

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
January 19, 2012

1. **City-State Groundwater Working Group** – The Working Group will meet again in January.
2. **MBTA** – Jim Lambrechts of our Technical Advisory Committee, Christian, and I met with the T's consultants to review their progress on studies that are to lead to a long term plan for addressing low groundwater levels in the South End near Back Bay Station. They have developed a lot of information about the likely causes of low groundwater levels and are hoping to add a few more pieces before developing plans to address the problem.
3. **BWSC** – BWSC has discontinued recharge on Dartmouth Street because of the advent of freezing weather. The repair project is out for bid, with the work anticipated to take place this spring.
4. **MassDOT** – Rick McCullough of MassDOT personally inspected a long section of the drain pipe from the Prudential tunnel along with one of the MBTA's consultants. They discovered three significant leaks in the pipe and MassDOT has committed to a rapid repair. It is very possible that these leaks influenced the low groundwater levels in sections of Bay Village near the Turnpike.
5. **GCOD** – Compliance with GCOD continues to be excellent, thanks to the efforts of ISD, BWSC, the BRA, and the Board of Appeals. At least 148 recharge systems are in, have been inspected by BWSC, and are operating.
6. **Website** – The new interactive map went live on Jan. 13. We have received several compliments on the improved presentation. Christian has already had occasion to use the version for smartphones while taking well readings.
7. **Meetings** – Christian and I met with consultants for projects at the New England Conservatory and at the main YMCA on Huntington Avenue. We also attended a scoping session on the New England Conservatory.