

MWRA ADVISORY BOARD

Summary of

MWRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

November 15, 2006

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the MWRA was held on November 15, 2006 at the Charlestown Navy Yard. Present: John Carroll, Andrew Pappastergion and Joseph Foti, Advisory Board Representatives; Lucile Hicks, Gubernatorial Appointee; Kevin Cotter and James Hunt III, City of Boston Representatives; Joseph MacRitchie, City of Quincy Representative; Marie Turner, Town of Winthrop Representative. Absent: Chair Robert Golledge and Rudolph Banks, Gubernatorial Appointees; Vincent Mannering, City of Boston Representative.

AGENDA

Report of the Chair

In the absence of Chairman Robert Golledge, Vice-Chairman John J. Carroll introduced former MWRA Executive Director Douglas MacDonald, who was in town to speak on the "Big Dig vs. the MWRA".

Mr. MacDonald stated in contrasting the Big Dig to the MWRA, the biggest issue is the importance of transparency and accountability. The MWRA as an organization has established that transparency and accountability. Clearly, if tough decisions had to be made, what happened at the Board of Directors' table was fundamental. That is what is missing at the Big Dig. The Board has been an "unsung hero" and never gets enough credit.

Mr. Carroll noted that Doug MacDonald was among those who participated in writing the legislation that created the Authority while working at Palmer and Dodge. The legislation was wise because it created the right amount of balance and no one group can easily control any votes of the Board.

Report of the Executive Director

MWRA Executive Director Fred Laskey stated the overriding issue for this meeting is the apparent loss of Debt Service Assistance (DSA) through 9C cuts by Governor Romney. MWRA was expecting to receive \$18.75 million in DSA for FY07. The MWRA Advisory Board has issued a memo to communities about the impacts of this loss. In conversations with the Senate President and the House Ways & Means Chairman, we have been assured that their support remains strong and they are working to restore the funds. Mr. Laskey also reported the discouraging news that a Boston Globe editorialist thought this was a good cut. Staff will monitor the situation and be ready when we know the outcome.

MWRA Advisory Board Executive Director Joseph Favaloro added that he was discouraged and concerned. The loss of DSA is a significant impact for FY07 and will clearly affect FY08. Debt Service Assistance is a critical part of the MWRA's rate relief strategy; this situation will directly impact rate increases from FY07 forward.

Mr. Laskey noted that the Authority, in many ways, is in its worst position to absorb these cuts because there is not a lot of low hanging fruit and the Authority was already looking at daunting rate increases. The new Rates Management Committee was formed to develop a strategy to address these increases.

Board Member Andrew Pappastergion expressed his concern that if these cuts become reality, how long should the Board wait to regroup. Mr. Laskey stated the incoming Governor has until February 22 to file the House 1 Budget. Staff will likely recommend waiting to file for next year until after House 1 comes out; however, every month that goes by makes it more difficult for communities to make up revenue shortfalls. A mid-year rate increase may be an option. No action from the Legislature is expected until January.

Board Member Jay MacRitchie stated the longer you wait, the harder it becomes for communities. Staff should do some preliminary work, perhaps through a combination of rate stabilization funds, cuts and a mid-year increase, to ensure the burden does not fall on communities. Mr. Laskey said staff will provide a preview of options in December.

Mr. Favaloro noted that the Advisory Board believes it is important to let the Legislature know that the loss of DSA will be a burden to cities and towns. The MWRA cannot afford to make cuts in Operations or Maintenance. Perhaps a mistake was made in 2003 when the MWRA minimized the impact of the loss of DSA and survived its loss. There will be a cause and effect for FY07 to FY18. This might be the time to notify communities.

Board Member James Hunt agreed, stating that a more robust discussion was needed. In deference to the legislature, we should defer the conversation for one month and wait to see where the new administration stands. Mr. Hunt said he hoped for a lively discussion and that the word must get out on the ramifications of this action. Board Member Marie Turner agreed; communities should be contacted to get them to contact their legislators.

Mr. Carroll said the Board should authorize the Executive Director to contact the communities. Mr. Laskey said an individualized letter would be sent out to each of the communities.

