



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Relating to the Interbasin Transfer Application
For Weymouth's Proposal to Construct an Additional Connection
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 the donor basin, in Weymouth, and in the receiving basin, in Boston, to receive public comment on the proposed permanent interbasin transfer.

Weymouth has land area in the Weymouth and Weir subbasin of the Boston Harbor basin, the Taunton River basin and the South Coastal River basin. The Town is applying for permission to increase its present rate of Interbasin Transfer by constructing an additional connection to the MWRA near the existing Landing Interceptor. This project is part of a larger sewer improvement project being undertaken by the Town, but it is the only portion which triggers the Interbasin Transfer Act. The additional connection near the existing Landing Interceptor will increase the Town's present rate of interbasin transfer by 5.24 million gallons per day (mgd) of wastewater.

The Water Resources Commission is required to consider the impact of the transfer on such issues as fisheries, water supply, agricultural uses, recreation and the downstream 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. Thursday afternoon, May 23, 2002 at 2 PM, in the 7th floor Conference Room, DEM, 251 Causeway Street, Boston, MA;
2. Thursday evening, May 23, 2002 at 7 PM, in the Board Room, Weymouth DPW, 120 Winter Street, Weymouth

Copies of the application are available for review at the Weymouth Public Library and at the Department of Environmental Management, Office of Water Resources, 251 Causeway Street, Boston, MA 02114. Further information can be obtained by calling Michele Drury at 617-626-1366.

Persons desiring to present testimony at the hearing are encouraged to provide a written summary at or before the hearings. Written testimony, addressed to the Water Resources Commission, Attention: Michele Drury, DEM, Office of Water Resources, 251 Causeway Street, Suite 700, Boston, MA 02114, (fax: 617-626-1349; email: michele.drury@state.ma.us) will be accepted until 5 PM, May 30, 2002.

It is expected that a staff recommendation to approve or deny the application will be presented to the Water Resources Commission at its June 13, 2002 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 Tuesday evening, June 25, 2002 at 7 PM, in the Board Room, Weymouth DPW, 120 Winter Street, Weymouth.

Written comments addressed to the Water Resources Commission, Attention: Michele Drury, DEM, Office of Water Resources, 251 Causeway Street, Suite 700, Boston, MA 02114, (fax: 617-626-1349; email: michele.drury@state.ma.us) will be accepted until 5 PM, July 2, 2002.