



NEWS & NOTES

A PUBLICATION OF THE MWRA ADVISORY BOARD
MARCH 2011

ADVISORY BOARD TESTIFIES AT EPA LISTENING SESSION

MWRA Advisory Board (AB) Executive Director Joseph Favaloro took the Environmental Protection Agency up on its offer to participate in its "Listening Session" this past Monday. The session was part of President Obama's Executive Order to modify or repeal EPA regulations. EPA held the session at its regional headquarters in Boston, which was open to the public. The event strongly encouraged any individual or group the opportunity to raise concerns or provide recommendations on existing or new regulations.

At the session, Mr. Favaloro stated, "I am not here to talk about specific programs but your overall approach. The world has changed; our communities are faced with huge challenges. EPA needs to change its approach of layering priority after priority, as well as regulation after regulation, on top of one another because it is not going to accomplish its mission. It is important to treat your communities as your partner, not your enemy".

The Advisory Board believes that EPA must base its programs on good science, evaluate them, and utilize cost-benefit analysis. Furthermore, the EPA must realize that one size does not fit all.

MWRA ADVISORY BOARD HAS A NEW TWITTER PAGE

The AB has a new Twitter page up and running. Please feel free to follow us at: www.twitter.com/@MWRAAdvisory to check out the latest news on any upcoming events, meetings and press coverage.

PRESENTATION ON THE HISTORY OF THE WATER SYSTEM

On May 18th at 7pm, J.R. Greene, AB Gubernatorial appointee representing the Quabbin and Ware Watersheds will be presenting a narrated slide

program on the history of the water system with an emphasis on the Quabbin at the New Waterworks Museum located on 2450 Beacon Street at the Old Chestnut Hill Reservoir and pumping station.

There is a long and storied history with Metropolitan Water System, MDC, MWRA and the AB. To learn more, go to: <http://www.waterworksmuseum.org/>

TRAINING CLINICS FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS IN NEW ENGLAND

The U.S. EPA will soon issue new Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Stormwater General Permits in Massachusetts that will likely include more prescriptive requirements designed to improve the effectiveness of the municipal Stormwater management programs. The next generation MS4 permit requirements are likely to include new requirements for illicit discharge detection and elimination (IDDE) outfall monitoring, and for dischargers to impaired water bodies. There is also a growing awareness of the benefits of using LID techniques to promote groundwater recharge, improve urban environments, and prevent pollution.

On April 27, 2011, a full-day training clinic is being offered to help municipal staff, official and other practitioners understand the requirements of the new Small MS4 Stormwater General Permits and promote the use of LID practices.

The training is free and space is limited so please be sure to register as soon as possible at www.horsleywitten.com/MS4-LID-training. Training agendas and directions to clinic locations are available at the registration webpage. Once registered, you will receive an electronic confirmation. Also, feel free to access draft information by visiting: www.epa.gov/ne/npdes/stormwater/

UPCOMING MEETINGS

April 5	Public Hearing on FY12 CEB at Boston CH at 7PM
April 8	Joint WAC/WSCAC Meeting in Boston
April 13	MWRA Board of Directors Meeting
April 15	Advisory Board Executive Committee Meeting
April 18	Patriot's Day-Office Closed
April 21	Advisory Board Meeting TBA

If you have any questions regarding topics raised in this newsletter or any other MWRA issue, please contact:

Maggie Atanasov, Government & Media Coordinator • Phone: 617.788.2055 • **Fax:** 617.788.2059 •

Email: maggie.atanasov@mwra.state.ma.us

Web Site: www.mwraadvisoryboard.com