



News & Notes

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Governor Baker Includes DSA in House 1

Debt Service Assistance for Communities

As part of House 1 (FY20 State Budget), Governor Baker has included \$1.1 million in the Sewer Rate Relief Fund (line item 1231-1000). Last year, the Governor included \$500,000 in his FY19 budget and did not veto the \$1.1 million included in the final



House and Senate version. We will work with all branches of government to ensure that DSA remains a piece of of the FY20 State Budget.

Thank you, Governor Baker, for keeping the DSA line item alive. Any debt service assistance received directly reduces community assessments.

MWRA Updates Master Plan

Long-Term Outlook for the Authority

MWRA updates its water and wastewater Master Plan every five years to reflect changing water and wastewater needs, updated asset conditions, evolving regulatory requirements, required climate change adaptations, and the need to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions, among other parameters. The Authority has identified \$3.2 billion in wastewater needs and \$2.6 billion in water needs, as described in its [presentation to the Advisory Board](#).

To complete the picture, Advisory Board staff will be contacting communities to ascertain local needs for community water and wastewater systems. Our goal is to develop an MWRA area-wide estimate for infrastructure needs as we move towards this year's workshop: Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Financing.



For this workshop, we will be reaching out to local, state, and federal leaders in business, government, and environmental advocacy groups. Our aim is to provide a variety of perspectives on making the most of financing strategies. We want to make these resources more available to our communities as they plan for the future. Remember to save the date for June 21!

Thank You for Your Service

Wishing Cornelia Well



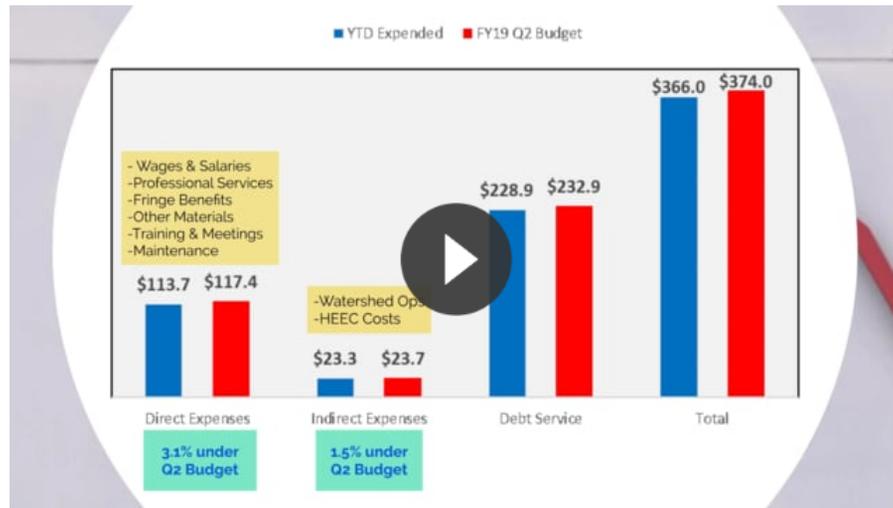
Since 1985, Cornelia Potter has been a vital member of the Advisory Board staff. Her contributions to our communities have been immense. Cornelia's input actively reshaped MWRA's CSO plan, as well as many projects on Deer Island, including the number of digesters. Her analysis saved ratepayers hundreds of millions of dollars.

As Cornelia has moved on from Advisory Board staff, her next chapter will allow her more time with her husband, daughters, and most especially her three grandchildren. We all owe a debt of gratitude to Cornelia and wish her the very

best. From the whole Advisory Board, our Executive Committee, and present and former staff, thank you and enjoy!

New Green Sheet Video

FY19 Quarter 2 in Review



Check out our [latest video](#) going over Q2 spending at the MWRA for FY19.

Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

Revised Approach to BOD Minutes

As a part of our revised approach to Board of Directors meeting minutes, the Advisory Board will be providing a summary voting sheet that includes links to pertinent staff presentations. The January summary can be found [here](#).

We will also use a section of News and Notes to highlight issues of particular interest discussed at the Board meetings. At the January meeting, Steve Estes-

Upcoming Events

For the Month of February.

February 15 | 8:30 AM, [Executive Committee Meeting](#) at Advisory Board offices

February 18 | Presidents Day (office closed)

February 20 | 10:00 AM, [MWRA Board of Directors Meeting](#) at MWRA Board Room

February 21 | 11:30 AM, [Advisory Board Meeting](#) in Needham



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