Mr. Laskey recognized Advisory Board staff member Ryan Ferrara for his tireless efforts on behalf of ratepayers during his 11 years of service. Mr. Ferrara has taken a position with the City of Newton. Mr. Laskey stated the MWRA and its ratepayers benefited greatly from Ryan's hard work. Mr. Ferrara thanked Mr. Laskey and stated that he would be remiss if he did not add the Advisory Board to the mix for the reasons that the MWRA has transparency and accountability. Mr. Ferrara stated that the staff at the Authority are top notch and professional and that he enjoyed working and learning from them over the years.

APPROVALS

Approval of Chapter 55 and Section 3 of Chapter 64 of the Acts of 2006, "An Act Relative to Accidental Death Benefits for Surviving Children"

The Board voted to approve the MWRA Retirement System's adoption of the provisions of Chapter 55 and Section 3 of Chapter 64 of the Acts of 2006, increasing the accidental death benefits for surviving children to an amount equal to the benefits provided for in G.L. c.32 Section 7(2)(a)(iii).

On September 19, 2006, the Retirement Board unanimously voted to accept the provisions of Chapter 55 and Section 3 of Chapter 64 of the Acts of 2006, an Act that created a local option that will allow for an increase in the accidental death benefits for surviving children to an amount equal to the benefits provided for in G.L. c.32 section 7(2)(a)(iii). The annual benefit amount is currently \$629.64.

The retirement system currently has no members who would benefit from the approval of this action.

Fifty-second Supplemental Bond Resolution (2007 Series A)

The Board voted to adopt the fifty-second Supplemental Bond Resolution authorizing the issuance of up to \$200,000,000.00 of Massachusetts Water Resources General Revenue Bonds (2007 Series A).

The bonds issued under this authorization will be used to finance a portion of outstanding commercial paper for recently completed capital projects and provide permanent financing for numerous MWRA capital projects now

in construction. This issue will include up to \$200 million of new money for long-term financing of capital projects. The assets being funded with this issuance have long useful lives and, as a result, the term of the bonds to be issued may be up to forty years.

MWRA Treasurer Ralph Wallace noted that the Board asked staff to review the bond resolutions to free up monies for the future and incorporate these amendments in upcoming bond issues. These amendments will be presented to the rating agencies and, based on their reaction and guidance, staff will come back to the Board to seek authorization.

Board Member Cile Hicks asked if the agencies will be able to respond by the December Board meeting. Chief Financial Officer Patricia Filippone stated that two of the three agencies, Moodys and Standard & Poor's, will have a response to a scaled back proposal.

Water Supply Agreements and Renewal of Needham and Wellesley Agreements for Continuation of Water Supply

The Board voted to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to execute ten-year Water Supply Continuation Agreements with Needham and Wellesley.

The draft Water Supply Continuation Agreement with Needham indicates that MWRA agrees to provide the community with a maximum annual volume of 165 million gallons (.45 MGD) and a maximum daily volume of 6.5 MGD each year of the contract, barring unusual demand or supply circumstances. The Agreement's annual volume is consistent with the town's objectives for use of local sources beyond 2006; that is, it assumes that the Town's Charles River Water Treatment Facility will be fully operational, as it was in 2000. In 2000, local sources supplied 1,067 million gallons of the total annual demand of 1,180 million gallons. The Agreement also provides for greater demand from MWRA in years that are drier than 2000 (the recent combined demand of local sources and MWRA averages 1,201 million gallons annually and is as high as 1,250 million gallons). In terms of allowance for future growth, Needham does not anticipate significant fluctuations in population or major expansion in the industrial and commercial sectors. In fact, MAPC projects decreasing population and employment.

The draft Water Supply Continuation Agreement with Wellesley includes average annual withdrawals under two different scenarios. The average annual withdrawal varies between 210-220 million gallons annually, or about 0.6 MGD, over the duration of the contract. This average withdrawal request is based on a number of considerations: the town's baseline use, a consultant's report projecting a 6.2% increase in demand over the period 2006 to 2015 and the town's concern that there will be a gradual decrease in the yield of local sources, despite a program of well redevelopment that the Town considers rigorous. The projection also reflects an assumption of decreasing per capita demand as a result of conservation programs. A maximum annual withdrawal of 300 million gallons is also included in the contract, due to Wellesley's concern that the Town be ensured adequate supply during years of unusual circumstances, as have occurred in the recent past.

