



**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION
100 CAMBRIDGE STREET, BOSTON MA 02114**

**Schedule for Preparation of Water Needs Forecasts
for Public Water Suppliers with Water Management Act Permits**

Public water suppliers and communities who plan to either renew existing Water Management Act (WMA) permits or submit new permit applications to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) must include a 20-year forecast of water needs with their permit applications. Public water suppliers and communities should obtain such forecasts from the Water Resources Commission. Staff in the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), Office of Water Resources, prepare these forecasts in accordance with the *Policy for Developing Water Needs Forecasts for Public Water Suppliers and Communities and Methodology for Implementation* (May 1, 2009), available at the web site of the Water Resources Commission.¹

Forecasts are being developed in coordination with MassDEP's WMA permit renewal schedule and deadlines. DCR is developing forecasts for public water supply systems (PWS) in the **Boston Harbor Basin** (Mystic, Neponset, Weymouth and Weir Rivers) and the **Taunton River Basin**. The existing WMA permits for these systems expire on **February 28, 2010**. The target date for DCR to provide final projections to PWSs is **October 9, 2009**. The window for a PWS to submit its permit renewal application is **November 1 – 30, 2009**.

INFORMATION THAT MAY BE USEFUL IN DEVELOPING FORECASTS SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO DCR NO LATER THAN **SEPTEMBER 10, 2009**.

An informational meeting will be held to review DCR's process for developing a water needs forecast and MassDEP's process for applying for or renewing a WMA withdrawal permit:

- Date: **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**
- Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Location: Borderland State Park, North Easton, MA
- Telephone: (508) 238-6566 (for park directions)
- Directions: <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/borderland/>

For details on individual forecasts or the informational meeting, please contact:

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¹ . From www.mass.gov, follow links to Government Links, State Government, Alphabetical List, All Branches, Water Resources Commission, Water Policies and Guidelines.



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DCR is currently developing forecasts for the following public water supply systems:

Boston Harbor Basin:	Taunton River Basin
Aquarion Water Co. (Hingham and Hull)	Acushnet Water System
Canton Water Dept.	Attleboro Water Dept.
Dedham Westwood Water District	Avon Water Dept.
Foxborough Water Dept.	Bridgewater Water Dept.
Norwell Water Dept.	Brockton DPW Water Div.
Sharon Water Dept.	E. Bridgewater Water Dept.
Stoughton DPW Water Div.	Easton Water Dept.
Walpole Water Dept.	Foxborough Water Dept.
Weymouth Dept. of Public Works	Halifax Water Dept
	Hanson Water Dept.
	Mansfield Water Dept.
	Middleborough Water Supply
	New Bedford Water Dept.
	No. Raynham Water District
	Norton Water Dept.
	Plainville Water Dept.
	Raynham Center Water Dist.
	Sharon Water Dept.
	Somerset Water Dept.
	Stoughton DPW Water Div.
	Taunton Water Dept.
	W. Bridgewater Water Dept.
	Whitman Water System