## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE MASSACHUSETTS CLEAN WATER TRUST

## **Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday, November 24, 2020

**Time:** 12:30 PM **Location:** By Telephone

**Notice:** Due public notice given

**Attendees** Sue Perez, Executive Director, Trust

Maria Pinaud, Director of Program Development, Trust

Maya Jonas-Silver, Director of Finance & Administration, Trust

**Also Present** Nate Keenan, Deputy Director, Trust

Robin McNamara, Deputy Director of Municipal Services, MassDEP

Joshua Derouen, Program Associate, Trust Jonathan Maple, Policy Analyst, Trust

Ashraf Gabour, Program Manager, MassDEP Greg Devine, Environmental Engineer, MassDEP

## SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS

**Open the Meeting:** Ms. Perez opened the meeting after confirming all attendees were present.

1. 2021 Intended Use Plan Capacity. Ms. Pinaud said that she received the capacity determinations for the 2021 Intended Use Plans (IUPs) from the Trust. Approximately \$600 million can be offered to finance Clean Water (CW) projects. Approximately \$195 million can be offered to finance Drinking Water (DW) projects.

Ms. Perez and Ms. Pinaud discussed how financing from the DW emergency set-aside can be offered to communities for PFAS projects that submit Project Evaluation Forms to MassDEP after the 2021 IUP is finalized. We may need to increase the DW emergency set-aside amount to more than the usual \$3 million with the large amount of PFAS projects that are expected to come in. Although the \$195 million 2021 DW IUP capacity amount is up from \$165 million in 2020 in anticipation of PFAS projects, having a larger DW emergency-set aside would be helpful. It was decided to increase the emergency set-aside to \$5 million. There are also three lead projects expected to be selected for the 2021 DW IUP that would qualify for enhanced subsidy from the WIFTA transfer.

The \$600 million 2021 CW IUP capacity amount is up from \$494 million in 2020 as there was a significant drop rate in projects experienced in 2020 and there were in excess of \$1 billion in applications received for the 2021 IUP.

Ms. Perez said that larger projects that are expected to be selected for the 2021 IUP like Tri-Town Water Board and MWRA's projects will be capped and made into multi-year projects to allow for capacity for more projects.

Ms. Pinaud said that the Draft 2021 IUPs are expected to be developed next week for internal review.

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

Request for Additional Loan Forgiveness for Chicopee CWP-19-42. Ms. Perez asked if Ms. Pinaud would be able to prepare a memo for the Board of Trustees for the vote on the request to award additional loan forgiveness for Chicopee CWP-19-42, as discussed at the November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Executive Committee meeting. Ms. Pinaud said she would draft the memo and it should be included in the Board packets circulated prior to the December 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

<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.

## LIST OF DOCUMENTS AND EXHIBITS USED:

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Minutes Approved: January 19, 2021