



WATER SUPPLY CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

From the Director

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Welcome to the first edition of our quarterly newsletter. We hope you find it informative and welcome your feedback.

Current MWRA projects & initiatives:

- UV disinfection facilities construction continues at the John J. Carroll Water Treatment Plant.
- Dam capital improvements are nearing completion on the Sudbury Dam, Foss Dam, Open Channel Lower Dam and the Weston Reservoir.
- Mandated tree removal for dam safety was completed at North and South Dikes at the Wachusett.
- The rehabilitation of the Hultman Aqueduct to provide redundancy to the MetroWest Tunnel from Southborough to Weston continues.
- The MWRA is partnering with local municipalities to increase public access along several inactive MWRA aqueducts in Weston, Sudbury, Cochituate and Wachusett.

Current Topics in Water

- The first phase of updating the Massachusetts Water Conservation Standards has recently been completed by DCR staff. This consisted of minor, non-substantive changes. The second phase will involve a more detailed review of system water audits, lawn and landscape irrigation practices, plumbing fixture and appliance standards, pricing and revenue structures.
- The Water Infrastructure Finance Commission (WIFC) has completed its report and has formed a coalition of stakeholders to further study the report recommendations. Primary objectives include studying state and federal funding options and potential legislative actions for the January 2013 session.

News from the Watersheds

- The Legislature will take up the Dam Safety Bill and other non-controversial matters through end of calendar year.
- The Bottle Bill did not come up for vote in the last session of the legislature.
- H.4394, an act to ban fertilizers with phosphorus is on the Governor Patrick's desk. If signed, the law will take effect on Jan. 1, 2014.
- The SWMI Pilot Project Phase I report will be released this fall. Please CTRL+click on the link below to read public comments from last spring.

[Public comments on SWMI and Safe Yield](#)

Upcoming WSCAC Meetings

Please note that the public is welcome at these meetings

September 20, 2012

Joint meeting with the Advisory Board and WAC at the Metropolitan Waterworks Museum

October 24, 2012

New public access on MWRA aqueducts and Quabbin Forestry update

November 27, 2012

MWRA Water System Master Plan update

December 2012

No meeting currently scheduled