



Update on Invasive Aquatic Plant Management at **MWRA Reservoirs**

February 19, 2020





Control methods:

- Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting (EWM, VLM, FW)
- Diver Hand Harvesting (VLM)
- Manual Harvesting from Boat and Shoreline (WC)
- Winter Drawdown (EWM)
- Fragment Barriers (VLM, EWM, FW)

Where Invasive Plants Control Efforts Are Underway In MWRA System



Wachusett Reservoir Has The Heaviest Level Of Effort For Aquatic Invasive Plants Control





- Catalog plant communities; compare to prior year surveys
- Immediate notification of new aquatic invasives
- Identify new threats in geographic proximity

Wachusett Control Efforts By Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting (DASH)



Stillwater Basin DASH Of Eurasian Milfoil





Wachusett Reservoir - Stillwater Basin Eurasian Milfoil 2019



Pre-harvest – June 24

Post-harvest – August 7



Native Plants Are Returning To Stillwater Basin In The Dash-Cleared Areas



Variable Leaf Milfoil





Locations of Variable Leaf Milfoil in MWRA system:

- Wachusett Reservoir:
 - Hastings Cove
 - Hidden Cove
 - Carville Basin
 - Quinapoxet Basin
- Quabbin Reservoir upstream settling basins
- Ware River/Shaft 8 Intake Pool



Areas with *M. heterophyllum*







Quinapoxet Basin Variable Leaf Milfoil



Ware River Shaft 8 Intake Pool Variable Leaf Milfoil Removal



Quabbin – Deployment Of Fragment Barriers At Settling Ponds For Variable Leaf Milfoil



Sudbury Reservoir - Water Chestnut 2008 To Present

In 2008, dense mats and mature plants with many nuts required mechanical control



Today, control efforts = hand removal by boat of scattered small plants





Foss Reservoir – Winter Drawdown For Eurasian Milfoil Control





Small test hole to check freeze depth

Chestnut Hill Reservoir – Dual Approach Has Resulted In Reduction Of Aquatic Invasive Plants



Mechanical harvest of dense Eurasian Milfoil





Report on 2019 Water Use Trends and Reservoir Status

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Total Consumption by MWRA Communities (1980 to 2019)











Fully Supplied Communities Demand (2000 to 2019)



Fully Supplied Communities (Annual Base and Outdoor Use)



Reservoir Withdrawals – 5-Year Running Average



Quabbin Reservoir Volume







Chloride in MWRA Reservoirs and Steps to Mitigate Water Quality Impacts

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- Rising chloride concentrations observed throughout Northeast US
- Road salt run-off enters reservoirs through rivers, streams and aquifer
- Chlorides increase the corrosivity of water and threaten aquatic life



Rising Chloride Levels in MWRA Reservoirs



Jun-97 Jun-98 Jun-99 Jun-00 May-01 May-02 May-03 May-04 May-05 May-06 Apr-07 Apr-08 Apr-09 Apr-10 Apr-11 Mar-12 Mar-13 Mar-14 Mar-15 Mar-16 Mar-17 Feb-18 Feb-19 Feb-20

Specific Conductance In Watershed Tributary



- Documented increase in specific conductance (surrogate for chloride) in Wachusett tributaries
- Gates Brook has the highest concentrations



Wachusett Tributaries



Annual Salt

Annual Salt Application – Wachusett Watershed

Town	Estimated Salt Use (tons)
Boylston	993
Holden	2,198
Paxton	301
Princeton	1,803
Rutland	947
Sterling	1,025
West Boylston	3,722
Worc/Clint/Leom	700
MassDOT	4,093
DCR DWSP	35
Parking lots	2,522
Total	>18,000 tons [*]



*Source: DCR



- Proper salt application
 - In November, MWRA funded a one-day training for watershed community DPW Staff on best practices for salt application
 - Investigate grant opportunities to replace inefficient salt application equipment
- Research to predict road salt inputs and impacts
 - DCR/UMass Amherst collaboration
 - MWRA investigating corrosivity impacts on distribution system



