

News and Notes



December 2021

Advisory Board Year In Review

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Advisory Board Secured 2.95% Assessment Increase

Second Year Below 3%

The Advisory Board continued its efforts to assist communities during the ongoing pandemic by securing a wholesale assessment increase under 3% for the second year in a row.

The prior year, the Advisory Board secured a 1% assessment increase when the scope and scale of the pandemic were still being figured out.

This ongoing commitment to bring rates down below the 3% range when possible is a key component of the Advisory Board's budget reviews moving into the future.

Water Supply Protection Trust Strengthened



The Advisory Board secured a legislative victory for ratepayers this year. Thanks to Senator Anne Gobi, one of the Advisory Board's Legislators of the Year, we were able to add language strengthening the role of the Water Supply Protection Trust, particularly with regard to hiring critical positions for the Division of Water Supply Protection.

Thank you, Senator Gobi, for all of your work for your constituents and MWRA communities and ratepayers!

Advisory Board Op-Ed in Boston Globe Sparks Regionalization Discussion

The Boston Globe published an op-ed written by Advisory Board Executive Director Joseph Favaloro proposing regional expansion of the MWRA water system as a potential option to help communities address PFAS issues.

**Read Full Op-
Ed**

Record Levels of Federal Funding

Between the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and the recently passed Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), there is an unprecedented amount of federal funding for water and wastewater infrastructure.

The Advisory Board continues to monitor funds as they become available and is putting together a joint task force with the MWRA to discuss how to best maximize funds for both MWRA as well as MWRA communities for their local projects. Stay tuned!

Federal Funding Blog Post

Updated Advisory Board Website Is Now Live

Advisory Board staff has been working closely with its developer to overhaul its website. Last updated in 2016, the Advisory Board website has been reimagined to provide easy access to the most relevant information for our visitors.

Please check out our updated website at www.mwraadvisoryboard.com
Please send us any feedback you have on the new website, so we can continue improving it over time. We look forward to using the new website as a tool to better communicate with our communities and ratepayers about our ongoing activities and initiatives.