

MASSACHUSETTS WATER RESOURCES AUTHORITY

Meeting of the Board of Directors

March 16, 2016

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority was held on March 16, 2016 at the Authority headquarters in Charlestown. Chairman Beaton presided. Present from the Board were Ms. Wolowicz and Messrs. Blackmon, Carroll, Pappastergion, Peña, Vitale and Walsh. Messrs. Cotter, Foti and Flanagan were absent. Among those present from the Authority staff were Frederick Laskey, Executive Director, Steven Remsberg, General Counsel, Michael Hornbrook, Chief Operating Officer, Thomas Durkin, Director of Finance, Michele Gillen, Director of Administration, Stephen Estes-Smargiassi, Director of Planning and Sustainability, and Bonnie Hale, Assistant Secretary. The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting of February 10, 2016, as presented and filed with the records of the meeting.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chairman Beaton noted that it was hoped that a groundbreaking ceremony for the new fish hatchery pipeline would be scheduled in the near future. He also discussed some scientific facts regarding the unique and specific habitat required by rattlesnakes in relation to allaying public concerns about the planned species' introduction onto an island in the Quabbin reservoir.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Laskey reported on several items, including Moody's reaffirmation of MWRA's AA rating, a planned event at the Federal courthouse for the submission of the final CSO report, a community forum on lead in drinking water scheduled to be held at the Chelsea facility, and the circulation of a draft schedule of FY17 Board meetings.

The following three items from the Water Policy and Oversight Committee agenda were referred to the Board for consideration.

Metropolitan Water Transmission Tunnel Redundancy: Decision Making Process

The sense of the Board was that the magnitude of the decisions to be made regarding Metropolitan Water Transmission Tunnel Redundancy warranted a dedicated off-site meeting and that perhaps consideration should be given to obtaining outside analysis of the alternatives. Mr. Laskey indicated that staff would begin preparation for an off-site meeting to be held in the coming months.

Update on Lead

Staff discussed increased nation-wide concerns about lead in drinking water subsequent to events in Flint, MI. The primary concern for many MWRA member communities and their residents are the risks represented by lead service lines. The discussion on this information item overlapped into consideration of the following proposed approval item.

BOARD ACTIONS

APPROVALS

Proposed Community Loan Program for Lead Service Line Replacement

Staff reported that the Board of the American Water Works Association recently unanimously voted to take the position that as long as there are lead service lines, there is a risk of lead being present in drinking water. The proposal for MWRA to provide an

additional \$100 million zero-interest loans to communities solely for efforts to fully replace lead service lines was described and discussed. Staff stated that since 2006, MWRA has funded the replacement of over 6,000 lead service line replacements through its Local Pipeline and Water System Assistance Program. However, many communities have thus far only partially reduced their lead service lines. Some Board members questioned the proposal, due not only to the cost, but also because lead levels measured at MWRA communities' residents' taps, which are consistently below EPA limits, did not warrant it. Mr. Favaloro of the MWRA Advisory Board voiced support for the proposal, stating that the Federal government would eventually order the removal of all lead service lines, and Mr. Laskey characterized it as a moral obligation and something that the MWRA should do to increase public confidence in its water supply. After detailed discussion, question and answer, two withdrawn motions, and an amendment to the main motion, the matter was put to a vote, as follows:

Upon a motion duly made, seconded, and amended, it was

Voted to approve a revision of the Local Water System Assistance Program to provide an additional \$100 million in zero-interest loans to communities solely for efforts to fully replace lead service lines, with Program guidelines subject to Board approval at a later date.

Amendments to Capital Finance Management Policy

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

In compliance with the State Finance and Governance Board's regulations (976 CMR 2.04), voted to adopt the amendments to the Capital Finance Management Policy, including the revised refunding analysis criteria, substantially in the form presented and filed with the records of the meeting.

Appointment of Proxy for Fore River Railroad Corporation

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted that the MWRA Board of Directors, as holder of all voting rights of all the issued and outstanding shares of stock of the Fore River Railroad Corporation, appoint Kathy Soni, with the power of substitution, to vote as proxy at the next annual meeting and any special meeting of the stockholders for the Fore River Railroad Corporation in accordance with the form of proxy presented and filed with the records of this meeting. In addition, the MWRA Board of Directors directs the proxy to elect the following board members: Thomas J. Durkin, Godfrey O. Ezeigwe, Michele S. Gillen, Lisa R. Grollman, Michael J. Hornbrook, Frederick A. Laskey, Brian Peña, Steven A. Remsberg, John P. Vetere, and John J. Walsh.

PCR Amendments – March 2016

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted to approve amendments to the Position Control Register, as presented and filed with the records of this meeting.

Appointment of Systems Analyst Programmer III (GIS)

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to appoint Mr. Gordon Hamilton to the position of Systems Analyst Programmer III (GIS) in the MIS Department (Union 6, Grade 11), at an annual salary of \$87,944.67 to be effective on the date designated by the Executive Director.

Appointment of Construction Coordinator

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to appoint Ms. Jami Walsh, P.E. to the position of Construction Coordinator in the Engineering &

Construction Department (Unit 9, Grade 30), at an annual salary of \$109,845.31 to be effective on the date designated by the Executive Director.

CONTRACT AWARDS

Managed Security Services: NWN Corporation, Contract 7499

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted to approve the recommendation of the Consultant Selection Committee to select NWN Corporation to provide Managed Security Services, and to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to execute Contract 7499 with NWN Corporation in the amount of \$2,109,842, for a term of thirty-nine months from the Notice to Proceed, with an option to renew for two additional twelve-month periods, subject to further Board approval.

Integrated Financial, Procurement and Human Resources/Payroll Management System Maintenance and Support: Infor Global Solutions

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted to approve the award of a sole source purchase order contract for the annual maintenance and support of the integrated financial, procurement and human resources/payroll management system to Infor Global Solutions (formerly Lawson Associates, Inc.), and to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to execute said contract in an amount not to exceed \$380,173.37 for a period of one year, from June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017.

Employee Assistance Program Services: AllOne Health, Contract A605

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted to approve the recommendation of the Selection Committee to select AllOne Health Resources, Inc., d/b/a AllOne Health, to provide Employee Assistance Program services including Substance Abuse professional referrals, training, and facilitation services as needed, and to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of

property, in that such discussion in open session may have a detrimental effect on the litigating and negotiating positions of the Authority.

It was stated that the meeting would return to open session solely for the consideration of adjournment.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

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The meeting returned to open session at 2:50 p.m.

Approved: April 13, 2016

Attest:



Joseph Foti, Secretary