



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION

FY 2015 Work Plan

<i>TOP PRIORITY ITEMS</i>		
<i>Work Plan Item</i>	Description	Staff (leads in bold)
<i>Revisions to the Interbasin Transfer Act (ITA) Regulations</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WRC Vote to approve draft anticipated • Conduct Public Hearings • Develop Response to Comments and Final Redline • WRC Vote to approve final anticipated • Commence revisions to ITA Guidance Documents 	Michele Drury/Kathleen Baskin/Anne Carroll/Sara Cohen/Vandana Rao Linda Hutchins, Bruce Hansen, Erin Graham
<i>MA Water Conservation Standards</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convene a stakeholder workgroup to advise the WRC staff on Revisions to the Water Conservation Standards. • WRC Vote to approve final draft anticipated (Early 2015) • Follow-up implementation activities, including outreach and working with the MA Plumbing Board on water-efficiency standards 	Anne Carroll/Erin Graham/Marilyn McCrory/Sara Cohen Vandana Rao, Kathy Baskin, Michele Drury
<i>Water Management Act Regs Update and Permit Renewals</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical support for regulatory update (Ongoing, as needed) • Basin planning support for WMA Permit Renewals, including participation in agency consultation sessions (Ongoing) • Continue working with DEP staff on Environmental Information and Public Access System (EIPAS) for water use data (Ongoing) 	Anne Carroll/Linda Hutchins/Sara Cohen/Marilyn McCrory
<i>ITA Reviews, Follow-up, response to inquiries, etc</i>	Potential ITA reviews: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MWRA Expansion • Cherry Valley WD water purchase from Worcester Reviews will proceed according to the appropriate regulatory timeframes, if an application is received. Conduct annual follow-ups	Michele Drury Linda Hutchins, Bruce Hansen, Erin Graham
<i>Water Needs Forecasts</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue Water Needs Forecast process for DEP Water Management Act Permit Renewals 	Michele Drury/Marilyn McCrory Erin Graham, Sara Cohen, Anne Carroll
<i>Annual Report</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete FY14 Annual Report and Submit to Secretary of State by the first Wednesday in December, as required under M.G.L. Chapter 30, Section 32, and to the Legislature. 	Anne Carroll/ Sara Cohen/ Kathleen Baskin Michele Drury, Linda Hutchins, Bruce Hansen, Erin Graham, Marilyn McCrory, Vandana Rao

Ongoing Projects:

MA Precipitation Program/Current Water Conditions/ Drought Monitoring/MA Emergency Management Team /USGS Cooperative Program/State Geologist's Office / Leading by Example Committee/Accelerated Energy Program/Statewide Fluvial Geomorphology Assessment

As Need Arises: Northeast River Forecast Center Partner Advisory Board/National Weather Service Boston Forecast Office Customer Service Board /State Hazard Mitigation Interagency Committee/Water Management Act Advisory Committee/NEWWA Water Conservation sub-committee