



NEWS & NOTES

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EPA REGION 1 ADMINISTRATOR ADDRESSES THE ADVISORY BOARD



Curtis Spalding shared his goals and priorities with Advisory Board members at the June 17th meeting in Wellesley.

Members questioned Mr. Spalding on a myriad of topics, which included SSOs, NPDES permits, and the oil spill in the Gulf. Mr. Spalding

stated: "This Administration wants us to be working closely with our state...partners on how they're getting the work done...We will work with you and listen to you."

The Advisory Board looks forward to working with Mr. Spalding.

EPA SEEKING INPUT ON SSOs

On a related topic and as we had reported months ago, EPA is initiating input to change the rules to "better protect the environment and public health from SSOs and basement backups."

EPA is considering broad-based SSO regulations under the NPDES permit

- Whether to develop broad-based SSO regulations under the NPDES program, including standard permit conditions for publicly owned treatment works (POTWs) and collection systems that may include the following:
 - Reporting, recordkeeping, and public notification;
 - Capacity assurance, management, operation, and maintenance requirements (CMOM) for collection systems; and
 - Possible provisions for SSOs caused by exceptional circumstances.
- Whether to adopt the December 2005 draft Peak Flows Policy or a revised Policy, and/or to address peak flows as part of a holistic and integrated SSO rulemaking.



Have a safe and enjoyable
July 4th holiday weekend!



SSO REGULATIONS (ctd.)

Impacts could be **SUBSTANTIAL** to communities. Communities have an opportunity to participate in the process by joining in on the scheduled listening session on July 14th and provide comments by August 2nd. For additional info, go to:

<http://www.nacwa.org>

<http://www.epa.gov/npdes/sanitaryseweroverflows.brief>

FINAL BUDGET THOUGHTS

- Worked with Authority staff achieved the lowest rate increase in 15 years.
- Provided cities and towns with final assessments numbers in February.
- Reduced projected rate increases in FY12 and 13 to under 4%.
- Preserved \$2.8 million in optional pension payments for rate relief in future years.
- Secured Advisory Board representation on a long-term rates management strategy working group to manage rates through FY2022, when MWRA debt service peaks.

ADVISORY BOARD AUGUST FIELD TRIP

With the Shaft 5A break and the surrounding discussion on water system redundancy, our tour this year will focus on water projects/redundancy. Stops will include viewing active construction at the Hultman Aqueduct, improvements at the Carroll Water Treatment Plant, and Loring Road wind turbines. This is a daylong event, which will include a picnic lunch. We are still trying to determine the best date between these options:

Thursday, August 12
Thursday, August 19
Thursday, August 26

Please email us which date works best for you.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

JULY 15: MWRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS / 10 AM – CHARLESTOWN
JULY 15/16: JOINT LEGISLATIVE MEETING ON SHAFT 5A WATER MAIN BREAK

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