

MASSACHUSETTS CLEAN WATER TRUST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A, §§18-25, and Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2025, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust Executive Committee to be held remotely at the following time:

**February 25, 2026
1:30 PM ET**

This meeting is open to the public. To access, please contact the Executive Committee at masswatertrust@tre.state.ma.us and you will be provided with a meeting link. If you do not have access to email, please call 617-367-9333 x 580 to request the meeting's conference call dial-in number.

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Minutes

Attendees Sue Perez, Executive Director, Trust
Kaitlyn Connors, Director of Program Development, Trust
Timur Yontar, Director of Finance & Administration, Trust
Bridget Munster, Deputy Director of Program Development, Trust
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Also Present Nicole Munchbach, Assistant Controller, Trust
Rachel Stanton, Investor Relations and Communications Graphic Designer, Trust
Josh Derouen, Program Manager, Trust
Kailyn Fellmeth, Senior Program Associate, Trust
Aidan O'Keefe, Program Associate, Trust
Esther Omole, Program Associate, Trust
Ray LeConte, Program Associate, Trust
Pam Booker, Accountant, Trust
Sunkarie Konteh, Accountant, Trust
Iden Abdulrahman, Accountant, Trust
Robin McNamara, Deputy Director, MassDEP
Janine Bishop, Regional Planner, MassDEP
Michael Celona, Drinking Water Specialist, MassDEP
Kathleen Baskin, Assistant Commissioner, MassDEP
Gregory Devine, Section Chief, MassDEP
Hannah Parzen, Environmental Analyst, MassDEP

	<u>Open the Meeting:</u> Ms. Perez opened the meeting after confirming the attendees present.
1.	<u>Review and approval of minutes from the 1/7/2026 and 1/14/2026 meetings of the Executive Committee:</u> The Committee approved meeting minutes from the 1/7/2026 and 1/14/2026 meetings of the Executive Committee.

<p>2.</p>	<p><u>2026 Intended Use Plans (IUPs) Update:</u> Ms. Connors reported that the Draft 2026 IUPs were released on February 20, 2026. The IUPs outline the projects proposed to receive SRF funding, following a ranking process by MassDEP that considers the urgency of projects as well as the proposed solution.</p> <p>MassDEP will accept oral testimony as well as written comments during the 30-day review period, which will conclude with a public hearing on March 24, 2026 at 1:00 pm. Registration for the hearing can be accessed at: https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/NqbHPpVhSciuzRB0tnmjhA#/registration.</p> <p>Included in the IUPs was \$1.16 billion in total support for Clean Water and Drinking Water projects, including approximately \$1.0 billion in project financing, \$143 million in set-aside funding for assistance to communities on a rolling basis and approximately \$700,000 in Asset Management Planning (AMP) Grant funding. On the Clean Water IUP, overall funding decreased due to decline in federal funding, while the total project count increased in comparison to previous years. On the Drinking Water IUP, funding increased but project count decreased.</p> <p>The IUPs include information on funding constraints for consideration, including the conclusion of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding in 2026. Ms. Perez added that the IUPs also outline important project deadlines in an effort to make the information more accessible to communities.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p><u>Lead Service Line (LSL) Replacement Program:</u> Mr. Celona said that the Trust and MassDEP have been working together to finalize a response letter to the EPA that outlines the intended use for IIJA Lead Service Line Replacement (LSLR) Grant funds. The purpose of the letter is to meet EPA's criteria for demonstrating a plan to use existing LSLR Grant funds before accessing the 2025 Grant. The letter is due by February 27, 2026.</p> <p>MassDEP will identify an LSLR outreach ambassador to coordinate and implement outreach. As part of outreach efforts, MassDEP will host webinars on requirements under the Lead and Copper Rule Improvements and how to apply for State Revolving Funds for LSL planning and construction. The invite to the first webinar was sent out recently and over 115 individuals have signed up for the webinar to date. Individual letters were sent to 25 public water suppliers with over 100 lead, galvanized requiring replacement, and unknown service lines in their water systems informing them of the available funding and the upcoming webinar. MassDEP also plans to speak at an upcoming joint MA Health Officers Association/MassDEP seminar and future water utility association meetings.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p><u>LSL Planning Grant Extension Request:</u> Ms. Omole stated that an LSL Planning Grant extension request was received from Lawrence DWL-24-30, as outlined in the Executive Materials. Lawrence noted that they need additional time to complete the remaining field investigations and finalize the required planning documents. It was recommended that Lawrence be granted an extension of 60 days beyond their requested extension deadline.</p> <p>The Executive Committee voted unanimously to grant the recommended deadline extension to allow Lawrence ample time to complete the scope of work and project closeout documentation.</p>

	<p>Adjourn the Meeting: Ms. Perez requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Connors moved the motion. A roll call was held, and all members approved the motion.</p>
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Minutes Approved: March 18, 2026