Request for Water Service to YMCA at Leggs Hill

The Board voted to: (1) approve a water connection to the MWRA water system through Marblehead for the YMCA at Leggs Hill, as set forth in its application to MWRA and in accordance with MWRA OP.09, *Water Connection Serving Property Partially Located in a Non-MWRA Community*; and (2) authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to execute a water connection agreement with the YMCA at Leggs Hill stipulating the terms and conditions of service.

The project includes the development of an 88,525 square foot YMCA facility and ten single-family homes. Development is proposed on a parcel of land that fronts Leggs Hill Road and that straddles the corporate limits of both Marblehead and Salem. Most of the site development, including the YMCA facility itself, will occur in Salem. The average water use projected for the YMCA facility and the residential component of the development is 12,696 gallons per day (gpd); peak water use is projected to be 18,106 gpd.

Eileen Simonson of WSCAC stated that WSCAC supports this project and illustrates it as an appropriate use of the Straddle Policy.

Southern Extra High Distribution Storage and Redundancy Plan

The Board voted to authorize staff to commence the Southern Extra High Distribution Storage and Redundancy Plan project, for an estimated cost of \$900,000.00, with an estimated award date of January 2007.

The Southern Extra High pressure zone is currently deficient in distribution storage and lacking in redundant distribution pipelines. The average day water use of the Southern Extra High communities (Canton, Dedham, Norwood, Stoughton, Westwood, portions of Brookline and Milton and the Roslindale and West Roxbury sections of Boston) from MWRA's system is 13.3 MGD; the maximum day use is 21.1 MGD. MWRA maintains two distribution storage tanks (Bellevue Tanks 1 and 2) totaling 6.2 million gallons of storage for the entire Southern Extra High service area, which is significantly below the goal of one day of storage. Further highlighting the deficiency is the fact that the overflow elevation for the 2.5 million gallon Bellevue Tank 1 is 25 feet lower than the overflow elevation for the new 3.7 million gallon Bellevue Tank 2, limiting its useful capacity.

Careful review of these deficiencies has resulted in a reprioritization of this project, now identified as a Priority One.

Appointment of Project Manager, Deer Island Capital Programs

The Board voted to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to appoint Mr. Frank Brickelmaier, Jr., P.E., to the position of Project Manager, Deer Island Capital Programs, Operations Division (Grade 25, Unit 9), at an annual salary of \$70,172.96, effective November 25, 2006.

Mr. Brickelmaier possesses all of the educational, engineering and supervisory qualifications required for the position of Project Manager and has more than 13 years of civil engineering experience working on numerous MWRA wastewater and water projects.

Adequate funds for this position are included in the FY07 CEB. The recommended salary is in accordance with guidelines established in current MWRA collective bargaining agreements.

November PCR Amendments – FY2007

The Board voted to approve amendments to the Position Control Register.

Together with amendments voted on by the Personnel Committee, but not requiring a vote of the Board, the annualized budget impact of these PCR amendments have a theoretical range from a cost of -\$1,918 to \$43,416 and will likely be at the higher end of that range. Staff will ensure that any cost increase associated with these PCR amendments will not result in spending over the approved FY07 Wages and Salaries budget.

CONTRACT AWARDS

Workers' Compensation Claims Administration Services: Cannon, Cochran Management Services, Inc.

The Board voted to approve the recommendation of the Consultant Selection Committee to select Cannon, Cochran Management Services, Inc. to provide Workers' Compensation Claims Administration Services and to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to execute a contract with Cannon, Cochran Management Services, Inc. in the amount of \$130,000.00 for the period January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007; further, to authorize the Executive Director to exercise the options to approve two additional one-year contract renewals at the same annual amount. The firm is the current contractor.

Jointly-Funded Cooperative Research Agreement between MWRA and National Data Buoy Center for Augmentation of Buoy 44013 to Observe Additional Oceanographic Variables: Contract S433

The Board voted to approve the award of a jointly-funded Cooperative Research Agreement between MWRA and the National Data Buoy Center and to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to execute said Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$159,000.00 for a four-year term from January 2007 to December 2010.

