



NEWS & NOTES

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MWRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGREE WITH AB RECOMMENDATION

At the May meeting of the Advisory Board, members approved language stating that the MWRA Rate Revenue Requirement increase for FY13 be no higher than 3% and no lower than 3%.

The MWRA Board of Directors held its meeting on June 27th and agreed with the AB recommendations to approve a FY13 Current Expense Budget with a 3% increase in the Rate Revenue Requirement.

It is the rate revenue requirement which determines communities' wholesale water and sewer assessments. Please click [here](#) to access local assessments.

Below are highlights from the AB recommendations:

- Reduces Rate Revenue Requirement increase from a proposed 3.9% (in February) to an approved increase of 3.0%, which is a reduction of 23%.
- Reduce the proposed rate revenue requirement by \$5.1 million to \$607.5 million
- Renewed continuation of an account to pay down future debt.
- Moved forward Phase VIII funding for community I/I projects to FY13.
- Supported further discussion of the possibility of the Commonwealth assuming the delegated authority (primacy) with regard to wastewater issues.
- Continued effort to expand the MWRA water system community base.

To see the complete list of responses by the MWRA to the AB's recommendations, please click [here](#).

The Advisory Board would like to acknowledge the efforts and cooperation of the MWRA staff throughout the budget process.

HOUSE AND SENATE FY13 BUDGET INCLUDES \$500,000 FOR DSA

The House and Senate approved a \$32.5 billion state budget this past week. This included an additional \$58.7 million that was added to the budget in conference. The budget highlights include an increase in spending on the judiciary to \$760 million, \$20 million in spending on the state's environmental agencies, which also increases Chapter 70 school aid to \$4.2 billion. The Advisory Board is happy to report that the House and Senate budget included the following line items:

- \$500,000 for the Sewer Rate Relief Fund
- Language for the watershed management program
- Directive to DEP to evaluate the feasibility, cost, advantages, and disadvantages of obtaining from EPA, delegate authority over NPDES programs.

The budget now heads to Governor Deval Patrick's desk for review. The Governor will have 10 days to review, sign and issue any vetoes on the budget.

SAVE THE DATE: AB FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR THURSDAY, AUGUST 16TH

The annual AB field trip is in the process of being finalized. The trip includes a visit to the John Carroll Water Treatment Plant to see the ongoing construction of the Ultraviolet light treatment which will serve as the second primary disinfection process. In addition, it will also include a visit to Shaft 5A and water supply dams. As plans are firmed up for this trip, the Advisory Board will be sending out updates.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

July 18th MWRA Board of Directors Mtg. in Charlestown

The MWRA Advisory Board and Executive Committee
Do not meet in July or August

Save the Date!!
AB Annual Field Trip on Thursday, August 16, 2012

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