

**MEETING OF THE MASSACHUSETTS
CLEAN WATER TRUST
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

December 14, 2022
1:30 PM

Location: Remote*

Minutes

Attendees: James MacDonald, First Deputy Treasurer, Office of the State Treasurer, Designee
Martin Suuberg, Commissioner, MassDEP
Timur Yontar, Capital Budget Director, Executive Office for Administration & Finance, Designee

Also Present: Susan Perez, Executive Director, MCWT
Nate Keenan, Deputy Director, MCWT
My Tran, Treasurer, MCWT
Sally Peacock, Controller, MCWT
Nicole Munchbach, Accountant, MCWT
Pam Booker, Accountant, MCWT
Julian Honey, Program Associate, MCWT
Josh Derouen, Senior Program Associate, MCWT
Jonathan Maple, Senior Policy Associate, MCWT
Rachel Stanton, Investor Relations and Communications Graphic Designer, MCWT
Kathryn Armour, Data Analyst, MCWT
Emily Kowtoniuk, Director of Policy and Legislative Affairs, Office of the State Treasurer
Maria Pinaud, Director of Municipal Services, MassDEP
Kathleen Baskin, Assistant Commissioner, MassDEP
Robin McNamara, Deputy Director of Municipal Services, MassDEP
Greg Devine, Section Chief, MassDEP
Mary Wilkins, Communications Executive Assistant, Office of the State Treasurer
Andrew Napolitano, Deputy Director of Communications, Office of the State Treasurer

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Mr. MacDonald at 1:30 p.m.

Item #1

MOTION- VOTE

Acceptance and approval of minutes of the meetings held on November 2, 2022.

The motion was made by Mr. Yontar and seconded by Commissioner Suuberg and voted unanimously in favor of acceptance and approval of the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on November 2, 2022.

Item #2

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Loan Forgiveness

Ms. Perez said that approximately \$107 million in loan forgiveness will be up for approval later during this meeting. Much of the loan forgiveness funding will come from ARPA funds. Much of which is to be awarded to disadvantaged communities.

New Projects

Ms. Perez noted that the next couple of Board meetings will be busy with lots of loan commitments up for approval due to State Revolving Fund program's deadlines. Notably, there are seven new Lead Service Line planning projects up for approval at today's meeting.

2023 Draft Intended Use Plans (IUPs)

Ms. Pinaud stated that the draft 2023 IUPs have been compiled. They will be published imminently. Similar to the 2022 IUPs, the number of projects to be financed is considerable.

There is \$903 million in Clean Water projects. There are 59 new construction projects and financing will cover only the high ranking priority projects.

There is \$375 million in Drinking Water projects. There are 38 new construction projects.

Series 24 Bond Deal

Ms. Perez noted that the Trust's Series 24 bond deal closed today. The deal pricing went very well. The Trust sold almost \$390 million in bonds. Over \$850 million in retail orders were placed. The overall true interest cost (TIC) of the deal was 2.75%.

The Trust also refunded a past bond series which led to 13.4%, or \$16 million, in savings.

The efforts of Trust and MassDEP staff members is greatly appreciated to make this a successful bond deal.

Item #3

MOTION- VOTE

The motion was made by Mr. Yontar and seconded by Commissioner Suuberg and voted unanimously in favor of acceptance and approval of the following:

Approval of Asset Management Program Commitments

<u>PAC No.</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Amount</u>
CW-22-27	Avon	\$48,069
DW-22-22	Fall River	\$205,000
CW-22-70	Fitchburg	\$150,000
CW-22-37	Greenfield	\$87,634
CW-22-60	Marshfield	\$150,000
CW-22-29	Mashpee	\$60,000
CW-22-72	Millis	\$150,000
CW-22-62	Rutland	\$77,250
DW-22-42	Taunton	\$116,558
CW-22-64	Winchendon	\$75,000

Item #4

MOTION- VOTE

The motion was made by Commissioner Suuberg and seconded by Mr. Yontar and voted unanimously in favor of acceptance and approval of the following:

Approval of Lead Service Line Planning Program Commitments

<u>PAC No.</u>	<u>Borrower</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Loan Forgiveness</u>
DW-22-55	Auburn Water District	\$230,000	2%	100%
DW-22-54	Brockton	\$576,800	1.5%¹	100%
DW-22-58	Deerfield Fire District	\$89,869	2%	100%
DW-22-60	Hamilton	\$100,000	2%	100%
DW-22-59	Melrose	\$165,000	1.5%¹	100%
DW-22-56	Norwood	\$150,000	2%	100%
DW-22-57	Webster	\$200,000	2%	100%

¹ Housing Choice Loan

Item #5

MOTION- VOTE

The motion was made by Mr. Yontar and seconded by Commissioner Suuberg and voted unanimously in favor of acceptance and approval of the following:

