

MASSACHUSETTS WATER RESOURCES AUTHORITY

**Special Meeting of the Board of Directors**

**October 6, 2016**

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority was held on October 6, 2016 at the John J. Carroll Water Treatment Plant in Marlborough. The full Board was in attendance: Chairman Beaton presiding, Ms. Wolowicz, Messrs. Blackmon, Carroll, Cotter, Flanagan, Foti, Pappastergion, Peña, Vitale and Walsh. Among those present from the Authority staff were Frederick Laskey, Executive Director, Steven Remsberg, General Counsel, Michael Hornbrook, Chief Operating Officer, Thomas Durkin, Director of Finance, David Coppes, Director of Waterworks, Valerie Moran, Manager, Operations Engineering, Mark Johnson, Director, Metropolitan Operations, Louise Miller, Budget Manager, Stephen Estes-Smargiassi, Director, Planning and Sustainability, Frederick Brandon, Assistant Director, Engineering, and Bonnie Hale, Assistant Secretary. The meeting was called to order at 8:10 a.m.

As part of the introduction and review of the history of Metropolitan Tunnel System, Mr. Laskey stated that the intent of the meeting was not to make a decision on how to achieve redundancy, but rather to lay the groundwork for future decision-making.

Various staff members gave presentations and discussed with the Board of Directors the following aspects of Metropolitan Tunnel Redundancy planning (presentation materials on file with the records of the meeting):

- Status Of The Existing Transmission System Facilities
- Tunnel System Shutdown Impacts
- Strategic Goal For Redundancy Improvements
- Evaluation Of Alternatives
- Financial Considerations
- Staff Preferred Alternative.

Mr. Laskey discussed with the Board the next steps in the decision making process and suggested that the topic be listed on the agenda for each monthly meeting. Staff would like to move forward with interim improvements described in the presentation and, as soon as the Board is comfortable, make a decision on the preferred alternative. The general sense of the Board was that it was leaning towards not spending any more time evaluating the extremely disruptive surface alternatives. All present agreed on the need to work closely with the administration, the Advisory Board, and officials in member communities on this major, generational initiative.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Approved: November 16, 2016

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Rose Marie Convery, Assistant Secretary