



NEWS & NOTES

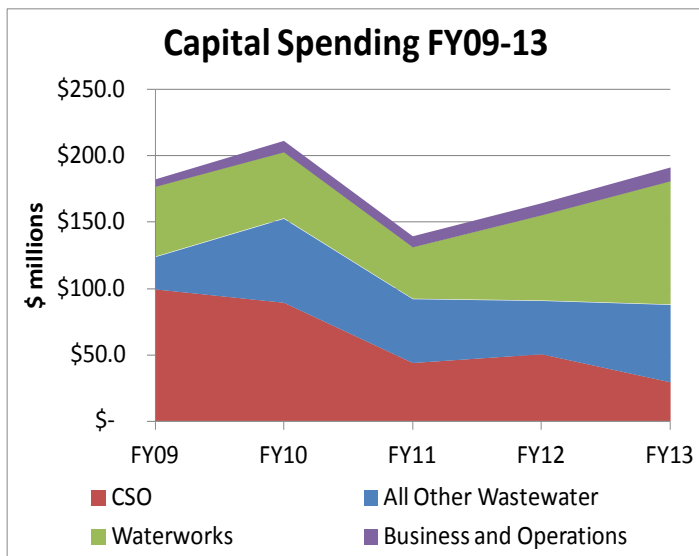
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Proposed FY 13 CIP Transmitted to Advisory Board

At its December meeting, the MWRA Board of Directors voted to transmit the FY13 Proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to the Advisory Board for its statutory review. Highlights of the proposal include:

- The proposed CIP for the FY09-13 cap period is \$898.8 million, or \$245.0 million less than the base-line cap established in FY09
- Proposed capital spending for FY13 totals \$191.4 million, with 45.8% dedicated to wastewater capital projects, and 48.7% proposed for waterworks projects.
- \$10.5 million in new projects requests were added, with the majority of spending beyond FY13
- By the end of the cap period, more than 96% of the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) program will be completed.
- Total future spending is estimated at \$2.1 billion beginning in FY12.

Below is a chart highlighting the capital spending for FY09-13



Upcoming Changes to EPA Stage 2 Disinfection Byproducts Plan

The MWRA will be undertaking changes to the Disinfection Byproducts (DBP) plan this spring. In preparation for this change, the MWRA Advisory Board operations committee will convene in February and Director of Planning Stephen Estes-Smargiassi will be making a presentation on Stage 2 of EPA's DBP monitoring plan. This presentation will highlight increased monitoring at sites in every community. In addition, the compliance metric will also change. The MWRA will be judged on the basis of the running annual average at each location, rather than averaging across all locations.

Stoneham Opposes MWRA Construction of Northern Intermediate High Redundant Water Line

In a letter sent to the MWRA Board of Directors, the Stoneham Board of Selectmen stated their opposition to the MWRA's construction of a redundant water line through Stoneham. The Northern Intermediate High Redundant water pipeline would ensure reliable water service to Stoneham, Woburn, Reading, Wakefield, Winchester and Wilmington. Click [here](#) to read Stoneham's letter to the MWRA and click [here](#) to see MWRA's response to Stoneham.

Since its earliest days, the MWRA and the Advisory Board have adopted a "one system for all" approach toward capital improvements; specifically, all capital improvements regardless of their direct benefit to one community and lack thereof to another benefit the system as a whole and therefore all member communities. This project represents a critical improvement in meeting the Authority's goal for system redundancy, and as such is a critical improvement for all communities in the waterworks system. The Advisory Board is ready, willing and able to provide whatever assistance necessary to resolve the outstanding issues and move this project forward.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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| January 2 nd | Observance of New Year's Day-Office Closed |
| January 13 th | Advisory Board Exec. Comm. Mtg. in Charlestown |
| January 16 th | Martin Luther King Day-Office Closed |
| January 18 th | MWRA Board of Directors Mtg. in Charlestown |
| January 19 th | Full Advisory Board Mtg. at the Chelsea Facility |