



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION
100 CAMBRIDGE STREET, BOSTON MA 02114

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Relating to the Interbasin Transfer Application
For the Lynnfield Center Water District's

Proposal for a Water Supply Connection with the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority

The Massachusetts Water Resources Commission hereby gives notice pursuant to MGL c. 21 §§ 8B - 8D, and 313 CMR 4.00, Interbasin Transfer Act (ITA) and Regulations, that it will conduct two virtual public hearings, one each for the donor and receiving basins, to receive public comment on the proposed permanent interbasin transfer.

The Lynnfield Center Water District (LCWD) is proposing to connect to the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority (MWRA) in order to purchase up to 0.83 million gallons per day (MGD) of water to supplement its existing water supply sources. LCWD has its sources and service area in the Ipswich River and North Coastal Basins. The MWRA's sources are located in the Chicopee River and Nashua River Basins.

The Water Resources Commission is required to consider the impact of the transfer on such issues as fisheries, recreation and the aquatic ecosystem of the donor basin. To this end, the Commission has scheduled two (2) public hearings to receive comments on this proposed interbasin transfer of water:

1. Donor basin: January 14, 2025 at 11:00 AM. This meeting will be held online via Zoom. Please see instructions for joining at the end of this notice.
2. Receiving basin: January 15, 2025 at 1:00 PM. This meeting will be held online via Zoom. Please see instructions for joining at the end of this notice.

Interested parties are welcome to participate in either of the public hearings. Copies of the application, which includes both the Single Environmental Impact Report and a supplemental memo provided to the MA Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) Office by the LCWD, can be requested by contacting malenfantae@cdmsmith.com, the consultant for LCWD. For questions on the Interbasin Transfer Act process, please contact Vanessa.Curran@mass.gov.

Persons desiring to present testimony at the hearing are encouraged to provide a written summary at or before the hearings. Submittal by email, to Vanessa.Curran@mass.gov, is strongly encouraged. If testimony must be mailed, please send to Water Resources Commission, Attention: Vandana Rao, EOEEA, 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900, Boston, MA 02114. Comments will be accepted until 5:00 PM, January 22, 2025.

It is expected that a draft staff recommendation to approve or deny the application will be presented to the Water Resources Commission at its February 13, 2025 meeting. Copies of the draft staff recommendation can be obtained by emailing Vanessa.Curran@mass.gov.

Following that meeting the Commission has scheduled another public hearing to receive comments on the draft recommendation which will be held online via Zoom on February 26, 2025 at 1:00 PM. Please see instructions for joining at the end of this notice.

Written comments, preferably emailed to Vanessa.Curran@mass.gov, or alternately addressed to the Water Resources Commission, Attention: Vandana Rao, EOEEA, 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900, Boston, MA 02114, will be accepted until 5:00 PM, March 5, 2025.

Instructions for Joining the January 14th Donor Basin Public Hearing Zoom Meeting:

Topic: WRC Donor Basin Public Hearing on LCWD ITA Application

Time: January 14, 2025 11:00 AM Eastern Time

Link to Register for Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJqcOqhqiMoGdVAGwJn08vv1-SUEP5qD5D->

Instructions for Joining the January 15th Receiving Basin Public Hearing Zoom Meeting:

Topic: WRC Receiving Basin Public Hearing on LCWD ITA Application

Time: January 15, 2025 01:00 PM Eastern Time

Link to Register for Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUucu-trDktHNJYPIDhJLtl2CT3gOjquZgj>

Instructions for Joining the February 26th Public Hearing Zoom Meeting:

Topic: WRC Public Hearing on Draft Staff Recommendation on LCWD ITA Application

Time: February 26, 2025 1:00 PM Eastern Time

Link to Register for Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEufuCgqzoiHdCgpWh6fprKy0hh7vjgzQFE>