



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

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 December 4, 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 Avalon Bay Company for a connection to MWRA Sewerage System through the town of Norwood. 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 MWRA discharges treated wastewater to the Massachusetts Coastal basin. The amount of water to be transferred is 16,120 gallons per day.

The Interbasin Transfer (IBT) application was submitted as part of the Notice of Project Change (NPC) for EOE #13835. Once the MEPA process has concluded and the application has been accepted as complete by the Water Resources Commission, a public review and comment period 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 NPC/IBT application are available for review at the Sharon and Norwood Public libraries and at the Department of Conservation and Recreation, Office of Water Resources, 251 Causeway Street, Suite 700, Boston, MA 02114. For further information, contact Michele Drury, (617) 626-1366 (michele.drury@state.ma.us).