



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION

Massachusetts Water Resources Commission

**Receipt of a Request for Approval of
an Action to Increase the Present
Rate of Interbasin Transfer
Under the Interbasin Transfer Act
MGL Chapter 21 Section 8B-8D**

On October 17, 2006, the Massachusetts Water Resources Commission (WRC) received a request for approval of an action to increase the present rate of interbasin transfer under the Interbasin Transfer Act (M.G.L. Chapter 21 §§ 8B-8D) from the South Shore Tri-Town Development Corporation and LNR South Shore LLC. The Corporations are taking the lead on the proposed South Weymouth Naval Air Station Development Project. The Air Station is located within the Towns of Weymouth, Rockland and Abington and has land area in the Weir River subbasin of the Boston Harbor basin and the South Coastal basin. The proposed development will be applying for admission to the MWRA Waterworks System, which has sources in the Chicopee River basin and the Nashua River basin. The Commission is in the process of reviewing the application to assure that all required information has been provided.

An environmental review, pursuant to Section 61 & 62H, inclusive, of Chapter 30, is required for this proposed action. The Interbasin Transfer (IBT) application was submitted as part of the Draft Comprehensive Water Resources Management Plan/Environmental Impact Report for this project (EOEA #11085R).

Once the MEPA process has concluded and the application has been accepted as complete by the WRC, the public review and comment period required by the Interbasin Transfer Act commences. Two public hearings will be held. Written comments will also be accepted. After the close of the public comment period, WRC Staff will make a recommendation concerning the merits of the application. The WRC will hold an additional public hearing to take comments on the Staff's recommendation. Within 60 days of this final public hearing, the WRC must make a decision on the proposal.

As required by the Interbasin Transfer Act regulations (313 CMR 4.00), copies of this notice have been sent to the municipalities directly affected. Copies of the EIR/IBT application are available for review at the Clapp Memorial Library in Belchertown and the Bigelow Free Public Library in Clinton or by calling Corinne Snowden at 978-897-7100. For further information, contact Michele Drury, (617) 626-1366 (michele.drury@state.ma.us).

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