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.

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

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.

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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.

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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
of Deer Island’s energy demand? This is one of the questions the assessment will attempt to answer over the next 15 months. Read more about the study [here](#).

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### 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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