



NEWS & NOTES

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ADVISORY BOARD VISITS MWRA CONSTRUCTION PROJECT SITES

Members of the MWRA Advisory Board visited two active MWRA construction project sites this month: the CSO Storage Tunnel Project in South Boston and the Blue Hills Covered Storage Tanks in Quincy. Members toured the inside of the 17-foot diameter storage tunnel and visited the storage tanks at the Blue Hills Reservoir, which are 50% complete. The tunnel, situated along North Dorchester Bay, will provide CSO and stormwater storage in extreme wet weather events and will virtually eliminate CSO overflows onto the South Boston beaches. The Covered Storage Tanks at Blue Hills will ensure sufficient distribution storage for MWRA's Southern High Service Area. The two 10-million gallon tanks are part of a larger system-wide effort to eliminate open distribution storage reservoirs in order to provide covered storage for protection of treated drinking water in case of unexpected interruptions of supply.



TOP: MWRA Advisory Board Members stop on Carson Beach after a tour of the CSO Storage Tunnel Project in South Boston.
BOTTOM: Advisory Board Members tour the construction of the Blue Hills Covered Storage Tanks in Quincy.



JOINT MEETING OF ADVISORY GROUPS

The MWRA Advisory Board's Operations Committee, the Wastewater Advisory Committee (WAC) and the Water Supply Citizens Advisory Committee (WSCAC) will meet on September 24, 2008 in Southborough to collaborate on strengthening the ties between the organizations and to provide common information to all three groups. The agenda includes presentations on how water systems and wastewater systems inter-relate, as well as a discussion on mutual areas of interest amongst the groups.



MWRA Advisory Board Chairwoman Katherine Dunphy presents Executive Director Joe Favaloro with a picture of a clean and thriving Boston Harbor in honor of his 20 years of service as Executive Director of the MWRA Advisory Board.

If you are interested in serving on the Executive Committee of the Advisory Board in FY2009, please contact Mary Ann McClellan by email or phone @ 617.742.7561 before September 4, 2008.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER 12: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING / 8:30 AM - BOSTON
SEPTEMBER 17: MWRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS / 10 AM - CHARLESTOWN
SEPTEMBER 18: MWRA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING / 11:30 AM - BOSTON

THE ADVISORY BOARD WILL MEET AT:
**BOSTON WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION | 980 HARRISON AVE
BOSTON, MA 02119 | ONSITE PARKING IS AVAILABLE.**

SECRETARY IAN BOWLES, EOEEA, IS THE FEATURED PRESENTER, PROVIDING PERSPECTIVE ON ALTERNATIVE ENERGY INITIATIVES AND HIGHLIGHTS AS CHAIRMAN OF THE MWRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

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