



News & Notes

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Advisory Board Operations Committee Recommends Phase III of Local Water System Assistance Program

Continuing Progress Locally



Since 2001, over \$300 million has been distributed in two phases to MWRA water communities in 0% interest loans to make improvements to their local systems.

As you are aware, rehabilitating local water distribution systems, along

with aggressive watershed protection and upgraded treatment, constituted the “three-legged stool” to ensure the highest quality drinking water and the avoidance of a costly filtration plant (\$500 million!).

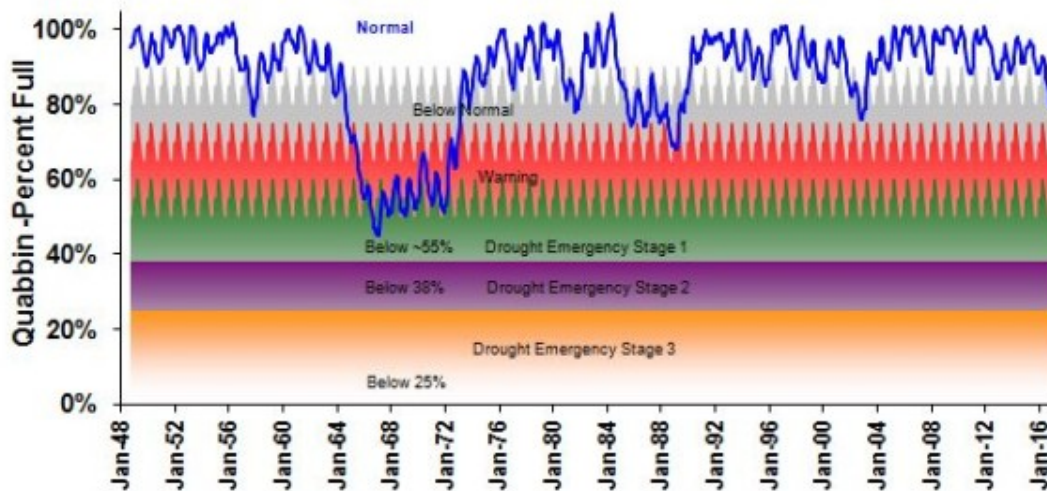
With Phase II nearing its end, the Operations Committee engaged MWRA staff in a discussion on the next stage of this program. The Committee unanimously voted to support a Phase III Local Water System Assistance Program (LWSAP). Specific components of Phase III include:

- Provide funding for Phase III at \$292 million (takes into account current construction costs)
- Continue providing 10-year interest-free loans
- Extend Phase II distributions three additional years to FY23

The Operations Committee recommendation will be discussed by the Executive Committee at their April 14 meeting and will be brought to the full Advisory Board for their consideration at their April 20 meeting at Boston Water and Sewer Commission.

Drought Update

Reaching New Lows



For the first time since 2003, Quabbin Reservoir levels will begin April at **below normal range at 81.5%**. Quabbin has hovered around 79% of capacity since dropping to below normal status in November 2016. Significant rainfall is predicted for the first week of April, which could alter reservoir levels moving forward.

While no mandatory restrictions are in place, MWRA continues to urge wise water use. [Click here for water conservation tips.](#)

Process and Timeline for the Election of an Advisory Board Representative to the

MWRA Board of Directors

Upcoming Deadlines

As was announced at the March Advisory Board meeting in Lexington, the Executive Committee has initiated the process for the election of an Advisory Board representative to the Board of Directors. The current term of John Carroll as an Advisory Board



representative expires on June 30, 2017. He has informed the Advisory Board that he will seek re-election.

The process and timeline for the election of an Advisory Board representative to the Board of Directors for a three-year term (July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2020) is as follows:

- The Executive Committee will serve as the Nominating Committee, as it has in the past.
- May 9, 2017, is the deadline for the candidates to submit a letter of intent to seek election to the MWRA Board of Directors.
- On May 12, 2017, the Executive Committee will interview all candidates and nominate a candidate to the full Advisory Board.
- On May 18, 2017, at the Advisory Board meeting at the Canton Public Library, nominations will be accepted and all candidates will be allowed an opportunity to address the full Advisory Board. An election will follow. Please note that election for the Board of Directors is one vote for each community. It is not a weighted vote. **A quorum of 33 voting members** is necessary to validate the election.

All interested candidates are requested to send a letter by May 9, 2017, as well as a resume, to the MWRA Advisory Board, 100 First Avenue, Building 39-4th Floor, Boston, MA 02129.

Public Hearing on Proposed FY18 Current Expense Budget

Make Your Voice Heard



If you were unable to participate in the MWRA Advisory Board's public hearing on March 16 in Lexington, you still have the opportunity to attend the MWRA's public hearing on the proposed \$749.1 million current expense budget. The hearing will be held on **Thursday, April 6, at**

6:30 PM at Boston City Hall in the 5th floor Piemonte Room. Your comments are welcome.

Upcoming Events

For the Month of [April](#)

April 6 | 6:30 PM, [MWRA FY18 CEB Public Hearing](#) at Boston City Hall

April 12 | 10:00 AM, [MWRA Board of Directors Meeting](#) in Charlestown

April 14 | 8:30 AM, [Executive Committee Meeting](#) at AB Offices

April 20 | 11:30 AM, [Advisory Board Meeting](#) at Boston Water and Sewer Commission

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