

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
September 20, 2012

1. **City-State Groundwater Working Group** – The working group will meet again in October.
2. **Financing** – We have received our City funds for FY2013. Thanks to the Environment Department and, especially, to Annie Lee for keeping this on track.
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; with the injection wells once again operating, groundwater levels have returned to where they were before the test. 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. **Dartmouth Street** – Relining of the sewer on Dartmouth Street that is a likely cause of low groundwater levels there is mostly complete. However, the two sections remaining to be done, with work now scheduled to begin today, are closest to our observation well that is consistently the lowest reading in that area. Unfortunately, the work done to date has not yet led to any improvement.
5. **North End** – Groundwater levels near the corner of Commercial and Richmond Streets remain depressed in spite of the repair work undertaken earlier by BWSC. They remain committed to investigating potential additional sources of drawdown in the area.
6. **Blagden Street** – Sewer repairs scheduled for this month have slipped somewhat. We are still hopeful that they will be completed this fall.
7. **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.
8. **Website** – Traffic to our website remains solid, and I continue to get compliments on the information on the site.
9. **Meetings** – Tim, Gary, and I met with Brian Swett, the City's new Chief of Energy and Environment, to continue to bring him up-to-date on our work. Brian will become one of the Mayor's ex-officio appointments to the Trust Board. I also attended a scoping session for the project at 275 Albany Street, and Christian and I met with MaryLee Halpin, the new executive director of the Beacon Hill Civic Association.
10. **Comment Letters** – I filed comments on projects at 1085 and 1275 Boylston Street and 275 Albany Street. As always, they are posted on our website.