



WATER SUPPLY CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

From the Director

Current MWRA news:

- Rehabilitation of the Hultman Aqueduct is complete and back in service. There is now full redundancy from the John J. Carroll Water Treatment Plant in Marlborough to the City Tunnel in Weston. On two occasions, the MWRA Board of Directors approved an accelerated schedule which reduced the contract completion date from Sept. 2014 to May 2013.
- Construction has started on a UV system for the Chicopee Valley Aqueduct (CVA) next to the Ware Disinfection Facility. The new system, mandated by The Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule will be used as a secondary means of disinfection for towns served by the CVA. The compliance deadline is October 2014. UV construction at the Carroll Water Treatment Plant in Marlborough is on schedule.
- MWRA has submitted an ENF to MEPA for the Southern Extra High Service Area Section 77/88 Water Distribution Redundancy project.

Current Topics in Water

- The Water Infrastructure Alliance is looking at different methods of outreach to publicize the need for water and wastewater infrastructure repair. Rep. Dykema, 8th Middlesex District, has sponsored Bill H. 690 An Act relative to municipal assistance for clean water and economic development.
<https://malegislature.gov/Bills/188/House/H690>
- EOEEA has recently held public hearings and accepted testimony on the proposed regulations for 301 CMR 15.00-Provisions for Administration of the Dam and Seawall Repair or Removal Fund. Final regulations are expected by July 22 and applications for the first round of funding are due by August 29, 2013.
- Mass DEP and the Dept. of Agricultural Resources are drafting regulations to implement a new law that bans phosphorus in fertilizer for non-agricultural uses. Final regulations must be published by Jan. 2014. Notification for public comments will take place over the summer.
- The MA Drought Management Plan has been updated and approved by the Water Resources Commission.
<http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/eea/wrc/droughtplan.pdf>

News from the Watersheds

- Removal of Eurasian Watermilfoil and Fanwort is on-going at Wachusett in the Stillwater Basin using a Diver Assisted Suction Harvester (DASH).
- Land Protection efforts for FY13: 159.9 acres both in fee and Watershed Protection Restrictions (WPR) in the towns of Petersham, Holden, Sterling and Boylston.
- The NE Scenic Trail dedication ceremony was held on June 1, 2013 outside the Quabbin Administration Building in Belchertown.
<http://www.newenglandtrail.org/>
- Forestry update: \$ 7000.00 dollars has been committed by the Division of Water Supply Protection (DWSP) to investigate green recertification. The MWRA and the Advisory Board support green recertification of DWSP watershed lands. Proposed timber lots will be reviewed by the Quabbin Watershed Advisory Committee and the Ware River Watershed Advisory Committee.

Upcoming WSCAC Meetings

Please note that the public is welcome at these meetings

June 11, 2013

- U.S. Army Corps tour of the Barre Falls Dam/ Ware River diversion.
- Tour of proposed timber harvest lots in the Ware River Watershed to follow.
- Tour of Shaft 8

July 2013

No meeting

August 2013

MWRA Advisory Board Field Trip – Date to be determined