Approval of Clean Water Commitments

<u>PAC No.</u>	<u>Borrower</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
CW-22-52	Boston Water & Sewer Commission	\$2,000,000	1.5%¹
CW-22-67	Fairhaven	\$67,219,862	2%
CW-22-58	Fitchburg	\$10,763,000	2%
CW-21-36	Hudson	\$20,600,483²	2%
CW-21-56	MWRA	\$32,062,963³	2%
CW-22-41	MWRA	\$1,338,000	2%
CW-22-61	New Bedford	\$1,820,000	2%
CW-22-32	Oak Bluffs	\$26,000,070	2%
CW-18-12	Pittsfield	\$67,268,398⁴	0%⁵
CW-22-48	Pittsfield	\$1,200,000	2%

² First Revision. Previous PAC amount was \$14,923,500.

³ First Revision. Previous PAC amount was \$15,000,000.

⁴ Third Revision. Previous PAC amount was \$66,759,423

⁵ Nutrient Enrichment Reduction Project

Item #6

MOTION- VOTE

The motion was made by Commissioner Suuberg and seconded by Mr. Yontar.

Mr. MacDonald stated that Belchertown DW-22-33 will need to be voted separately.

Mr. Keenan explained that when the 2022 IUP was published, the Town of Belchertown intended to provide financial support to a private borrower. However, Belchertown has decided not to support the private entity. The Trust will need to work with the private borrower to ensure they meet the requirements to borrow through the Trust before the Board is presented with a commitment to approve.

The motion was voted unanimously in favor of acceptance and approval of the following:

Approval of Drinking Water Commitments

<u>PAC No.</u>	<u>Borrower</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
DW-22-23	Abington-Rockland Joint Water Works	\$15,000,000	2%
DW-22-30	Blandford	\$75,000	2%
DW-22-40	Fitchburg	\$3,300,000	2%
DW-21-28	MWRA	\$9,872,250 ⁶	2%
DW-22-25	Nantucket	\$8,330,000	1.5% ¹
DW-22-45	New Bedford	\$4,500,000	2%
DW-22-46	New Bedford	\$10,000,000	2%
DW-22-43	Somerset	\$5,880,000	2%

Item #7

MOTION- VOTE

The motion was made by Commissioner Suuberg and seconded by Mr. Yontar and voted unanimously in favor of acceptance and approval of the following:

Motion to Take No Action

<u>PAC No.</u>	<u>Borrower</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
DW-22-33	Belchertown	\$5,173,910	1.5% ¹

⁶ First Revision. Previous PAC amount was \$500,000.

Item #8

MOTION- VOTE

The motion was made by Commissioner Suuberg and seconded by Mr. Yontar and voted unanimously in favor of acceptance and approval of the following:

Approval of Asset Management Program Grants and Grant Agreements

<u>PRA No.</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Amount</u>
CWA-22-27	Avon	\$48,069
DWA-22-22	Fall River	\$150,000
CWA-22-70	Fitchburg	\$150,000
CWA-22-37	Greenfield	\$87,634
CWA-22-60	Marshfield	\$150,000
CWA-22-29	Mashpee	\$60,000
CWA-22-72	Millis	\$150,000
CWA-22-62	Rutland	\$77,250
DWA-22-42	Taunton	\$116,558
CWA-22-64	Winchendon	\$75,000

Item #9

MOTION- VOTE

The motion was made by Mr. Yontar and seconded by Commissioner Suuberg and voted unanimously in favor of acceptance and approval of the following:

Approval of Lead Service Line Planning Program Loans/Local Government Obligations and Financing Agreements

<u>PRA No.</u>	<u>Borrower</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Loan Forgiveness</u>
DWL-22-55	Auburn Water District	\$230,000	2%	100%
DWL-22-54	Brockton	\$576,800	1.5% ¹	100%
DWL-22-58	Deerfield Fire District	\$89,869	2%	100%
DWL-22-60	Hamilton	\$100,000	2%	100%
DWL-22-59	Melrose	\$165,000	1.5% ¹	100%
DWL-22-56	Norwood	\$150,000	2%	100%
DWL-22-57	Webster	\$200,000	2%	100%

Item #10

MOTION- VOTE

The motion was made by Commissioner Suuberg and seconded by Mr. Yontar and voted unanimously in favor of acceptance and approval of the following:

Approval of the Clean Water Loans/Local Government Obligations and Financing Agreements

<u>PRA No.</u>	<u>Borrower</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
CWP-21-36	Hudson	\$20,600,483	2%
CW-21-56	MWRA	\$32,062,963 ⁷	2%
CWP-18-12-D	Pittsfield	\$508,975	0% ⁵
CW-22-48	Pittsfield	\$1,200,000	2%

⁷ First Revision. Previous PRA amount was \$15,000,000.

