EBC Leadership Program:  
Infrastructure and Environmental Developments at the MWRA
with Keynote Speaker Fred Laskey

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

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AGENDA

6:00 p.m.  Welcome: Daniel Moon, President & Executive Director, EBC

Welcome to Foley Hoag, LLP: Jonathan Ettinger, Partner

Program Introduction and Overview - What You Will Learn
•  Catherine Finneran, Program Chair & Moderator
  Vice President, Sustainability and Environmental Affairs
  Eversource Energy

6:15 p.m.  Update on Massachusetts Water Resources Authority

Fred Laskey
Executive Director
Massachusetts Water Resources Authority

7:00 p.m.  Panel Discussion

Panel Moderator: Catherine Finneran, Eversource Energy

7:45 p.m.  Adjourn
KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Fred Laskey, Executive Director
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Since 2001, Fred Laskey has served as the executive director of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority which provides drinking water and wastewater services for 2.5 million people in Massachusetts.

He manages 1,200 employees who operate this important infrastructure and has overseen over $2 billion of projects to complete the much heralded clean-up of Boston Harbor - including the Charles, Mystic and Neponset Rivers - and to upgrade the drinking water system to meet the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act. Under his leadership, MWRA has been recognized nationally for its sustainability and renewable energy initiatives. Fred graduated from UMass/Boston and lives in Medford with his wife Donna. They have four children.

The Massachusetts Water Resources Authority

MWRA’s mission is to provide reliable, cost-effective, high-quality water and sewer services that protect public health, promote environmental stewardship, maintain customer confidence, and support a prosperous economy.


MWRA is an independent authority that provides wholesale water and sewer services to its customer communities, and funds its operations primarily through user assessments and charges. MWRA was created by the legislature in 1984 and inherited operations and facilities beginning in 1985 from the Metropolitan District Commission, a century-old department of state government.

MWRA’s long-term business plan emphasizes improvements in service and systems and includes aggressive performance targets for operating the water and wastewater systems and maintaining new and existing facilities.

Parallel to MWRA’s goal of carrying out its capital projects and operating programs is its goal of limiting rate increases to its customer communities. The need to achieve and maintain a balance between these two goals is a critical issue facing MWRA and is reflected each year in its proposed budget.

DISCUSSION MODERATOR

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Catherine Finneran is Vice President, Sustainability and Environmental Affairs at Eversource Energy, New England’s largest energy delivery company serving 3.6 million electric and natural gas customers in Connecticut, Massachusetts and New Hampshire. She manages 50 scientists, engineers and specialists focused on project siting and permitting, compliance, and sustainability.
Ms. Finneran comes to Eversource Energy with more than 20 years of experience focused on clean energy, environmental protection and economic development. Before joining Eversource Energy, she served as Senior Director of the Renewable Energy Generation Division at the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC), where she oversaw the design and implementation of rebate and grant programs targeted at growing the Massachusetts clean energy market to increase deployment of various clean energy technologies. She previously served as the Director of Clean Energy for the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP). Ms. Finneran also served as the Brownfield Director for MassDEP.

Ms. Finneran serves on the Board of Directors and Executive Committee for the Environmental Business Council (EBC) and on the Board of Directors of the New England Women in Energy and the Environment (NEWIEE).

UPCOMING EBC PROGRAMS

NOVEMBER 2019

November 14 – New Hampshire Climate Change Update
November 19 – Dam Management Program: Permitting & Funding for Removal
November 20 – TSCA and PCB Subcommittee Program Planning Meeting
November 20 – Emerging Contaminants Subcommittee Program Planning Meeting
November 22 – Climate Adaptation Forum – Infrastructure
November 25 – Water Resources Committee Program Planning Meeting

DECEMBER 2019

December 2 – Rhode Island Chapter Program Planning Meeting
December 2 – New Hampshire Chapter Program Planning Meeting
December 3 – Rhode Island Enforcement Program with DEM & EPA
December 5 – Annual Winter Garden Party
December 9 – Energy Resources Committee Program Planning Meeting
December 9 – Dam Management Committee Program Planning Meeting
December 10 – Annual New Hampshire Chapter Holiday Party
December 11 – EBC & RISEP Annual Rhode Island Chapter Holiday Party
December 16 – Ocean & Coastal Resources Committee Program Planning Meeting
December 17 – Infrastructure Committee Program Planning Meeting

JANUARY 2019

January 8 – Leadership Series with MassDEP Regional Teams: Headquarters
January 13 – Site Remediation and Redevelopment Committee Program Planning Meeting
January 13 – Climate Change and Air Committee Program Planning Meeting
January 22 – Leadership Program with Massachusetts EEA Secretary Kathleen Theoharides
January 30 – 14th Annual Construction & Demolition Materials Management Summit