

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
October 19, 2010

1. **City-State Groundwater Working Group** – The Working Group will meet again on October 28.
2. **City Funding** – We have received our Fiscal Year 2011 funding from the City. The Trust was level funded from FY2010, allowing us to continue with all of our work.
3. **Well Installation** – We have received reimbursement from the contractor for a well at Decatur and Border Streets that was damaged during construction there. We will replace the well during the next construction season.
4. **MBTA** – The MBTA continues to go forward with plans for the long term solution for low groundwater issues in the South End in the vicinity of Back Bay Station. They received letters of interest from six engineering firms for the tunnel rehabilitation project that includes the groundwater related work on July 14. Construction work on the Copley Station project, for which dewatering ended several months ago, is expected to be completed this month.
5. **BWSC** – BWSC has completed repairs on the sewer on Richmond Street in the North End. They have also completed work on repair of a combined sewer overflow on Dartmouth Street between Back and Beacon Streets in Back Bay. Unfortunately, groundwater levels near these projects have yet to any significant increase. In the South End/Newmarket area, we continue to participate in meetings about the potential cause(s) of an increase in groundwater levels that has led to building flooding, particularly at times of astronomical high tides; BWSC will be repairing a tide gate in the area that may be a cause of the problem.
6. **MWRA** – MWRA has substantially completed their major sewer project in East Boston, including the siphon that goes under the Blue Line near Porter Street. Although they remain quite low, we have seen significant increases in groundwater levels in many of the wells near Porter St and Visconti Road.
7. **DCR** – The groundwater levels at the observation wells along Back Street that had dropped when DCR needed to turn off the recharge have largely recovered.
8. **GCOD** – Compliance with GCOD remains excellent. We are continuing to see an increase in projects coming before the Board of Appeals and are now seeing some larger projects moving forward to ward GCOD approvals, hopefully signifying an improving economy.
9. **Research Project** – The Tufts researchers are finalizing their report from our funded research project on recharge related changes in groundwater levels. Professor Vogel expects to present his findings to the trustees at the January meeting.
10. **Website** – Traffic to the website has continued strong. There have been many hits on our relatively new recharge tab. We continue to receive positive comments on the site.
11. **Meetings** – I attended a scoping session on the revised Kensington project in the Theater District/Chinatown area. I also met with consultants from the 100 Arlington Street project on the edge of Bay Village (the former Renaissance Charter School) to discuss their planned recharge system and other groundwater related issues.
12. **Comment Letters** - I filed comments on the Institutional Master Plan for Wentworth Institute of Technology. As always, they are posted on our website.