The Outfall Ambient Monitoring Plan, which includes specific monitoring requirements for potential outfall effects, is attached to MWRA's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for the Deer Island Wastewater Treatment Plant. As such, these monitoring requirements are enforceable. The Monitoring Plan was revised in 2004 at MWRA's request to reduce the intensity of field monitoring near the outfall, saving approximately \$900,000 annually. A special study, "Continuous Measurement of Biological Parameters", was added to the revised Ambient Monitoring Plan. When the regulatory agencies approved the decreased frequency of sampling, they did so on the condition that MWRA evaluate the feasibility of augmenting its monitoring with *continuous* water quality monitoring to compensate for fewer scheduled surveys and implement the technology if feasible and recommended by the Outfall Monitoring Science Advisory Panel. If possible, MWRA is to provide monitoring data in real time. As required, MWRA has carried out a detailed evaluation of options for continuous monitoring, including a public workshop and presentations at several science panel meetings.

This cost-share agreement with the National Data Buoy Center (part of the National Atmospheric and Oceanic Administration) will enable MWRA to obtain required monitoring data during the next four years. MWRA's costs will be indirectly matched by equipment and services totaling \$550,000 provided by the National Data Buoy Center.

Design and Construction Administration Services for the North Dorchester Bay CSO Facilities: Fay, Spofford & Thorndike, LLC, Contract 7013

The Board voted to approve the recommendation of the Consultant Selection Committee to select Fay, Spofford & Thorndike, LLC to provide final design and engineering services during construction for the North Dorchester Bay Combined Sewer Overflow Facilities project and to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to execute a contract with Fay, Spofford & Thorndike, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$3,385,223.92 for a term of 1,958 calendar days from the Notice to Proceed.

The North Dorchester Bay CSO Control Plan is intended to eliminate CSO discharges and greatly reduce stormwater discharges to South Boston's beaches. The plan consists of a 17-foot diameter, 11,000 foot, soft-ground tunnel; a 15 MGD dewatering pumping station at Massport's Conley Terminal; a 4,000 foot force main; and a remote odor control facility near the Bayside Exposition Center.

Contract 7013 will provide final design and construction administration services for the pumping station, force main and odor control facility.

Heat Loop Replacement Construction II: Beacon Piping Company, Inc., Contract 6883

The Board voted to approve the award of Contract No. 6883, Heat Loop Replacement Construction II, to the lowest responsive bidder, Beacon Piping Company, Inc. and to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to execute and deliver said contract in the bid amount of \$1,470,000.00 for a term of 425 calendar days from the Notice to Proceed.

The central plant heating system on Deer Island, consisting of approximately 22,000 feet of mostly 14-inch and 20-inch diameter piping, provides both *process heat* to the digesters and *building heat* to other portions of the facility. Most of the piping is buried (approximately 16,000 feet) and leaks have been detected and repaired by MWRA staff. However, repairing these underground pipe leaks has proven to be difficult and time-consuming. The primary goal is now to redesign the system so that it would be entirely above ground, which will facilitate future maintenance, inspection and repair. The existing buried piping will remain in place as contingency back-up.

Two-Year Purchase Order Contract for the Supply and Delivery of Sodium Hypochlorite to the John J. Carroll Water Treatment Plant and the Ware Disinfection Facility: Jones Chemical, Inc., Bid WRA-2621

The Board voted to approve the award of Contract WRA-2621 for the supply and delivery of sodium hypochlorite for the John J. Carroll Water Treatment Plant (CWTP) and Ware Disinfection Facility to the lowest responsive bidder, Jones Chemical, Inc., and to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to execute and deliver said purchase order contract in an amount not to exceed \$1,627,200.00 for a period of two years from December 1, 2006 through November 30, 2008.

There are sufficient funds included in the Field Operations Department's (FOD) FY07 Current Expense Budget for the first portion of this contract. If usage remains as budgeted for the January to June 2007 time period, then FOD will spend approximately \$250,000 less for this chemical than budgeted. Staff will include adequate funding for the remaining term of this contract in the Proposed FY08 and FY09 CEBs.

Three-Year Purchase Order Contract for the Supply and Delivery of Soda Ash to the John J. Carroll Water Treatment Plant: FMC Corporation, Bid WRA-2615

The Board voted to approve the award of Contract WRA-2615 for the supply and delivery of soda ash to the John J. Carroll Water Treatment Plant to the lowest responsive bidder, FMC Corporation, and to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to execute and deliver said purchase order contract in an amount not to exceed \$9,750,000.00 for a period of three years from January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2009.

