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AGENDA

4:00 p.m. Registration & Networking

4:45 p.m. Welcome:

- Andrea M. Braga, PE, CPESC, Principal Engineer
New England Water Department Leader, Jacobs

Welcome from our Host: Aaron Lang, Partner, Foley Hoag LLP

Program Introduction:

- Michael J. Walsh, Vice Chair, EBC Board Nomination
Senior Vice President, CDM Smith

5:00 p.m. Keynote Presentation

- Stephen Estes-Smargiassi, Interim Executive Director
Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA)
- Kathy Murtagh, Chief Operating Officer, MWRA

5:30 p.m. Moderated Audience Q&A

Moderator: Michael Walsh, CDM Smith

6:00 p.m. Adjourn

SPEAKERS

Stephen Estes-Smargiassi, Interim Executive Director
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The Executive Director is responsible for implementing MWRA programs, policies, and procedures under the direction of the Board, overseeing five divisions that carry out the authority's mission. Prior to his appointment as the interim Executive Director, Mr. Estes-Smargiassi served as Director of Planning and Sustainability. Over the last 37 years, he has led or participated in all MWRA master planning, and water quality and supply planning initiatives, including outreach and coordination with local and state health and environmental officials. He oversaw MWRA's collaborative efforts to understand and communicate the risks of lead in drinking water since 1993, and has been active in national efforts to review and revise the Lead and Copper Rule, including EPA's most recent National Drinking Water Advisory Council work group. He managed the MWRA's successful demand management programs, reducing water demand by over 140 million gallons per day. He coordinated drinking water quality and health outcome research to understand and evaluate MWRA's completed switch to ozone disinfection, and continues to evaluate key public health, water quality and treatment research. He has been active in research on water resource issues and climate change for over 30 years, and has worked with the EPA, Army Corps, Congress, National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) and the Water Research Foundation on this topic.

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The Chief Operating Officer is responsible for all waterworks and sewerage operations and service delivery; planning, design, construction and start-up of capital construction projects; leadership within the operating areas to achieve cost effectiveness; and support for MWRA's objectives of financial and program accountability. Prior to her appointment as Chief Operating Officer, Ms. Murtagh was responsible for MWRA's Metropolitan Water Tunnel Program, which included the planning, design and construction of two new deep rock tunnels to provide redundancy to the existing City Tunnel, City Tunnel Extension and Dorchester Tunnel to ensure reliable water service. She has more than 35 years of civil engineering experience overseeing a broad range of projects. Ms. Murtagh previously served as a Vice President at CDM Smith. Earlier in her career she was a Geotechnical Engineer at Haley and Aldrich, Inc. Ms. Murtagh has extensive water, wastewater, civil, underground and tunneling experience, having worked on a wide range of projects of varying sizes and delivery methods.

PROGRAM MODERATOR

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Michael Walsh is Senior Vice President with CDM Smith, a global engineering and construction firm headquartered in Boston. Mike is an environmental engineer with over 30 years of experience in technical, project management, client service, and organizational management roles, including the management of large, highly complex projects both locally and overseas. In his current role, Mike provides technical and managerial oversight for drinking water, water reclamation, energy recovery, and environmental projects throughout New England.

Mike is a Registered Professional Engineer (P.E.) in multiple states, a Chartered Engineer (CEng.) in the United Kingdom, a Board Certified Environmental Engineer of the American Academy of Environmental Engineers, and an Envision Sustainability Professional (ENV SP) as designated by the Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure.

He holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Merrimack College and a Master of Science in Environmental Engineering from Northeastern University.