



NEWS & NOTES

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SAVE THE DATE

The results are back and the “consensus” date for the MWRA Advisory Board field trip is:

AUGUST 26, 2010.

Full information packets will be going out within the next ten days.

With the recent break at Shaft 5A, the Advisory Board felt it is timely to focus on water facilities and water system redundancy.

As it has in previous years, the buses will originate from Chelsea and Weston and will visit the site of the “catastrophic” break and view the active and ongoing rehabilitation of the Hultman Aqueduct. The field trip luncheon will take place along the Sudbury Aqueduct and will continue on to the John J. Carroll Water Treatment Plant. Plans are still being finalized and are subject to “tweaks.”

As stated, complete tour packages will be sent; however, if you plan to attend, please contact Mary Ann McClellan at 617-742-7561 or Maryann.mcclellan@mwra.state.ma.us to reserve your spot.

COUPLING FOUND

The coupling, a critical piece in determining what happened at Shaft 5A, has been located and one section has been removed. The other section appears to be under the pipe. MWRA and CDM structural and geotechnical staff will evaluate the next steps.



The first half of the coupling and recovered bolts from Shaft 5A have been removed and delivered to Altran's lab for testing.

ADVISORY BOARD COMMENTS ON THREE IMPORTANT ISSUES

Over the past two weeks, the Advisory Board has provided comments on the following topics:

- 5-Year Extension of Variance for CSO Discharges for Lower Charles, Alewife and Upper Mystic Basins
- Ambient Monitoring Plan for the MWRA Effluent Outfall
- SSO Regulations Under the NPDES Permit

Each of these topics are of critical importance to the Advisory Board, long sought to control CSO costs, reduce monitoring costs, and to protect our communities from further federal mandates without funding.

To access our comments, please go to:
http://www.mwraadvisoryboard.com/Research_Articles/COMMENTS.pdf

IT IS OFFICIAL... ADVISORY BOARD OFFICE IS MOVING

After 25 years at its Beacon Street location, the MWRA Advisory Board is relocating, as of September 1, to the fourth floor of 100 First Avenue in the Charlestown Navy Yard. If the address sounds familiar to you, it is the top floor of the MWRA's headquarters.

The move will provide the Advisory Board with significantly reduced lease costs. (The Advisory Board always practices what it preaches.) The move will also afford staff even better, more efficient opportunities to exchange information and communicate with the Authority staff.

Staff looks forward to the move.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Aug 11: MWRA Board of Directors / 10 AM - CHARLESTOWN
Aug 26: MWRA Advisory Board Field Trip

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