



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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Relating to the Interbasin Transfer Application
For the Auburn Water District's
Proposal to Purchase Water from the City of Worcester

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 two virtual public hearings, one each for the donor and receiving basins, to receive public comment on the proposed permanent interbasin transfer.

The Auburn Water District (AWD), which has its distribution system in the Blackstone River Basin, is proposing to purchase water from the City of Worcester, which has sources in the Nashua River Basin and the Blackstone River Basin. AWD is proposing to purchase up to 0.54 million gallons per day (MGD) from Worcester to supplement its existing water supply sources.

The Water Resources Commission is required to consider the impact of the transfer on such issues as fisheries, recreation and the 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. Donor basin: January 20, 2022 at 3:00 PM. This meeting will be held online via Zoom. Please see instructions for joining at the end of this notice.
2. Receiving basin: January 26, 2022 at 10:00 AM. This meeting will be held online via Zoom. Please see instructions for joining at the end of this notice.

Interested parties are welcome to participate in either of the public hearings. Copies of the application, in the form of the DEIR and FEIR, can be requested by contacting droman@ceiengineers.com, the consultant for AWD. For questions on the Interbasin Transfer Act process, please contact Vanessa.Curran@mass.gov.

Persons desiring to present testimony at the hearing are encouraged to provide a written summary at or before the hearings. Submittal by email, to Vanessa.Curran@mass.gov, is strongly encouraged. If testimony must be mailed, please send to Water Resources Commission, Attention: Vandana Rao, EOEEA, 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900, Boston, MA 02114. Comments will be accepted until 5:00 PM, February 2, 2022.

It is expected that a draft staff recommendation to approve or deny the application will be presented to the Water Resources Commission at its February 10, 2022 meeting. Copies of the draft staff recommendation can be obtained by emailing Vanessa.Curran@mass.gov. Following that meeting the Commission has scheduled another public hearing to receive comments on the draft recommendation which will be held online via Zoom on March 2, 2022 at 1:00 PM. Please see instructions for joining at the end of this notice.

Written comments, preferably emailed to Vanessa.Curran@mass.gov, or alternately addressed to the Water Resources Commission, Attention: Vandana Rao, EOEEA, 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900, Boston, MA 02114, will be accepted until 5:00 PM, March 9, 2022.

Instructions for Joining the January 20th Donor Basin Public Hearing Zoom Meeting:

Topic: WRC Donor Basin Public Hearing on Auburn Water District ITA Application

Time: Jan 20, 2022 03:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Instructions for Joining the January 26th Receiving Basin Public Hearing Zoom Meeting:

Topic: WRC Receiving Basin Public Hearing on Auburn Water District ITA Application

Time: Jan 26, 2022 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Instructions for Joining the March 2nd Public Hearing Zoom Meeting:

Topic: WRC Public Hearing on Draft Staff Recommendation on Auburn Water District ITA Application

Time: Mar 2, 2022 01:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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