

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

September 11, 2019
1:30 PM

1 Center Plaza, Suite 430
Boston, Massachusetts

Minutes

Attendees: Sarah Kim, General Counsel, Office of the State Treasurer, Designee
Martin Suuberg, Commissioner of MassDEP
Maya Jonas-Silver, Director of Capital Planning and Long-Term Obligations,
Executive Office of Administration and Finance, Designee

Also Present: Susan Perez, Executive Director, MCWT
Nate Keenan, Deputy Director, MCWT
My Tran, Treasurer, MCWT
Sally Peacock, Controller, MCWT
Pam Booker, Accountant, MCWT
Jonathan Maple, Policy Analyst, MCWT
Joshua Derouen, Program Associate, MCWT
Rachel Stanton, Communications Specialist and Graphic Designer, MCWT
Kathy Baskin, Assistant Commissioner, MassDEP
Ashraf Gabour, Program Manager, MassDEP
Emily Kowtoniuk, Deputy Legislative Director, Office of the State Treasurer
Andrew Napolitano, Deputy Communications Director, Office of the State Treasurer

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

Item #1

MOTION- VOTE

Acceptance and Approval of August 14, 2019 Minutes

The motion was made by Ms. Jonas-Silver 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 August 14, 2019.

Item #2

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Ms. Perez mentioned how the Governor's Fiscal Year 2019 Close Out Supplemental Budget includes \$63.4 million for water projects. \$8.4 million will go to MassDEP for testing for Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS), \$20 million will go to the Trust for projects that address PFAS, and there will be an additional \$35 million to increase program capacity.

Also, the Trust heard back on their deviation request from EPA to allow the bottle filling stations as eligible projects under the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). The EPA found under legal review of the SDWA that the program is an eligible project under the SDWA but cannot be funded with state revolving fund funds. The Trust will discuss with its legal counsel what additional steps may be necessary to move forward with the program.

The Trust's Series 22 bond deal is proceeding with three rating agency calls scheduled for September 12th. Pricing for this bond deal is scheduled for Wednesday the 16th and Thursday the 17th during the week of Columbus Day.

Commissioner Suuberg stated that MassDEP is committed to working with the Executive Committee on developing the bottle filling stations program. MassDEP will continue the outreach to schools to highlight the importance of this issue and will continue the lead in schools testing program which will be funded with grants from the federal Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act.

Item #3

MOTION- VOTE

The motion was made by Ms. Jonas-Silver and seconded by Commissioner Suuberg.

Ms. Perez discussed how roughly 6% in principal forgiveness would be awarded to the Clean Water loans listed in Schedule 1 for tier 3 communities, those to receive the highest amount of subsidy. The total Clean Water principal forgiveness is approximately \$16.3 million.

Drinking Water principal forgiveness is approximately \$5 million for the loans listed in Schedule 2. The percentages awarded for Drinking Water loans across all tiers is higher than Clean Water due to the amount required to be provided as additional subsidy through the federal requirements.

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

Authorization of Principal Forgiveness for Affordability Communities

1. That the final amounts of principal forgiveness for Loans or Local Governmental Obligations are hereby approved by the Board for the Clean Water and Drinking Water Projects of the Borrowers listed in Schedules 1 and 2 in the listed amounts; subject to the terms and conditions of the Financing Agreements.

Item #4

MOTION- VOTE

The motion was made by Ms. Jonas-Silver and seconded by Commissioner Suuberg and voted unanimously in favor of acceptance and approval of the following:

Approval of the Asset Management Program Grant Commitments

<u>PAC No.</u>	<u>Borrower</u>	<u>Amount</u>
CW-19-18	Gardner	\$141,000
CW-19-19	Medford	\$141,445
CW-19-17	New Bedford	\$410,000
DW-19-08	Canton	\$150,000

Item #5

MOTION- VOTE

The motion was made by Ms. Jonas-Silver and seconded by Commissioner Suuberg and voted unanimously in favor of acceptance and approval of the following:

Approval of the Clean Water Loan Commitment

<u>PAC No.</u>	<u>Borrower</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Equivalent Interest Rate</u>
CW-19-12	Haverhill	\$1,534,800	2%

Item #6

MOTION- VOTE

The motion was made by Ms. Jonas-Silver and seconded by Commissioner Suuberg and voted unanimously in favor of acceptance and approval of the following:

Approval of the Asset Management Program Grants and Grant Agreements

<u>PRA No.</u>	<u>Borrower</u>	<u>Amount</u>
CWA-19-18	Gardner	\$141,000
CWA-19-17	New Bedford	\$150,000
DWA-19-08	Canton	\$150,000

Item #7

MOTION- VOTE

The motion was made by Ms. Jonas-Silver and seconded by Commissioner Suuberg 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>Equivalent Interest Rate</u>
CW-19-12	Haverhill	\$1,534,800	1.5%¹
CWA-19-17	New Bedford	\$260,000	2%

Item #8

MOTION- VOTE

The motion was made by Ms. Jonas-Silver and seconded by Commissioner Suuberg and voted unanimously in favor of acceptance and approval of the following:

Approval of Lawrence Emergency Drinking Water Loan/Local Government Obligation and Financing Agreement

<u>PRA No.</u>	<u>Borrower</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Equivalent Interest Rate</u>
DWP-19-03	Lawrence	\$3,790,125	0%

¹ Housing Choice Loan

OTHER BUSINESS: None

ADJOURN: The motion was made by Ms. Jonas-Silver and seconded by Commissioner Suuberg and voted unanimously in favor of adjourning the meeting at 1:48 p.m.

LIST OF DOCUMENTS AND EXHIBITS USED:

1. Agenda
2. Minutes, August 14, 2019
3. 2018 Principal Forgiveness Schedule 1 for Clean Water Loan Forgiveness Amounts
4. 2018 Principal Forgiveness Schedule 2 for Drinking Water Loan Forgiveness Amounts
5. Project Descriptions