



**WSCAC Executive Committee Meeting**  
Thursday December 15, 2016 - 10:00 A.M.  
Location: MWRA Facilities in Southborough

Members in Bold Present:

Whitney Beals, WSCAC Chair, NE Forestry  
**Gerald Eves, Trout Unlimited**  
**Michael Baram, BU & CLF**

Andrea Donlon, CRWC  
**Kurt Tramosch, Wayland Wells**  
**Paul Lauenstein, NepRWA**

Non –Members in Attendance:

Lexi Dewey, WSCAC staff

**I. Interbasin Transfer Act Regulations Revisions**

Proposed Major Changes by the Water Resources Commission

1. Separated the Applicability and Insignificance Procedures
2. Tailored the data required and criteria for Insignificance to different types of transfers
3. Added option under the Insignificance Review for smaller transfers
  - Exercise precautionary principle to not relax existing procedures
  - Committee voted NO
4. Added Regional Water Supply Approval Process (313 CMR 4.10)
  - Global Warming Solutions Act
    - i. Necessity of reducing our energy use
    - ii. Every sector of the economy needs to contribute to this cause the best that it can
    - iii. Proposed action is inconsistent with Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court holding regarding the Act
  - Process as it stands is not a hardship or undue burden
  - WSCAC believes the streamlining process in this context is a reduction in vigilance with respect to conservation and climate change
  - Committee voted NO
5. Eliminated the requirement for a Local Water Resources Management Plan
  - Proposal is unclear and contradictory – a plan is needed
  - Maintain existing requirement for a Local Water Resources Management Plan
  - Committee voted NO
6. Specified analyses and other requirements for wastewater transfers

**II. Drought Management Plan Revisions**

WSCAC discussed the committee's recommendations regarding the Massachusetts Drought Management Plan. Topics discussed included creating a template for each town to have a drought management plan, non-essential outdoor water use, and adequate funding for developing community-based action plans.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 P.M.