



NEWS & NOTES

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WHERE'S THE MONEY?

As the Advisory Board begins to focus on the MWRA Capital and Operating FY13 budgets, Executive Director Joseph Favaloro believed it was important to reach out to our President with regard to forgotten infrastructure. In response to the [letter](#), both Senators Kerry and Brown's office called to reinforce their commitment to water and sewer infrastructure.

Senator Kerry's staff member specifically outlined the Building and Upgrading Infrastructure for Long-Term Development Act (Build Act) which could help close our widening infrastructure gap (click [here](#) to see the summary).

On the state side, the MWRA and AB continue to meet with the Water Infrastructure Finance Commission (WIFC) in order to develop a needs assessment. WIFC expects the report will be available in early November.

The MWRA and Advisory Board also continue to meet with legislative leaders to insure that we can begin to grow Debt Service Assistance (DSA) to the necessary levels in the future.

NEW WIND TURBINE IN CHARLESTOWN



A new wind turbine which belongs to the MWRA has

been installed at the DeLauri Sewer Pump Station in Charlestown. The power will be sent to the grid and net metered to offset the cost of MWRA's electric accounts. The project came to fruition as a result of \$4.7 million in stimulus money, which is fully funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The turbine will produce 1.5 megawatts of power or 3 million kilowatt hours per year. It is projected that it is enough to power about 300 homes. This will save MWRA ratepayers \$350,000 per year.

SECRETARY OF EOEEA RICK SULLIVAN ATTENDS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING IN LEXINGTON



Pictured above:
Secretary of EOEEA Rick Sullivan speaking at AB Meeting at Cary Hall

The Advisory Board held its monthly meeting on September 15th at Cary Hall in Lexington. The AB was fortunate to have Secretary Sullivan join the meeting and address the crowd on the state's progress on protecting our environment and developing clean energy. The AB thanks the Secretary for his participation.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

October 12 MWRA Board of Directors Mtg. in Charlestown

October 14 MWRA Advisory Board Executive Comm. Mtg. in Charlestown

October 14 WAC Meeting in Boston

October 20 Full Advisory Board Mtg. in Canton at Pequitside Farm

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