Increased monitoring of chloride inputs in reservoir

- DCR to install real-time data loggers across the watershed
- DCR to track chloride inputs from ground water and tributaries
- MWRA will continue routine sampling for chlorides in raw and finished water


Massachusetts Water Resources Authority





Disinfection Byproducts Levels

Metro Boston Levels



CVA Results





Natural Organic Mater Levels in Reservoirs









Measured Flow (FY20) Measured Flow (FY19) — Rolling Average Flow

Maintenance Kitting





Occupational Health and Safety at MWRA

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Worker Safety Reporting- 2nd Quarter FY20

WORKPLACE SAFETY

2nd Quarter - FY20



- OSHA safety for public sector employees February 1, 2019
- Strictly adhering to recordkeeping regulations likely to cause an increase in recorded injuries and illnesses as compared to previous years, but not necessarily an increase in injuries
- Differences in the Workman's Comp Standards account for some of the differences
- The rise on the chart should start to stabilize as new data replaces old data
- One bad month or one good month can affect the chart



Regulation Changes - February 1, 2019

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF LABOR STANDARDS

OSHA Safety for Public Sector Employees Highlights of Updated Law G.L. c. 149, § 6 $^{1\!\!/_2}$

- Increased requirements on injury reporting and record keeping Emphasis on accident reporting and investigation
- Incident investigations internal to MWRA and potentially DLS Incident Investigation with Root Cause analysis followed by corrective actions

Implement Corrective Actions
 Follow through with corrective actions and develop tool box talks to create a learning moment



New Requirement- Injury Tracking For OSHA

How does OSHA define a recordable injury or illness?

- Any work related fatality
- Injury that results in loss of consciousness
- Days away from work
- Restricted work, or job transfer
- Medical treatment beyond first aid
- Chronic irreversible diseases
- Cancer
- Cracked teeth or bones
- Punctured eardrums

New Requirement- Injury Tracking For OSHA

Why are we seeing an increase in recorded injuries while following OSHA?

- Lost time is any work related injury requiring a day or more away from work to recover
 - Workman's Comp is Lost time after 5 days away
- New medical info days to years later can require an injury to be recorded
 - Cases where surgery is delayed or treatment plans are not working become recordable
- Employee is given a prescription strength medication while at the emergency room
 - Prescription strength medication is considered more than First Aid. If a medicine is given at the time of visit or if a prescription is written and not filled, the case is still recordable

Injury Reporting- OSHA 300 Log





Safety Focus Areas

Culture	Safety Training	Audits/Inspection	Investigations		
Employee engagement Management commitment Safety committees Follow policy and procedures See Something/ Say Something	Provide skills needed Invest the time Constantly evaluate needs Future incident prevention Toolbox talks	Facility walks Job safety reviews Employee concerns Internal audit	Injury investigation Near miss investigation Develop Corrective Actions Follow through with fixes Share with employees		
			Review injury trends		



WORKPLACE SAFETY January 2020

Recordable Injury & Illness Rates







MWRA Fiscal Year 2021 Proposed Current Expense Budget

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Objective: Sustainable and predictable assessments by applying a multi-year rates management strategy.



Historical Budgeted Spending





- Capital Finance Expenses
- Existing Expenses and Revenue Inflation, Changes
- Long-Term Liabilities



Ways to address the Debt Service challenge

- Defeasance
- Refundings
- Use of Reserves
 - Rate Stabilization Fund
 - Bond Redemption Fund
- Tactical Issuance Repayment Structure
- Control Capital Spending
- Strategic Use of Current Revenue/Capital Funding

Actual and Forecasted Rate Revenue Changes

MWRA Combined Utilities Historical and Projected Rate Revenue Changes



Actual and Forecasted Rate Revenue Changes by Utility

MWRA Water & Sewer Utilities Historical and Projected Rate Revenue Changes



■ Water ■ Sewer



CEB Budget Structure

- Direct Expenses
- Indirect Expenses
- Capital Finance Expenses
- Non-Rate Revenue
- Rate Revenue

