

WATER SUPPLY CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Presentation to the Joint meeting of the
MWRA Advisory Board, WAC & WSCAC

September 16, 2021



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Water Supply Citizens Advisory Committee

To the MWRA and its Board of Directors




Quinepoint Dam, W. Boylston, MA

Annual Report Fiscal Year 2021


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FY21

- ❖ Ongoing redundancy projects: Northern High and Southern Extra High pipeline projects and progress on the Metro. Tunnel Program.
 - ❖ Reservoir Operations: Daily demand and monthly reports, dam project updates, aquatic reports, and water quality data.
 - ❖ Changes to the Lead & Copper Rule: Effect on MWRA communities.
 - ❖ PFAS in communities outside the MWRA service area: 2 meetings.
 - ❖ DCR-Division of Water Supply Protection: Public Access, Forest Management & MassDEP Annual Filtration Avoidance Reports for Quabbin-Ware & Wachusett watersheds.
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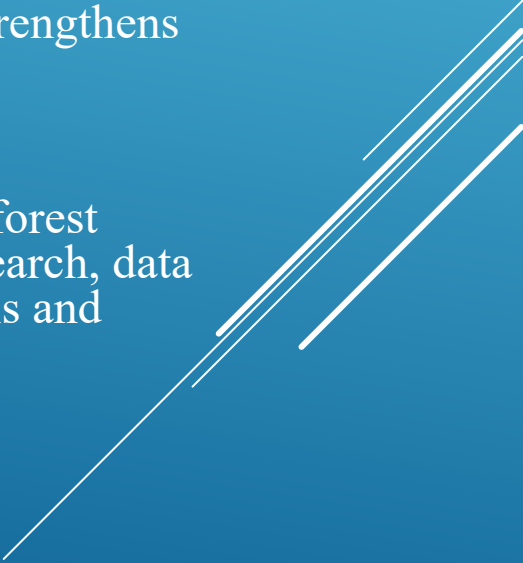
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FY22

- ❖ Progress on the Metro. Tunnel Program-Working group updates
 - ❖ System Expansion-The effect of PFAS or other contaminants found in communities outside the MWRA service area that may encourage these communities to join MWRA as full or partial users.
 - ❖ Movement of hazardous materials by rail-The sale of Pan Am to CSX and the opportunity to increase safety measures to avoid a potential accident near the Wachusett Reservoir.
 - ❖ Update on MWRA's progress toward reducing their carbon footprint. Possible joint meeting with WAC on proposed CHP project.
 - ❖ The return of green certification for DCR watershed lands.
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The Benefits of Green Recertification of DCR-DWSP watershed lands

- ❖ Establishes accountability for sustainable forest management.
 - ❖ Adds credibility to the MassDEP requirement to conduct forest management and avoid costly filtration.
 - ❖ Improves public understanding and confidence, and strengthens support from environmental groups.
 - ❖ Improves and expands the knowledge base of current forest management practices by providing access to new research, data and support from a wide range of forestry professionals and climate scientists.
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WSCAC holds monthly meetings open to the public

For meeting dates and other WSCAC information go to:

<https://www.mwra.com/02org/html/wscac.htm>

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