



EBC Water Resources Webinar MassDEP Bureau of Water Resources Leadership Update

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AGENDA

- 9:30 a.m. **Welcome and Program Introduction**
- Peter F. Durning, Program Co-Chair
Chair, EBC Water Resources Committee
Managing Partner, Mackie Shea Durning, PC
- 9:45 a.m. **Bureau of Water Resources - Overview and Initiatives**
- Kathleen Baskin, Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Water Resources
Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP)
- 10:00 a.m. **Wetlands Program**
- Lisa Rhodes, Wetlands Program Chief, MassDEP
- 10:20 a.m. **Drinking Water Program**
- Yvette DePeiza, Director, Drinking Water Program, MassDEP

- 10:40 a.m. Division of Watershed Management**
- Lealdon Langley, Director, Division of Watershed Management, MassDEP
- 11:00 a.m. Networking Opportunity**
- 11:15 a.m. Break**
- 11:20 a.m. Division of Municipal Services**
- Maria Pinaud, Director, Division of Municipal Services, MassDEP
- 11:35 a.m. Moderated Discussion: MassDEP Bureau of Water Resources Leadership**
- Moderator:** Andrea Braga, Program Co-Chair
Principal Water Resources Engineer, Jacobs
- Panel Members:**
- Kathleen Baskin, Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Water Resources
 - Yvette DePeiza, Director, Drinking Water Program
 - Lealdon Langley, Director, Division of Watershed Management
 - Maria Pinaud, Director, Division of Municipal Services
 - Lisa Rhodes, Wetlands Program Chief
- 12:00 p.m. Adjourn – Closing Remarks – Peter Durning**

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Andrea is a Principal water resources engineer with extensive experience leading projects of varying size, type, scope, and complexity. Her technical specialties include stormwater management system design, surface water hydrologic and hydraulic modeling, and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) compliance. Andrea has considerable experience in low impact development and green stormwater infrastructure planning, design, permitting, construction oversight, monitoring, and maintenance.

Andrea has presented on water resources and stormwater-related topics at over 30 conferences and workshops nationwide, including the NEIWPC Annual NPS Conference, IECA's Environmental Connection Conference, EWRI International Low Impact Development Conference, and NEWEA Annual Conference. She is also a technical peer reviewer for the Journal of Irrigation and Drainage and the Journal of Environmental Engineering.

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Kathy is Assistant Commissioner for MassDEP's Bureau of Water Resources, overseeing the programs in Wastewater, Wetlands, Water Quality Certification, Drinking Water, Watershed Planning, Water Management, and State Revolving Funds. She has split her career between the public, private and non-profit sectors and was previously the Director of Water Policy for the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, where she served for 11 years. She has worked on water resource issues as an advocate, for Charles River Watershed Association and as a consultant, most recently for Weston & Sampson. She completed her undergraduate education at Tufts University, where she also received a Master's degree in Environmental Engineering. In addition, she holds a Master's in Public Administration from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government.

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Yvette DePeiza is the Director of MassDEP's Drinking Water Program. She is responsible for overseeing the implementation of the Safe Drinking Water Act Programs, Technical Services programs and special drinking water projects such as Lead in Schools drinking water and PFAS. Programs directed by Ms. DePeiza include Safe Drinking Water Act rules planning, development and implementation, Source water protection, Compliance Assurance Activities, Enforcement and Capacity Development, Distribution protection/Cross connection Control and training, Technical Assistance and Outreach. Ms. DePeiza has a Bachelor of Science in Geology and a Masters in Civil Engineering from Tufts University. She is a past board member of the national Association of Safe Drinking Water Administrators and the National Rural Community Assistance Programs (RCAP). She is also the recipient of the 2017 Jerome J. Healey Award from the New England Water Works Association, the region's largest and oldest not-for-profit organization of water works professionals.

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Lealdon Langley is MassDEP's Director of the Division of Watershed Management. His responsibilities include supervision of the Wastewater Programs at MassDEP including NPDES, Groundwater Discharge Program, and Title 5; the Watershed Planning Program and the Water Management Program. Lealdon previously held positions as the Director of the Wetlands and Wastewater Program and as the Director of the Wetlands and Waterways Program where he was responsible for the implementation of the Wetlands Protection Act, Section 401 of the Clean Waters Act, and the Wetlands Conservancy Mapping Program. Lealdon holds a B.A. in Biology from Hendrix College and a M.A from the Center for Energy and Environmental Studies at Boston University where he studied environmental science and public policy.

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Maria Pinaud is the Director for the Division of Municipal Services in the Bureau of Water Resources at MassDEP. She is responsible for overseeing the annual project solicitation and awards hundreds of millions of dollars in financing for the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Programs. These programs provide subsidized loans to municipalities for Clean Water SRF and Drinking Water SRF infrastructure projects across the Commonwealth. Ms. Pinaud has dedicated her career to public service having served in several engineering and management roles at MassDEP. She was previously the Audits and Enforcement Coordinator for MassDEP's Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup as well as the Deputy Regional Director for the Bureau of Air and Waste in the southeast regional office. Maria earned a B.S. degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

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Lisa Rhodes is MassDEP's Wetlands Program Chief, responsible for overseeing all aspects of the Boston-based Program's regulatory, policy and guidance, compliance, and enforcement activities pertaining to the Wetlands Protection Act and Water Quality Certification. During her 21 years MassDEP, Lisa has also served as Variance Supervisor, responsible for review of major projects considered for Variances of the Wetlands Protection Act, Wetlands Monitoring and Assessment Program Manager, and author (or co-author) of numerous Wetland Program guidance documents. Lisa's experience prior to joining MassDEP includes Supervisor of MassHighway's Environmental Compliance Section (including the Wetlands/Water Quality and Hazardous Materials Units), Environmental Consultant/Wetland Scientist at HNTB, and Conservation Administrator for the Town of Weymouth. Lisa has a B.S. in Natural Resources from the University of Rhode Island, and has completed graduate level courses in hydrogeology at Boston University.