

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

August 22, 2012

1. **City-State Groundwater Working Group** – The Working group met in July. Information from individual agencies is below.
2. **Chief of Energy and Environment** – Jim Hunt left City government after over seven years as the first chief of Energy and Environment. His efforts were instrumental in much of what we have accomplished. We wish him well and look forward to working with his successor, Brian Swett, who started earlier this month. Brian asked me to meet with him in his first week with the City and will be sitting down with Gary Saunders, Tim Mitchell, and me again next week.
3. **MBTA** – The T has completed its test during which the recharge water was turned off in the area of the South End near Back Bay Station; water was turned back on yesterday. The T and its consultants continue to work on the study of the causes and potential solutions to low groundwater levels in this area; they expect to have a report for the January meeting of the Working Group with a public meeting to follow.
4. **BWSC** – BWSC has discovered some additional leaks in cross connections to the recently lined drain line in Richmond Street that may be preventing groundwater levels from rising in that section of the North End; repairs are planned soon. The lining of sections of the drain line in Dartmouth Street in the Back Bay was completed last week; we have data loggers in all of the nearby wells and will be looking carefully to see if levels start to increase. Repairs to the drain line in Blagdon Street are scheduled to begin in September.
5. **GCOD** – Compliance with GCOD continues to be excellent, thanks to the efforts of ISD, BWSC, the BRA, and the Board of Appeals. There have now been 165 recharge systems installed and inspected to meet GCOD standards. We continue to work with project proponents to help them develop the most cost effective ways to meet GCOD requirements.
6. **Website** – Traffic to our website remains solid, and I continue to get compliments on the information on the site. We have posted our FY2012 annual report to the site.
7. **Meetings** – In addition to my meeting with Brian Swett and his chief of staff, Jake Glickel, I attended a scoping session on a new dormitory project at Wentworth Institute.
8. **Comment Letters** – I filed a comment letter on the Wentworth project. As always, it is posted on our website.