



COALITION MEMBERS

Agencies

Charles River Pollution Control District
City of Haverhill
City of Holyoke
City of Marlborough
City of New Bedford
City of Springfield
South Essex Sewerage District
Springfield Water and Sewer Commission
Town of Concord
Town of Framingham
Town of Franklin
Town of Jaffrey, NH
Town of Medfield
Town of Milford
Town of North Reading
Town of Northbridge
Town of Southbridge
Town of Yarmouth
Upper Blackstone Water Pollution Abatement District

Affiliates

Cherry Valley Sewer District
City of Beverly
City of Chicopee
City of Peabody
City of Salem
City of Worcester
Town of Bellingham
Town of Danvers
Town of East Longmeadow
Town of Marblehead

Corporate

AECOM
BETA Group
Brown and Caldwell
CDM
Kleinfelder/SEA Consultants
Stantec Consulting
Weston & Sampson

Legal

Anderson & Kreiger LLP
Bowditch & Dewey

May 6, 2011

Dear Colleague:

Increasingly stringent limits based on questionable science. Escalating costs to comply with permits with diminishing returns. Aging and failing systems requiring significant capital investment. Little or no federal and state financial assistance. If these issues concern you, please join the **Massachusetts Coalition for Water Resources Stewardship** – the voice for municipalities.

The Coalition advocates for sound and sensible solutions that protect the environment and public health without bankrupting communities. We monitor and respond to policy and regulatory proposals and actions that affect our members – proposals that always entail an added cost to communities. There must be greater responsibility and accountability from regulatory agencies and other stakeholders.

Incorporated in May 2009, the Coalition is an award-winning leader in the Commonwealth in the movement to make federal and state water resources policies and regulations more holistic and environmentally and fiscally sustainable. We believe that speaking with one voice can make a difference. Our technical and legal experts help the Coalition navigate the ever-changing regulatory landscape and effect change.

Below are just a few key accomplishments of the Coalition in its second year:

- **Water Quality Standards Review Initiative**
The Coalition's Board of Directors will engage Hall & Associates of Washington, DC to review state water quality standards related to nutrients and waste load allocations and issue a White Paper that will form the basis for developing a strategy to work with regulators to resolve concerns.
- **Board members serve on the Legislature's Water Infrastructure Finance Commission and EOEEA's Sustainable Water Management Initiative.**
- **April 29, 2010 Clean Water Act Strategies Symposium: What's Coming and How to Respond**
More than 100 people from around New England attended to learn from experts about regional and national trends in water quality permitting.
- **Comment Letters and Other Correspondences (visit the website to read the letters):**
 - *Letter to Senator Scott Brown urging support of S3481 that required the federal government to pay local stormwater management service fees*
 - *EPA's Executive Order 13563 Improving Regulations Plan*
 - *Opinion Piece on EPA's Support of CLF Suit against the Boston Water and Sewer Commission*
 - *Draft Massachusetts North Coastal and Interstate, Merrimack and South Coastal Small MS4 General Permits*

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- *Proposed Changes to Clean Water State Revolving Fund Interest-Free Loan Program*
- *Proposed Changes to Sanitary Sewer Overflow and Peak Flow Rulemaking*
- *Draft General Permit for Residually Designated Discharges*

The Coalition's *2nd Annual Clean Water Act Strategies Symposium: Sustainable Solutions* will bring together national experts on May 16, 2011 to discuss issues of concern to municipalities across New England. Please visit the conference webpage – www.mawaterresourcescoalition.org/conference.aspx – to find out more about the event.

The Coalition focuses on education, research and advocacy around water resources stewardship. We promote a holistic approach to resource management. Our members are professionals who are committed to the principles of stewardship and sustainability. We protect the environment and public health using scientifically based, fiscally responsible approaches to realize environmental and community goals.

In the upcoming year, we will continue to identify ways to reduce the burden of water quality permitting on communities while protecting the environment and public health. We will track regulatory and policy issues to determine appropriate strategic responses. We will also continue to collaborate with like-minded organizations to effect the changes that are necessary to make the regulatory process more sustainable and responsible. Critical aspects of our efforts will be: insisting that permit limits are based on sound science, that more federal and state funds are available to communities and that all stakeholders (public and private) within a watershed participate in the solutions.

