

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

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Wednesday, May 25, 2022
Date:
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 Sally Peacock, Controller, Trust
Pam Booker, Accountant, Trust
Nicole Munchbach, Accountant, Trust
My Tran, Treasurer, Trust
William Kalivas, Treasury Specialist, Trust
Joshua Derouen, Senior Program Associate, Trust
Rachel Stanton, Investor Relations and Communications Graphic Designer, Trust
Kailyn Fellmeth, Program Associate, Trust
Julian Honey, Program Associate, Trust
Robin McNamara, Deputy Director of Municipal Services, MassDEP
Yvette DePeiza, Director of Drinking Water Program, MassDEP
Jennifer Pederson, Executive Director, Massachusetts Water Works Association

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS

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

1. **MassDEP staffing plans update:** Ms. Pinaud said that in addition to hiring new staff, DEP plans to use contractors to provide technical assistance for the new BIL funded financing programs.

Ms. DePeiza said that DEP is creating a list of contractors that can provide these services. However, DEP may explore going out to procurement.

2.	<p><u>Amending the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Intended Use Plan (IUP):</u></p> <p>Ms. Perez said that if the Board of Trustees votes to approve the new Lead Service Line (LSL) Planning Program next week, then the IUP will be amended.</p> <p>Ms. Pinaud said that DEP is also looking to offer financing to small systems for PFAS remediation design.</p> <p>Ms. Perez said that a written summary of these plans should be presented to the Executive Committee at a future meeting.</p>
3.	<p><u>Federal infrastructure funding/Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL):</u></p> <p>Lead Service Line (LSL) Planning Program</p> <p>Ms. Perez said that that the Trust's Board of Trustees will be voting on the new LSL Planning Program next week. If the Board approves it, this program will start in July and up to \$20 million in 100% loan forgiveness loans are to be issued for LSL planning projects. Any other funding needed to issue these loans will come from the Water Infrastructure Fund Transfer Act (WIFTA).</p> <p>The 100% loan forgiveness loans will be offered to public water suppliers (PWSs) that are undergoing planning activities for lead removal projects. PWSs can apply on a rolling basis and loans will be issued on a first come, first served basis.</p> <p>The second part of the LSL Planning Program will provide technical assistance to small PWSs, those that serve 10,000 people or less, for LSL inventory and replacement. The DEP Drinking Water Program will have a contractor provide technical assistance to these small PWSs by completing the LSL inventory and LSL replacement planning projects.</p> <p>Ms. DePeiza said that the second part of the program will be funded by \$1.3 million of the set-asides from the DWSRF Lead Service Line Grant. Some of the activities as part of these planning projects are finding, mapping, and inventorying LSLs. Helping small PWSs comply with the Lead and Copper Rule Revision (LCRR) within the next five years is also an activity that is part of the program.</p> <p>PFAS Planning and Design Financing</p> <p>Ms. DePeiza said that several sampling projects need to be done. The DEP Drinking Water Program has several ideas on how to help systems with sampling and provide technical assistance.</p> <p>Ms. Perez said that there will be an issue with the State Revolving Fund funding the sampling because small systems need to do PFAS sampling by September. We do not expect to receive EPA grant funds until August at the earliest.</p>

	<p>Ms. DePeiza said that extensions for the PFAS testing deadline can be given.</p> <p>Ms. Perez said that a written summary and expected costs should be presented to the Executive Committee at a future meeting.</p> <p>Availability of BIL Emerging Contaminants Grant Funds</p> <p>Ms. Pederson, the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Water Works Association, said that there are non-municipal entities looking for grant funds for emerging contaminant testing.</p> <p>Ms. Perez said that the Trust will take this into consideration and would need more information on project specifics. .</p>
<p>Other Business (Items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting)</p> <p>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>	

Minutes Approved: July 13, 2022