ATTACHMENT A

FY21 Proposed Budget vs. FY20 Approved Budget

FY19 Actuals	FY20 Approved Budget	FY21 Proposed Budget		Change FY21 Proposed Budget vs FY20 Approved Budget		
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5,208,556	4,898,965	•	5.079.296	•	180.331	3.7%
19,982,221	21,717,533		22,492,274		774,741	3.6%
2,717,568	2,354,256		2,476,655		122,399	5.2%
10,891,948	11,811,222		12,182,677		371,455	3.1%
24,446,278	24,454,796		25,541,081		1,086,285	4.4%
30,650,570	32,726,954		32,618,569		(108,385)	-0.3%
499,836	504,394		505,264		870	0.2%
6,194,703	8,295,315		8,377,283		81,968	1.0%
6,987,854	6,867,239		7,091,071		223,832	3.3%
23,769,299	24,683,370		24,975,119		291,749	1.2%
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1 614 263	1 654 618		1 692 344		37 726	2.3%
1 881 797	2 094 284		2 283 728		189 444	9.0%
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5,574,152	5,962,457		6.065.490		103.033	1.7%
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FY21 Proposed Current Expense Budget (CEB)

FY21 Proposed Current Expense Budget



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CEB Budget Highlights – Direct Expenses

Direct Category

(\$s in millions)



- Personnel Costs: Increase of \$4.8 million or 3.5% over FY20. FY21 includes 5 additional positions for the Tunnel Redundancy Program and a 6% increase to Health Insurance premiums.
- Maintenance: Decrease of \$0.1 million or 0.3% from FY20. Operations maintenance is essentially level-funded in FY21 (increase of 0.4% over FY20).
- Personnel Costs \$143.7 56%
- Utilities: Increase of \$1.1 million or 4.4% over FY20, driven by increases to Electricity and Diesel Fuel.
- Chemicals: Increase of \$0.4 million or 3.1% over FY20 driven by increases to Ferric Chloride and Sodium Hypochlorite, partially offset by a decrease to Soda Ash.



Historical & Projected Chemical Cost



Utilities





Sludge Pelletization





Historical Health Insurance Budget



CEB Budget Structure – Indirect Expenses



- Watershed/PILOT: Decrease of \$0.5 million or 1.9% from FY20. Assumes 7 FTE vacancy adjustment in FY21.
- Pension: Increase of \$3.7 million or 50.4% over FY20. Per January 2018 actuarial valuation.
- HEEC: Increase of \$2.8 million or 62.9% over FY20. Final costs to be determined by the DPU.
- OPEB: Increase of \$0.1 million or 1.7% over FY20. Per January 2017 actuarial valuation.
- Insurance: Increase of \$0.5 million or 17.2% over FY20. Premium increase of 20% based on market conditions. Claims based on 3 year average.



HEEC Projected Expense (In Millions)



- FY20 Projection includes use of \$6.5 million reserve between FY21-25.
- FY21 Projection does not include any use of the \$6.5 million reserve between FY21-25.

CEB Budget Structure – Capital Finance Expenses



- Variable Rate Debt Assumption 3.50%
- Assumes \$15.0 million defeasance in FY20 with target savings FY21-FY26
- \$11.0 million prepayment of debt
- \$16.2 million to Current Revenue for Capital
- No Debt Service Assistance

Long-Term Tax-Exempt Interest Rates



Short-Term Tax-Exempt Interest Rates

- Rates have experienced volatility with an overall downward trend.
- FY21 CEB assumes an all-in variable rate cost of 3.5%
- A 25 basis point change in variable rate debt is equal to \$828,732 in FY21.





Taxable Interest Rates





<u>Benefit</u>

- Low taxable rates allowed for 2019 Series F refunding (\$4.7M savings in FY21).
- Low rates my allow for future taxable refundings for interest rate savings.

