporation	Approval	*Approved appointing Jeffrey A. Card, with the general substitution, to vote as proxy at the next annual meeting and any special meeting of the corporation for the Silver Railroad Corporation in accordance with the form of proxy attached hereto and filed with the records of the meeting to address the MWRA Board of Directors the proxy to elect the following board members: David M. Cooper, Carolyn M. Stone, Rebecca A. Siskin, John J. Walsh, Thomas J. Deane, Nicholas S. Siskin, Gordon H. Armstrong, Joseph G. Stanger, Lisa A. Siskin, and Jeffrey A. Card.	Unanimous	
Amendments to the MWRA Regulations for Adjunctary Proceedings, Enforcement and Administrative Penalties, and Other Use	Approval	*Approved amendments to MWRA's Regulations for Adjunctary Proceedings (800 CMR 1.00), Enforcement and Administrative Penalties (800 CMR 2.00), and General Use (800 CMR 3.00), as presented and filed with the records of the meeting in the Massachusetts Register and new papers for public comment.	Unanimous	<a href="#">Discussion</a>
Assignment and Acceptance of Bid, W-45 Stand Issuance of the New Water Meter Order Contract for the Supply and Delivery of Meters to the Deer Island Treatment Plant, Salem, MA	Approval	*Approved the assignment and acceptance of the contract for supply and delivery of meters to the Deer Island Treatment Plant, Boston, MA, Corporation to Salem, MA, and further to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to execute a new purchase order to an	Unanimous	



## Preliminary FY20 Assessments Are Out

*Find Your Community's Rates*

Along with approving the FY20  
CEB transmittal to the





## MWRA Proposes Changes to TRAC Fees

*First Update Since 2012*

Last week, the Board of Directors voted to approve a series of proposed amendments to the regulations governing MWRA's Toxic Reduction and Control (TRAC) program for industrial pretreatment of wastewater. Changes to the Incentive Program charges for permit holders has long been on the Advisory Board's list of Comments and Recommendations. Incremental increases to the TRAC fees ended in FY12, while the cost of wastewater treatment has continued to rise. The Advisory Board understands that the program is incentive-based and not meant to fully recover costs. However, regular increases are necessary to reflect increasing local water and sewer costs. The proposed change of increasing fees by 4.0% in FY20 and by 3.0% in the following four years is a welcome one.

MWRA TRAC staff performs an inspection on an oil and gas separator. Find out more about TRAC activities in the annual [Industrial Waste Report](#).



## Upcoming Events

For the Month of [March](#)

**March 15** | 8:30 AM, [Executive Committee Meeting](#) at Advisory Board offices

**March 20** | 10:00 AM, [MWRA Board of Directors Meeting](#) in MWRA Board Room

**March 21** | 11:30 AM, [Advisory Board Meeting](#) in Lexington



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