Membership entitles you to benefits outlined in the enclosed membership form. Perhaps the greatest benefit is adding your community's voice to a growing number of Coalition members advocating for change. We hope you will join us to improve water resources stewardship and enhance the health of the environment and our communities.

The Coalition has accomplished a great deal in its second year, but there is much more to do. With your help, we can create the change that is necessary.

Sincerely,



Robert L. Moylan, Jr., P.E.
President

Enclosure



Membership Information

The Coalition’s fiscal year is July 1 – June 30. Please use the table below to calculate your annual Coalition dues* amount. Dues for public agencies and affiliates are calculated based on population. Dues for other member categories are a flat rate.

Membership categories:

Public Agency – members who treat and convey wastewater, drinking water and/or stormwater (if more than one municipal utility within a community provides these services, all may join under one membership in this category), or municipalities served by a regional authority for drinking water, wastewater or stormwater treatment, where the regional authority is not a member.

Public Affiliate – members who are (1) utilities that only convey wastewater, drinking water and/or stormwater or (2) municipalities. An example of a Public Affiliate is a community that is served by a larger regional authority to provide one or more services – drinking water, wastewater or stormwater treatment – that could join in this category, if the principal authority is a Public Agency member. If the principal authority is not a member, the municipality may join as a full Public Agency member.

Private Corporate – corporations supporting the Coalition’s mission, goals and objectives.

Private Legal – law firms that support the Coalition’s mission, goals and objectives.

Supporting – educational institutions and nonprofits that support the Coalition’s mission, goals and objectives.

Fiscal Year July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012

Population	Public Agency Dues	Public Affiliate Dues
> 1,000,000 - 3,000,000	\$12,500	\$6,250
> 500,000 - 1,000,000	\$10,000	\$5,000
> 200,000 - 500,000	\$7,500	\$3,750
> 100,000 - 200,000	\$5,000	\$2,500
> 50,000 - 100,000	\$2,500	\$1,250
10,000 - 50,000	\$1,500	\$750
< 10,000	\$500	\$250
Private Corporate	\$3,750	
Private Legal	\$1,750	
Supporting	\$250	

Benefits:

Every member receives the benefit of being part of a growing movement to make water resource policies and regulations responsible and sustainable.

- Public Agency, Public Affiliate, Private Corporate and Private Legal members are entitled to:
 - access to educational materials and opinion leaders;
 - strategies in support for your community’s regulatory concerns;
 - receive the Coalition’s email updates, reports and other materials;
 - be members of standing committees; and
 - vote on matters before the membership.
- Supporting members are entitled to receive the Coalition’s email updates and other public documents.

* Dues are payable at the beginning of the fiscal year and are not refundable. Members who join the Coalition after the first quarter of the fiscal year will receive a pro-rated membership dues amount, calculated based on a quarterly percentage of the fiscal year dues amount. The Coalition is approved as a 501(c)(4) non-profit organization.

Membership Form

Please send your completed form and payment* to:

Massachusetts Coalition for Water Resources Stewardship
c/o Regina Villa Associates, Inc.
51 Franklin Street, Suite 400
Boston, MA 02110

Checks should be made payable to:
Massachusetts Coalition for Water Resources Stewardship

If you will be paying by Purchase Order, please provide the PO number: _____

Membership Category: _____

Check or Purchase Order Amount: _____

Name of Organization: _____

Name of Organization's Representative to MCWRS: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

If more than one municipal utility within a community will be joining under a Public Agency membership, please provide the name and contact information requested below for the additional organizations.

Organization #2: _____

Contact Name: _____

Email: _____

Organization #3: _____

Contact Name: _____

Email: _____

Were you referred by a current MCWRS member? Yes ____ No ____

If so, please provide the person's name and affiliation.

Name: _____

Organization: _____

If you have questions, please contact Kate Barrett of Regina Villa Associates at 617-357-5772 ext. 12 or kbarrett@reginavilla.com.

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