

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

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Wednesday, March 23, 2022
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
Also Present My Tran, Treasurer, Trust
William Kalivas, Treasury Specialist, Trust
Jonathan Maple, Senior Policy Analyst, Trust
Joshua Derouen, Senior Program Associate, Trust
Rachel Stanton, Investor Relations and Communications Graphic Designer, Trust
Jennifer Pederson, Executive Director, Massachusetts Water Works Association

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS	
	<u>Open the Meeting:</u> Ms. Perez opened the meeting after confirming the attendees present.
1.	<u>MassDEP staffing plans update:</u> Ms. Pinaud said that MassDEP has no further update.
2.	<u>Update on the 2022 Intended Use Plans (IUPs):</u> Ms. Pinaud said that 45 people attended the open hearing on the draft 2022 IUPs yesterday. Oral and written testimony on the IUPs was received. After the testimony is reviewed, the IUPs will be revised accordingly. MassDEP hopes to publish the final IUPs in April.
3.	<u>Update on Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding:</u> Desire for More Flexible Use of BIL Funds Ms. Perez said the Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities (CIFA) President will testify before the House Committee on Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on the Environment and Climate Change next week to request more flexibility with BIL grants to fund lead remediation and PFAS remediation projects. Right now, exactly 49% of the BIL grant amounts must be awarded as additional subsidy exclusively to disadvantaged communities. CIFA is hoping to award up to 100% of the BIL grant amounts as additional subsidy to any community. Disadvantaged communities will be awarded a greater amount of subsidy than non-disadvantaged communities in any scenario.

	<p>Some states also want flexibility with areas such as allowing BIL funding to go towards third party contractors that carry out the statewide testing and developing projects.</p> <p>There is a draft letter from CIFA to the House Committee that addresses these issues and CIFA is asking if the governors will sign on. The Trust, MassDEP, and the Executive Office for Administration and Finance have reviewed the letter and it is working through the Administration's approval process.</p> <p>Mr. Yontar said that the Trust's state match for the BIL grants was not included in the most recent bond bill. Two bond bills have been filed and one other is being developed. The general government bond bill was filed months ago which covered authorization for the Trust's base grant state match. The infrastructure bond bill has been filed which should have covered authorization for incremental Clean Water and Drinking Water needs resulting from the BIL. Instead, this authorization for Clean Water and Drinking Water funds is being sought either as an amendment to the infrastructure bond bill or in the third bond bill which has yet to be filed.</p> <p>Ms. Perez said that there are enough funds to apply for future grants even if the three bond bills are not signed.</p> <p>Lead Service Line (LSL) Survey Program Implementation</p> <p>Mr. Keenan said that the Trust has been working with DEP on developing a new program for awarding grants to drinking water systems to conduct LSL surveys. There is a meeting scheduled for Thursday where details such as the proposed funding sources will be discussed. The grants issued may be funded by BIL grants, funds from the Water Infrastructure Transfer Act (WIFTA) transfer, or a combination of the two.</p>
4.	<p><u>Falmouth Wind Turbine:</u> Mr. Yontar said that he will be meeting with Secretary Heffernan later today to discuss Falmouth's request to have part of their obligation for the Wind Turbine 2 project forgiven.</p> <p>Ms. Pinaud said that she expects to meet with Commissioner Suuberg next week to discuss Falmouth's request.</p>
5.	<p><u>Funding private school water sampling via MassDEP School Water Program:</u> Ms. Pinaud said that MassDEP supports having the Trust's Board of Trustees vote on a \$400,000 transfer to fund technical assistance for lead testing in private schools.</p>
<p>Other Business (Items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting) None</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>	

LIST OF DOCUMENTS AND EXHIBITS USED:

1. March 2022 Draft Letter on BIL to Congress- Clean
2. March 2022 Draft Letter on BIL to Congress- Redline
3. Closing the Sampling Gap

Minutes Approved: April 20, 2022