



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION

100 CAMBRIDGE STREET, BOSTON MA 02114

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Relating to the Interbasin Transfer Application  
For the Proposed AvalonBay Sharon Develop  
To Connect to the MWRA Sewerage System

The Massachusetts Water Resources Commission hereby gives notice pursuant to MGL c. 21 §§ 8B - 8D, and 313 CMR 4.00, Interbasin Transfer Act and Regulations, that it will conduct public hearings in Sharon, for the donor basin and Boston, for the receiving basin, to receive public comment on the proposed permanent interbasin transfer.

Avalon Bay is proposing to construct a 40B development within the town of Sharon. This development will obtain its water supply from the Sharon municipal system. Sharon's water supply sources are located in both the Taunton River basin and the Neponset River subbasin of the Boston Harbor basin. The connection to the MWRA Sewerage System will be through the Town of Norwood. The MWRA discharges treated wastewater to the Massachusetts Coastal basin. The amount of water to be transferred is 16,120 gallons per day.

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. Tuesday afternoon, March 27, 2007, at 1:00 PM in the 2nd floor Conference Room A, EOE, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, MA (the receiving area).
2. Tuesday evening, March 27, 2007 at 6:30 PM in the Hearing Room at the Town Hall, 90 South Main Street, Sharon, MA (the donor basin).

Copies of the application are available for review at the Sharon Public Library and at the Department of Conservation and Recreation, Office of Water Resources, 251 Causeway Street, Boston, MA 02114. Further information can be obtained by calling Michele Drury at 617-626-1366 or Bruce Hansen at 617-626-1388.

Persons desiring to present testimony at the hearings are encouraged to provide a written summary at or before the hearings. Written testimony, addressed to the Water Resources Commission, Attention: Michele Drury, DCR, Office of Water Resources, 251 Causeway Street, Boston, MA 02114, (fax: 617-626-1455; email: michele.drury@state.ma.us) will be accepted until 5 PM, April 3, 2007.

It is expected that a staff recommendation to approve or deny the application will be presented to the Water Resources Commission at its April 12, 2007 meeting. Copies of the staff recommendation will be available at the meeting, or by calling Michele Drury at 617-626-1366. Following that meeting the Commission has scheduled another public hearing to receive comments on the recommendation. This will be held on April 24, 2007 at 2 PM in the 2nd floor Conference Room A, EOE, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, MA.

Written comments addressed to the Water Resources Commission, Attention: Michele Drury, DCR, Office of Water Resources, 251 Causeway Street, Boston, MA 02114, (fax: 617-626-1455; email: michele.drury@state.ma.us) will be accepted until 5 PM, May 1, 2007.