<u>Risk</u>

- MWRA had \$88.1 million in long-term investments call during FY20 to date.
- Lower Reinvestment rates resulted in a \$816,530 reduction to the FY21 projected investment income



Short-Term Taxable Interest Rates

- Short-term interest rates decreased significantly during FY20.
- FY21 short-term interest income assumption is 1.50%.
- A 25 basis-points change has a \$1,046,134 impact for FY21.




Category	FY2	1 Proposed
Direct Expenses	\$	255.0
Indirect Expenses	\$	57.6
Capital Financing	\$	504.0
Total Expenditures	\$	816.7
Non-Rate Revenue	\$	27.3
Rate Revenue Requirement	\$	789.4
Total Revenue	\$	816.7

Rate Revenue Requirement3.63%

Actual and Forecasted Rate Revenue Changes

MWRA Combined Utilities Historical and Projected Rate Revenue Changes





- Transmit Proposed Budget to Advisory Board for 60 day review on February 19
- Public Hearing on April 14
- MWRA Board Hearing on May 27
- Staff will present Draft Final Budget on May 27
- Staff anticipate Budget adoption on June 24



Thank You





Fuel Storage and Day Tank System Replacement Gillis and Lexington Street Pumping Stations and Hayes Pump Station Contract 7554

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- Replace underground storage tanks
- Replace day tanks, fuel monitoring system, and fuel piping

Facility	Location	Existing Tank(s)	Туре	Age
Gillis PS	Stoneham	2 @ 6,000 gallons	Double wall steel in vault	25 years
Hayes PS	Wakefield	1 @ 2,000 gallons	Single wall FRP in vault	33 years
Lexington Street PS	Waltham	1 @ 1,500 gallons	Double wall steel buried	29 years









Lexington Street Pumping Station





Bids Opened December 20, 2019	Bid Amount
NRC East Environmental Services, Inc.	\$1,432,799.00
MECO Environmental Services, Inc.	\$1,688,888.00
Engineer's Estimate	\$1,729,000.00
IPC Lydon, LLC	\$2,345,678.90

Construction duration 18.5 months





Oxygen Generation Facility Services, Deer Island Treatment Plant

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Cryogenic Oxygen Generation Plant

- Critical to NPDES permit
- Significant Energy User
 - 11% of Deer Island electrical demand
- Complex and extensive instrumentation and controls
- Maintenance is Specialized
- Significant Level of effort
 - Over 800 Preventive Maintenance Work Orders per year



Cryo Facility Components Requiring Calibration And Service









Main Air Compressor #1 Repair

- Overhaul needed
- Identified late in existing contract, just prior to bid opening
- Significant level of effort and time required
 - 6 months
 - \$500,000 (pending negotiations)
- May need future change order to add funds





S587 Contract Award

Bidder	Amount	
Solutionwerks	\$2,220,450	
Engineer's Estimate	\$2,224,950	

• 3-year contract







Siphon and Junction Structure Rehabilitation Contract 6224

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Structure Locations

- 171 siphon and junction structures in MWRA system
- Prioritized based upon:
 - Internal and external structural condition
 - Access conditions
 - Flood protection (100 yr. storm + 2.5 feet)
- 41 structures Included in Phase 1
- Remaining structures to be addressed in future efforts





- Ensure long term system integrity and reliability
- Provide flood protection (100-year storm + 2.5 feet)
- Reduce inflow into sewer system
- Improve ingress to structures (hatches, manholes, safety)
- Make structural repairs (interior and exterior)
- Improve access to structures
- Provide odor control as necessary

Example of Siphon Structure Improvements





Sub

Subject to Inflow (Dedham)





Existing Conditions (Medford)





Heavy Equipment Needed to Access

Interior Deterioration

Deterioration of Structure Armoring



Braintree along Fore River



Dover along Charles River



Difficult Access (Everett)



Difficult Access (Needham)









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Proposer	Cost	Hours
Engineer's Estimate	\$2,124,850	13,669
Kleinfelder	\$2,854,552	20,651

- Total of 54 Months
 - Design: 24 Months
 - Construction: 18 Months
 - Warranty: 12 Months

