



# News & Notes

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## Advisory Board June Workshop Postponed

*Will Continue to Advocate  
For Infrastructure Investment*

With the reality of a federal infrastructure investment bill fast fleeting, the Advisory Board has decided to postpone our water and wastewater infrastructure workshop scheduled for June 21 until



there is a bill to rally around. Investment in the “forgotten infrastructure” is critical, and the cost to address, upgrade, and replace our aging systems is staggering. The Advisory Board will continue to advocate for funding, both on the federal and state levels. To this end, the Advisory Board is compiling an updated assessment of community planned expenditures for water and wastewater. Staff will be contacting you for this information.

We would like to thank the speakers who had signed onto our workshop, including Chris Hornback of NACWA, Sue Perez of the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust, and Mayor Joe Curtatone of Somerville. Lastly, our thanks to Boston College who were once again allowing us to use their facility. We hope to bring this important event to you soon.



## Process to Elect an Advisory Board Representative to the MWRA BOD

## *Giving a Voice to Communities*



The Executive Committee has instructed staff to initiate the process for the election of an Advisory Board representative to the [Board of Directors](#). The term of this seat will be from July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2022.

- The Executive Committee will serve as the Nominating Committee, as it has in the past.
- May 3, 2019, is the deadline for candidates to submit a letter of intent to seek election to the MWRA Board of Directors.
- On May 10, 2019, the Executive Committee will interview all candidates and nominate a candidate to the full Advisory Board.
- On May 16, 2019, at the Advisory Board meeting at the Canton Public Library, nominations will be accepted and an election will be held. 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. It is not a weighted vote. A quorum of 33 voting members is necessary to validate the election.

The current incumbent, Joseph Foti, has indicated he will be seeking another term. All interested candidates are requested to send a letter of intent and resume by May 3, 2019, to the MWRA Advisory Board, 100 First Ave, Building 39-4, Boston, MA 02129.



## AB Requests Information from Massport

### *Freedom of Information Act Request*



The Advisory Board has requested that Massport provide records relating in any way to all easements furnished by Massport to NStar Electric Company,

Eversource Energy, and/or the Harbor Electric Energy Company (HEEC) at Conley Terminal. Also requested are records relating to the Deep Draft project or Cross Harbor Cable Replacement project, including agreements and appraisals. In response, Massport has corresponded that they are in the process of locating the records. Stay tuned.



## Advisory Board Public Hearing

### *On the MWRA's Proposed FY20 Current Expense Budget*

The Advisory Board held its statutorily obligated public hearing on the MWRA's proposed \$797 million CEB for FY20.

MWRA staff outlined key components of the FY20 request (find the presentation [here](#)).

The Authority will hold its public hearing on the proposed budget on

Thursday, April 4, 2019, at 6:30 PM at the Piedmonte Room of Boston City Hall.



## Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

### *Combined Heat and Power Study*

At the [March Board of Directors meeting](#), Black and Veatch was awarded the contract to assess Deer Island's existing energy infrastructure and to perform a comprehensive evaluation of multiple long-term energy supply and on-site generation alternatives to cost effectively meet the demands of Deer Island. Could the MWRA someday generate 70% or more

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

| Item Name   | Type     | Notes   | Vote      | Presentations |
|---|----------|---|-----------|---------------|
| 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       |               |
| Discontinuation of Agreement Between the Authority and the City of Boston | Approval | *The Board voted to authorize Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Boston, substantially in the form as presented and filed with the records of the meeting, subject to such amendments as may be recommended by the Board. *Taverna was present for any Board questions. | Unanimous |               |
| FCR Amendments - March 2019   | Approval | *Approved the amendments to the Pollution Control Register as presented and filed with the records of the meeting. *Approved Ms. Rebecca Taites.  | Unanimous |               |

months. Read more about the study [here](#).

of Deer Island's energy demand? This is one of the questions the assessment will attempt to answer over the next 15



## Upcoming Events

For the Month of [April](#)

**April 4** | 6:30 PM, Public Hearing on the MWRA's Proposed FY20 CEB, Boston City Hall, Piedmonte Room

**April 9** | 10:00 AM, Water Infrastructure Alliance Legislative Briefing at State House

**April 12** | 8:30 AM, [Executive Committee Meeting](#) at Advisory Board offices

**April 17** | 10:00 AM, [MWRA Board of Directors Meeting](#) in MWRA Board Room

**April 18** | 11:30 AM, [Advisory Board Meeting](#) at Boston Water and Sewer Commission



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