



# News & Notes

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## **Andrew Pappastergion Re-Elected to MWRA Board of Directors**

At its June meeting, the Advisory Board voted unanimously to re-elect Andrew Pappastergion of Brookline to a fourth three-year term on the MWRA Board of Directors. Mr. Pappastergion will continue his best efforts on behalf of MWRA ratepayers. His new term will expire in 2009.

Prior to his election to the Board, Mr. Pappastergion served as Chairman of the Advisory Board from 1992-1996. He is the Director of the Water and Sewer Division for the Town of Brookline

## **A&F Waiver Language Included in Supplemental Budget**

On June 24, 2006, Governor Romney signed the FY07 Capital Supplemental Budget, which included the waiver of indirect expenses assessed by the Office of Administration and Finance on the Water Supply Protection Trust.

The Trust, created in the FY05 budget, is the funding mechanism for maintenance of the Quabbin, Sudbury, Wachusett and Ware Watersheds.

## **Governor vetoes \$25 million for the State-Wide Debt Service Assistance Program**

Governor Romney vetoed \$25 million in Debt Service Assistance (DSA) that the Legislature allocated in its FY07 Budget.

Without the \$25 million in state-wide DSA that the Legislature worked diligently to achieve, MWRA wholesale water and sewer assessments will nearly double, from 4.9% to over 9%.

The Advisory Board will work with the Legislature to override the Governor's veto of DSA. Please contact your elected officials to express your support for the DSA program.

*If you have any questions regarding topics raised in this newsletter or any other MWRA issue, please contact:*

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## **MWRA Water System Expansion Discussions Takes Center Stage**

Thanks to conservation efforts, the MWRA has sufficient capacity to allow additional towns and cities to join the MWRA waterworks system. The MWRA has made presentations to watershed groups and other parties concerned with MWRA's expansion plans.

At its June 28 meeting, the MWRA Board of Directors held a Public Forum allowing interested parties to present statements on system expansion. In attendance were representatives from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council and Water Supply Citizens Advisory Committee, local watershed associations and other environmental groups.

At the Public Forum, MWRA Advisory Board Chairman Katherine Dunphy noted that expansion could offer much needed relief to stressed rivers and basins, such as the Ipswich River, and provide rate relief to existing member communities. Chairman Dunphy also presented a resolution in support of system expansion, which was adopted by the full Advisory Board at its June 15, 2006 meeting.

## **Good Humor/Breyers Warms to Pre-Treatment Plans**

In April, the Advisory Board began an active campaign to alert cities, towns and the media to the negative effects the Good Humor/Breyers Plant (owned and operated by Unilever, Inc.) was having on the environment and MWRA's collection system because of high levels of biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) being released from the plant.

After five years of dragging their feet, Good Humor/Breyers has finally indicated plans for pre-treatment, to be implemented by the fall. Pre-treatment includes the installation of a dissolved air filtration system and biological treatment to lower fats, oil, grease and BOD.

### **Upcoming Meetings/Events**

**July 19- MWRA Board of Directors' Meeting**  
10:00 am- Charlestown, MA