

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

**Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Date:** Thursday, July 1, 2021  
**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  
**Also Present** Nate Keenan, Deputy Director, Trust  
Jonathan Maple, Policy Analyst, Trust  
Joshua Derouen, Program Associate, Trust  
Keelan Baldwin, Intern, Trust  
Robin McNamara, Deputy Director of Municipal Services, MassDEP  
Timur Yontar, Assistant Budget Director for Capital, A&F  
**Absent** Maya Jonas-Silver, Director of Finance & Administration, Trust

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS**

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

**1. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds:**

**Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Discharge**

Ms. Pinaud said that there are 19 wastewater collection facilities with CSO that have National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits across Massachusetts. Many of these facilities have enforcement actions that require control or elimination of CSO discharges.

With CSO projects being a high priority, we should still consider using ARPA funds for these projects, especially those in Environmental Justice communities.

**Lead Removal Projects**

Ms. Pinaud reiterated that a new grant program using ARPA funds for lead removal projects should have a maximum award of \$200,000 per drinking water system.

Ms. Perez said that determining the number of eligible drinking water systems is the next step for developing an estimated amount of ARPA funds that could go towards this focus area.

**PFAS Remediation Projects**

Ms. Pinaud said that PFAS testing is still being done for systems across Massachusetts. MassDEP has and still is awarding PFAS testing grants to communities.

	<p>Ms. Perez said that PFAS testing grants should continue to be offered if it is leading to more PFAS remediation projects. Revising the program to offer matching grants is an idea to consider.</p> <p>It will take about one year to determine the level of demand for PFAS remediation projects. The 2022 Intended Use Plan (IUP) solicitation just opened today. Communities are expected to respond to this solicitation with PFAS remediation project proposals. At the conclusion of the solicitation, there will be a better idea of the current need for funding.</p> <p><b>Sewer System Expansion Projects</b></p> <p>Ms. Perez said that sewer system expansion projects should continue to be a focus area. These projects usually do not score high enough to be selected for State Revolving Fund financing. However, ARPA funds could expand capacity to allow these projects to be selected.</p> <p><b>Next Steps</b></p> <p>Mr. Keenan said that we should put together a presentation for the Massachusetts State Legislature so that we can show the focus areas for which we would like to use ARPA funds.</p> <p>Ms. Perez said that a list should be kept as new ideas are developed so that this presentation can list details and show dollar amounts or ranges for the different focus areas.</p>
2.	<p><b><u>Martha's Vineyard 208 Equivalency Study:</u></b> Ms. Pinaud said that the memorandum of understanding (MOU) from the Cape Cod Commission could serve as a mechanism to develop a MOU for the Martha's Vineyard Commission.</p> <p>The Clean Water Trust is expected to receive a letter from the Martha's Vineyard Commission to request funds in advance of incurring costs, as discussed at the previous meeting.</p> <p>Mr. Keenan said that everything is on schedule to develop a MOU with details specific to the Martha's Vineyard Commission's needs.</p>
<p><b>Other Business</b> (Items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting)</p> <p><b><u>Cape Cod Water Protection Fund Update:</u></b> Ms. Perez said that after about two years in development, the Cape Cod Water Protection Fund has been able to collect close to \$22 million from the short-term rental tax.</p> <p>Mr. Keenan said that the first round of funds from the Cape Cod Water Protection Fund have been disbursed for projects that are in progress as an additional subsidy. This subsidy is in addition to any loan forgiveness for eligible projects.</p>	

**Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Budget:** Ms. Perez said that the budget for FY 2022 will be voted on by the Board of Trustees during its July 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Like the FY 2021 budget, the one for FY 2022 is set at a deficit which is expected to turn into a surplus. During FY 2021, there were no issues using surplus Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) grant funds for set-aside activities.

**Adjourn the Meeting:** 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:**

Minutes Approved: July 22, 2021