Item #11

MOTION- VOTE

The motion was made by Mr. Yontar and seconded by Commissioner Suuberg and voted unanimously in favor of acceptance and approval of the following:

Approval of the Drinking Water Loans/Local Government Obligations and Financing Agreements

<u>PRA No.</u>	<u>Borrower</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
DW-22-30	Blandford	\$75,000	2%
DWP-21-21	Braintree	\$7,500,000	0% ⁵
DWP-22-51	Braintree	\$10,000,000	0% ⁵
DWA-22-22	Fall River	\$55,000	1.5% ¹
DWP-22-40	Fitchburg	\$3,300,000	2%
DWP-21-22	Holbrook	\$2,400,000	0% ⁵
DWP-22-53	Holbrook	\$3,200,000	0% ⁵
DW-21-28	MWRA	\$9,872,250 ⁸	2%
DWP-21-23	Randolph	\$5,100,000	0% ⁵
DWP-22-52	Randolph	\$6,800,000	0% ⁵
DW-22-05	Sudbury Water District	\$3,311,392	0% ⁵

Item #12

MOTION- VOTE

The motion was made by Mr. Yontar and seconded by Commissioner Suuberg and voted unanimously in favor of acceptance and approval of the following:

School Water Improvement Grant (SWIG) Program and Approval of SWIG Program Grants

That School Water Improvement Grants, numbered, to the grantees and in the amounts as follows are hereby approved, subject to the terms of the applicable grant agreement:

<u>Grant No.</u>	<u>Grantee</u>	<u>Grant Amount</u>
SWIG-22-20	Four Rivers Charter Public School	\$9,000
SWIG-22-21	Haverhill Public Schools	\$30,000

Item #13

MOTION- VOTE

The motion was made by Mr. Yontar and seconded by Commissioner Suuberg and voted unanimously in favor of acceptance and approval of the following:

Authorization of Loan Forgiveness for 2021 Projects

1. That the Board hereby approves principal forgiveness for Loans to the Borrowers, for the 2021 Clean Water Projects and 2021 Drinking Water Projects, in the amounts, all as listed in Schedules 1 and 2; subject to the availability of funds therefor and to the terms and conditions of the Financing Agreements.

⁸ First Revision. Previous PRA amount was \$500,000.

Item #14

MOTION- VOTE

The motion was made by Commissioner Suuberg and seconded by Mr. Yontar.

Ms. Perez said that additional loan forgiveness is to be awarded for this 2020 IUP project after working with Lynn Water & Sewer Commission to determine final project costs. This loan forgiveness will not be funded with ARPA funds.

The motion was voted unanimously in favor of acceptance and approval of the following:

Authorization of Loan Forgiveness for 2020 Affordability Community

1. That the Board hereby approves principal forgiveness for Loan to the Borrower, for the 2020 Clean Water Project, in the amount set forth below; subject to the availability of funds therefor and to the terms and conditions of the Financing Agreement.

Loan Number	Borrower	Loan Amount	Loan Forgiveness Amount
CWP-20-50	Lynn Water & Sewer Commission	\$53,643,989	\$5,310,754

OTHER BUSINESS

(Items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting)

Commissioner Suuberg said that this will be his last meeting as Commissioner of MassDEP. The Executive Office for Administration and Finance) and the Trust made for a successful partnership to accomplish feats in areas like PFAS remediation, lead remediation, and launching new programs like School Water Improvement Grants (SWIG).

Personal thanks are extended to Treasurer Goldberg and Mr. MacDonald.

Mr. MacDonald said that the Office of the State Treasurer thanks Commissioner Suuberg for all his efforts. The Baker Administration was very supportive of the Trust's work on water infrastructure

Mr. Yontar also thanked Commissioner Suuberg for all he has done during his time as Commissioner of MassDEP.

ADJOURN: The motion was made by Mr. Yontar and seconded by Commissioner Suuberg and voted unanimously in favor of adjourning the meeting at 1:48 pm.

LIST OF DOCUMENTS AND EXHIBITS USED:

1. Minutes, November 2, 2022
2. Project Descriptions
3. 2021 Loan Forgiveness Schedules for Clean Water and Drinking Water Amounts

***Location: Remote:** Notice is hereby given that the Wednesday, December 14, 2022 meeting of the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust's Board of Trustees will be held through remote participation in accordance with M.G.L.c.30A, §20, as modified by c.20 of the Acts of 2021 and c.22 of the Acts of 2022.

Those who would like to attend the meeting, please e-mail masswatertrust@tre.state.ma.us to request meeting information. Information to access the meeting will be available through the duration of the meeting. However, we encourage participants to request the information by 5:00 PM the day before the meeting.

To ensure that the audio is clear to all attendees, unless you are actively participating in the meeting, please mute your audio. If you have technical difficulties joining the meeting, please email masswatertrust@tre.state.ma.us.

Please Note: There will be no physical meeting at the offices of the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust.