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*WSCAC Meeting
MWRA Facilities in Southborough
Tuesday, December 10, 2013
10:00 AM
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Introduction-Whitney Beals, WSCAC Chair

I. WSCAC business: (15 minutes)

a. Approval of September, October and November meeting summaries

II. FEATURED DISCUSSION: WSCAC has historically focused on the importance of keeping water local. While this practice is still true for many communities west of Rt. 495, there has been an increase in stress to local sources during summer months in the eastern part of the state. In response, the SWMI framework was created and has documented these conditions. DEP is currently developing draft regulations on water allocation to address both human and environmental need.

As the largest public water supplier in the state, MWRA and its 61 ratepaying communities have multiple effects on water use. While the 33 fully supplied towns no longer use their local sources, 15 partial users buy MWRA water during the year in addition to pumping their local sources. All wastewater customers send wastewater out of basin to Deer Island. MWRA's interest in selling water to new communities can have a positive effect on local sources. Giving these transfers priority over the benefits of keeping water local deserves to be addressed by WSCAC.

Keeping water local is one way for towns to guide both residential and commercial growth. Imported water changes the future development equation. With the application of the SWMI framework coming into play, the current legislative conversation on water and wastewater infrastructure, and the potential for new MWRA water sales, where does WSCAC stand on this changing platform?

- a. Historical perspective: see attached**
- b. Current: SWMI and Senate Bill 1880**
- c. Which policies remain relevant going forward?**

III. WSCAC briefs, member announcements etc.

- a. MWRA Adv. Bd. notes-Collins report, 2013 Water & Sewer Rate Survey, emergency water being purchased by the Towns of Hudson and Ashland**
- b. SWMI update**

THE NEXT WSCAC MEETING WILL BE ON JANUARY 14th IN SOUTHBOROUGH.