The Operations Division's FY07 Current Expense Budget includes funding of \$2,039,607 for soda ash at the Carroll Plant. If usage remains as budgeted for the January to June 2007 time period, then Field Operations will spend approximately \$195,000 more for this chemical than budgeted. MWRA will absorb this overspending, if necessary, within the overall approved FY07 direct expense budget and will include adequate funding for the remainder of this contract in the Proposed FY08 and FY09 CEBs.

Blue Hills Covered Storage Design/Build Project: Barletta Heavy Division, Inc., Contract 6216

The Board voted, with Mr. MacRitchie opposed, to approve the award of Contract 6216, Blue Hills Covered Storage Design/Build Project, to Barletta Heavy Division, Inc. and to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to execute said contract at the proposed price of \$37,766,275.00 for a term of 1,170 days from the Notice to Proceed.

Mr. Carroll asked if there any more appeals. Authority General Counsel Steven Remsberg stated that the Friends of the Blue Hills have appealed through the Massachusetts Appeals Court.

Mr. MacRitchie stated that although he is supportive of the project, he had to vote against the project until he has had an opportunity to discuss some concerns expressed by the Mayor of Quincy.

CONTRACT AMENDMENTS/CHANGE ORDERS

Rehabilitation of Weston Aqueduct Supply Main 4: Camp Dresser & McKee, Inc., Contract 5147, Amendment 11

The Board voted to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to approve Amendment No. 11 to extend the term of Contract No. 5147 with Camp Dresser & McKee, Inc. (CDM), Rehabilitation of Weston Aqueduct Supply Main (WASM) 4, by 275 calendar days to September 6, 2007.

Contract 5147 expires on December 5, 2006. Due to delays in getting the pipeline into service, a time extension is necessary for CDM to complete the testing and post-construction services.

The cumulative total of all Amendments to this Contract total \$2,148,317, added to the original Contract amount of \$4,001,102, for a total Contract amount of \$6,149,419. The FY07 CIP contains a budget of \$6,149,360 for Contract 5147; Amendment 11 is for a time extension only and will have no budgetary impact.

INFORMATION

Internal Audit Department Activities and FY2007 Work Plan

Staff provided the Board with a report on audit coverage that was developed through traditional internal and system audits, including performance audits that analyze and evaluate MWRA programs and activities to determine if they are being carried out effectively and efficiently and compliance audits that focus on staff adherence to MWRA policies and procedures. Assignments were selected based on Internal Audit's risk assessment of programs and management controls and input from the Advisory Board and senior managers across the Authority.

Delegated Authority Report – October

Staff provided the Board with a listing of delegated authority actions over \$25,000 for the period October 1 through October 31, 2006.

Summary of Executive Director's Current Delegated Authority to Acquire Interests in Real Property

In connection with an October 11, 2006 Executive Session agenda item concerning Board approval of staff's recommendation for several takings of certain temporary and permanent easements in connection with the Upper Neponset Valley Replacement Sewer Project, Section 687, Contract 6629, a question arose whether staff would return to the Board at a later date with a separate proposed vote to complete the acquisition of those easement interests of property owners that had voluntarily negotiated price and other terms concerning the use of their properties with the Authority and for which a taking was not necessary.

The answer given at the Board meeting was that the Board had previously delegated authority to the Executive Director to acquire interests in property having a value up to \$250,000. A request was made at the October 2006 Board meeting for a review of the history of the delegation of authority by the Board with respect to the Executive Director's authority to acquire real property. The current and only delegation of authority relative to acquisitions of real property first appeared as Schedule M of the Board's current compilation of Management Policies, which was adopted by Board vote on December 9, 1987. This delegation has not changed since its adoption.

FY2006 Year-End Capital Project Performance Report

Staff reported that total MWRA Capital Improvement Program spending in Fiscal Year 2006 was \$152.4 million, or 27% less than budgeted spending including contingency. Excluding the contingency budget, the variance is \$40.5 million or 21% less than the year-to-date budget. This \$40.5 million variance is the net of \$18.7 million in more than budgeted spending on 20 projects and \$59.2 million in less than budgeted spending on 62 projects. It is worthy of note that eight projects account for \$29.8 million or 74% of the \$40.5 million in total under spending in FY06.

