EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE MASSACHUSETTS CLEAN WATER TRUST

Meeting Minutes

Meeting

Wednesday, June 22, 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 Administration & Finance, Trust

Also Present Sally Peacock, Controller, Trust

Nicole Munchbach, Accountant, Trust

Pam Booker, Accountant, Trust My Tran, Treasurer, Trust

William Kalivas, Treasury Specialist, Trust Nate Keenan, Executive Director, 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 Jonathan Maple, Senior Policy Analyst, Trust

Robin McNamara, Deputy Director of Municipal Services, MassDEP

Ashraf Gabour, Program Manager, 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 stated that there is currently no update.

2. Loan Numbering Sequence:

Mr. Keenan explained that because of the new grants we will be receiving, a new naming or numbering system would be beneficial to ease tracking and reporting of loans. A similar approach was taken in the past with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grant. However, this may be complicated for projects receiving funds from multiple grants.

Ms. Pinaud asked if there was a specific proposal the Trust had in mind.

Mr. Keenan noted that MassDEP and the Trust will collaborate on this in working group discussions.

3. New PFAS Grant Funds Available through the EPA:

Mr. Keenan noted that EPA has a new grant for PFAS remediation that is separate from the SRF PFAS grant. Notice for this grant is being communicated by letters to governors in the states.

Mr. Keenan asked Mr. Yontar if the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (A&F) has received the letter.

Mr. Yontar said he had no knowledge of receiving this letter. He will ask A&F's Chief of Staff if Governor Baker has received it and follow up on the matter.

Mr. Keenan noted that we are waiting on the letter to get started on the process to receive funds.

Ms. Perez said that the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs may have also been sent this letter instead of A&F or Governor Baker's office.

4. Update on the Clean Watersheds Needs Survey:

Ms. Pinaud explained that MassDEP has contracted seven environmental consultants to assist communities in gathering data for this survey. DEP has contacted all communities and they are actively pursuing outreach, particularly for communities with large needs and combined sewer overflow abatement projects.

The deadline for communities to submit findings to DEP is by the end of October 2022. DEP will need to send the results to EPA by April 2023.

Ms. Pinaud said the process is active thus far. Several communities have responded with questions. Some have responded to say they are collecting data on their own. Others have requested technical assistance from the DEP contracted consultants.

Ms. Perez asked if communities can gather data on their own or if they must come through DEP for assistance.

Ms. Pinaud answered that communities can collect data on their own if they prefer. Many have the means to do so. However, small and rural systems often need assistance.

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

July Board Meeting

Mr. Yontar asked if there will be a Board meeting at this time next week instead of an Executive Committee meeting.

Ms. Perez confirmed that is the case.

<u>Adjourn the Meeting:</u> Ms. Perez requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Yontar moved the motion. A roll call was held, and all members approved the motion.

Minutes Approved: July 13, 2022