

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
MASSACHUSETTS CLEAN WATER TRUST**

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024
Time: 1:30 PM
Location: Remote
Notice: Due public notice given
Attendees Sue Perez, Executive Director, Trust
Maria Pinaud, Director of Program Development, Trust
Timur Yontar, Director of Finance & Administration, Trust
My Tran, Treasurer, Trust
Also Present Bridget Munster, Deputy Director of Program Development, Trust
Nate Keenan, Department Director, Trust
Sunkarie Konteh, Accountant, Trust
Pam Booker, Accountant, Trust
Joshua Derouen, Program Manager, Trust
Kailyn Fellmeth, Senior Program Associate, Trust
Aidan O’Keefe, Program Associate, Trust
Ray Leconte, Program Associate, Trust
Esther Omole, Program Associate, Trust
Jonathan Maple, Senior Policy Analyst, Trust
Kathleen Baskin, Assistant Commissioner, MassDEP
Robin McNamara, Deputy Director of Municipal Services, MassDEP
Michele Higgins, Program Manager, DEP
Yvette DePeiza, Drinking Water Program Director, MassDEP
Janine Bishop, Regional Planner, MassDEP
Xochitl Perez, Capital Planner, MassDEP
Jasmine Strangis, Environmental Analyst, MassDEP
Jessica Sibirski, Environmental Analyst, MassDEP
Tio Yano, Environmental Analyst, MassDEP

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS	
	<u>Open the Meeting:</u> Ms. Perez opened the meeting after confirming the attendees present.
1.	<p><u>2025 Intended Use Plans (IUPs) Update:</u> Ms. Pinaud stated that MassDEP has completed the scoring of Project Evaluation Forms and the development of the Project Priority Lists for the 2025 IUPs.</p> <p>MassDEP has reviewed 2025 submissions to ensure no projects are double counted, as a number of 2023 and 2024 IUP projects faced permitting issues and other complications, resulting in some communities resubmitting applications on the 2025 IUPs as a safety. There are several carryover projects from previous IUPs.</p> <p>The loan application deadline for 2024 construction projects was October 11, 2024 and resulted in some projects dropping from the 2024 IUPs. MassDEP has shared the data with the Trust for capacity planning. Ms. Perez stated that the Trust will review the data and coordinate with MassDEP.</p>

	<p>Other Business (Items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting):</p> <p>Asset Management Planning (AMP) Grant Extension Request: Mr. O’Keefe stated that Abington-Rockland Joint Water Works recently submitted an extension request for their AMP Grant, DWA-22-39. They noted in their letter that they experienced delays due to unresponsiveness from contractors.</p> <p>The Executive Committee voted unanimously to give an extension through October 28, 2025, to allow Abington-Rockland Joint Water Works ample time to complete the scope of work and project closeout documentation.</p> <p>LSL Planning Grant Program Update: Ms. DePeiza provided a status update following the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions deadline on October 16, 2024, which required all communities and non-transient, non-community systems to submit lead service line inventories by the deadline. In Massachusetts, 99.6% of water systems were compliant. Only 2 of 766 systems were referred to EPA due to ongoing compliance and enforcement issues. Further, all communities engaged in the technical assistance program that assists public water suppliers in developing service line inventory and lead service line replacement plans submitted results on time.</p> <p>By November 15, 2024, notices must be sent to residents and facility owners to let them know of the presence of lead, galvanized service lines requiring replacement, and unknown materials. Notices should state that there is no safe level of lead in drinking water, a significant update in public health language from the previous guidance which stated that lead in drinking water is not safe for pregnant women or children.</p> <p>MassDEP's team has worked to develop an online portal and map for results, which are available to the public. Their team was commended for their efforts and planning.</p>
	<p><u>Adjourn the Meeting:</u> Ms. Perez requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Pinaud moved the motion. A roll call was held, and all members approved the motion.</p>

Minutes Approved: December 11, 2024