2005 Outfall Monitoring Overview

Director of ENQUAD, Andrea Rex, provided the Board with an overview of MWRA's permit-required annual Outfall Monitoring Report for 2005. MWRA is required to submit this report to federal and state regulatory agencies annually. Special studies on effluent quality and changes in Boston Harbor are highlighted in this year's report. Overall, in 2005, as in previous years, the environmental monitoring found that the Deer Island Wastewater Treatment Plant discharges can be detected only locally around the outfall and no adverse impacts of the discharge on the ecology (plankton, water quality, bottom-dwelling communities) of Massachusetts and Cape Cod Bays or Stellwagen Marine Sanctuary were found. Contaminant loadings from Deer Island effluent over the past five years are well below predictions.

Mr. Favaloro stated MWRA is about to negotiate its NPDES permit. Results show significant benefit and no significant impact from the outfall. The Outfall Monitoring Program requirements should be revisited. Dr. Rex said she is trying to get changes made to the permit. Water quality monitoring has the largest potential for savings.

Water System Master Plan: Findings and Recommendations

Staff provided the Board with a report on its Water System Master Plan. Total water system needs identified for the FY07-48 Master Plan timeframe are approximately \$1.1 billion (in current dollars), including all projects currently in the CIP.

Mr. Favaloro stated it is not a secret that the Advisory Board has been pushing for a Master Planning process. It is fair to recognize and applaud the Authority for its efforts on the Master Plan; now the easy part is done. The difficult portion will be the prioritization between water and wastewater projects with finite resources.

Update on Lead and Copper Rule Compliance

Director of Planning Stephen Estes-Smargiassi stated MWRA system-wide lead levels in the September 2006 sampling round did not exceed the lead Action Level of 15 parts per billion (ppb). This is the sixth consecutive sampling round below the Action Level (and the ninth of the past eleven). However, results continue to hover near the Action Level of 15 ppb, raising the possibility that a relatively small number of samples with slightly higher results could result in exceeding the Action Level. While this round's system-wide result is similar to the previous round, there continues to be variability in the individual community results based on the small number of sampled sites and changes in individual volunteer sampling homes.

Mr. Estes-Smargiassi noted in other parts of the country, all 400 samples would be looked at as a whole. Region 1 looks at each community as an individual system. With upcoming changes in EPA standards in the next few years, perhaps it will provide an opportunity for a different view and Region 1 could adopt the national EPA standard for responding to test results.

Evaluation of Options for Bottling MWRA Water

MWRA staff provided the Board with an evaluation of options for bottling MWRA water. Overall, staff concluded that limited bottling for free distribution for a promotional purpose is reasonable, but that bottling or licensing for profit is probably not.

Important points supporting those conclusions are the lack of experience elsewhere in the country at successfully running a bottled water program for a profit, the substantial "reputation risk" if there were a water quality incident and the limited upside even if such a program were successful. There are, however, a number of successful on-going promotional bottled water programs nation-wide, but there are a number of important policy and risk issues that MWRA would need to evaluate prior to undertaking such a program.

Mr. Favaloro stated the Advisory Board would like the Authority to always try to look "outside of the box". Although the opportunity to produce a water revenue stream through a third party may not be there today, it may be possible in the future.

Mr. Pappastergion noted that this will require a lot of thought because a single incident of contamination could damage the agency's image. The bottling operation must meet Food and Drug Administration standards also. Mr. Estes-Smargiassi stated there are three or four additional steps of treatment before the water can be bottled and, thus, staff is not sure it meets MWRA's needs of saying this is tap water. One quality of water would be delivered in the tap and another quality in the bottle.

Ms. Hicks said it is not a revenue source if there is additional treatment.

Ms. Turner stated MWRA's water is as good as spring water from Maine or New Hampshire. People buy what is on sale as a matter of convenience because they can carry it. This Board should look seriously at a bottling company and distributor to make money on it.

Mr. Hunt stated he would want to see a lengthy review. Further, are there legal issues in terms of a public agency getting into a profit organization? In terms of water availability to address the needs of other communities, there could be a whole host of policy ramifications.

Mr. Pappastergion said he is in favor of the concept, but this staff summary raises issues that need to be resolved before looking for bottling and distribution companies. If further treatment is required, is it tap water?

Ms. Turner said the Board needs to find out if the concept is feasible.