



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AND OFFICERS**

Officers

Philip D. Guerin
President and Chairman
Director, Water, Sewer, &
Environmental Systems,
Worcester Department of
Public Works & Parks

Vonnie M. Reis, P.E.
*Executive Vice President and
Vice Chair*
Director of Capital Projects,
Town of Framingham

Cheri Cousens, P.E.
Treasurer
Executive Director, Greater
Lawrence Sanitary District

Robert E. Ward, P.E.
Secretary
Deputy Director, City of
Haverhill Department of Public
Works

Directors

Thomas M. Holder
Director, Department of Public
Services, Town of Medway

Jane Madden, P.E., BCEE
Senior Vice President,
CDM Smith

David Michelsen, P.E.
District Engineer,
South Essex Sewerage District

Robert L. Moylan, Jr., P.E.
Former Commissioner,
Worcester Department of
Public Works & Parks,
Representing City of Worcester

Kent Nichols, P.E.
Vice President,
Weston & Sampson

Karla Sangrey, P.E.
Engineer-Director and
Treasurer, Upper Blackstone
Water Pollution Abatement
District

Joshua Schimmel
Executive Director, Springfield
Water and Sewer Commission

Dear Colleague:

Please join us in changing the landscape of the Massachusetts water resources regulatory and policy making environment!

Do questionable science, escalating costs with diminishing returns, increasingly stringent mandates, aging and failing systems, and little or no federal and state financial assistance concern you? If so, please join the Massachusetts Coalition for Water Resources Stewardship – the voice for municipalities.

The Coalition advocates for sound and sensible solutions that protect the environment and public health without bankrupting communities. We monitor and respond to policy and regulatory proposals and actions that affect our members – proposals that entail added costs for communities. We call for greater accountability from regulatory agencies and other stakeholders.

The Coalition is an award-winning leader in the Commonwealth committed to making federal and state water resources policies and regulations more holistic and environmentally and fiscally sustainable. Our technical and legal experts help the Coalition navigate the ever-changing regulatory process and effect change. Since the Coalition's founding in 2009, we have become a recognized opinion leader, representing the interests of communities throughout the Commonwealth. Organizations such as the Massachusetts Municipal Association, the Center for Regulatory Reasonableness (Washington, D.C.), and the Massachusetts Mayors Association turn to us for guidance and support on key water resources issues.

The Coalition's annual Symposium attracts over 100 people from New England to learn from national experts and regional leaders about trends in water resources management. Board members represent Coalition members' interests on state commissions and committees, such as the Legislature's Water Infrastructure Finance Commission, and EOEEA's Sustainable Water Management Initiative. Former Governor Deval Patrick recognized the Coalition's leadership status when he signed Chapter 259, An Act Improving Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure. The law designated the Coalition as a member of the Water Infrastructure Advisory Committee, which was established to monitor the progress of closing the gap in funding for water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure.

We submit numerous comment letters and other correspondences on behalf of our members, including a comment letter in 2015 on EPA's Draft MA Small MS4 General Permit. We provide members with information and resources to assist them in also responding to critical regulatory and policy issues. Out of state organizations also seek MCWRS assistance to gain support on issues affecting specific communities, which may eventually have statewide implications. Visit our website at www.mcwrs.org to learn more.

This year, we continue to identify ways to reduce the burden of water quality permitting while protecting the environment and public health. We will track regulatory and policy issues to determine appropriate strategic responses. We keep our members informed with social media and e-mails. We will keep collaborating with like-minded organizations to advocate for changes that make the regulatory process more responsible.

The Coalition has accomplished a great deal, but there is much more to do. With your help, we can create the change that is necessary. We believe that speaking with one voice can make a difference and we hope you will join us. A membership form and information is enclosed for your convenience.

Sincerely,

Philip D. Guerin, President



Membership Information

The Coalition's membership term is July 1 – June 30. Please complete the attached membership application and submit it to Kate Barrett of Regina Villa Associates at kbarrett@mcwrs.org or by US Mail c/o Regina Villa Associates, 51 Franklin Street, Suite 400, Boston, MA 02110. We will notify you upon approval of your application by the Coalition's Board of Directors. For your information, the table below outlines the dues categories and amounts. Dues for public agencies and affiliates are calculated based on population. Municipality dues are based on total population of the community. Regional district/authority dues are based on population served. Dues for other member categories are a flat rate.

Membership Categories:

- **Public Agency** – members who treat and convey wastewater, drinking water, and/or stormwater (if more than one municipal utility within a community provides these services, all may join under one membership in this category), or municipalities served by a regional authority for drinking water, wastewater, or stormwater treatment, where the regional authority is not a member.
- **Public Affiliate** – members who are (1) utilities that only convey wastewater, drinking water, and/or stormwater or (2) municipalities. An example of a Public Affiliate is a community that is served by a larger regional authority to provide one or more services – drinking water, wastewater, or stormwater treatment – that could join in this category, *if the principal authority is a Public Agency member. If the principal authority is not a member, the municipality may join as a full Public Agency member.*
- **Consultant and Legal** – corporations, limited liability partnerships, and similar organizations supporting the Coalition's mission, goals, and objectives.
- **Sustaining Business** – entities whose core business is outside of the water and wastewater industry and who support the Coalition's mission, goals, and objectives.
- **Supporting** – professional associations, regional planning organizations, educational institutions, and other groups that support the Coalition's mission, goals, and objectives.
- **Individual** – students pursuing or exploring a career in water resources or retirees who worked in the water resources management profession and who support the Coalition's mission, goals, and objectives.

Membership Term July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017

Population	Public Agency Dues	Public Affiliate Dues
> 1,000,000 - 3,000,000	\$12,500	\$6,250
> 500,000 - 1,000,000	\$10,000	\$5,000
> 200,000 - 500,000	\$7,500	\$3,750
> 100,000 - 200,000	\$5,000	\$2,500
> 50,000 - 100,000	\$2,500	\$1,250
10,000 - 50,000	\$1,500	\$750
< 10,000	\$500	\$250
Consultant and Legal	\$3,750	
Sustaining Business	\$500	
Supporting	\$250	
Individual	\$50	

First time public agency and public affiliate members may receive a discounted rate of \$500 for their first year.



Benefits:

Every member receives the benefit of being part of a growing movement to make water resource policies and regulations responsible and sustainable.

- Public Agency, Public Affiliate, Consultant, and Legal members are entitled to:
 - access to educational materials and opinion leaders;
 - strategies in support for your community's regulatory concerns;
 - receive the Coalition's email updates, reports, and other materials;
 - be members of standing committees;
 - access to the Members Only area of the website; and
 - vote on matters before the membership.
- Sustaining Business, Supporting, and Individual members are entitled to receive the Coalition's email updates and other public documents.

* Dues are payable at the beginning of the membership term and are not refundable. First time members who join the Coalition after the first half of the membership term year will receive a pro-rated membership dues amount, calculated based on a semi-annual percentage of the membership term dues amount. The Coalition is approved as a 501(c)(4) non-profit organization.

Membership Application

Please send your completed application form to:

Massachusetts Coalition for Water Resources Stewardship
c/o Regina Villa Associates
51 Franklin Street, Suite 400
Boston, MA 02110

If your application has been approved by the Board of Directors, we will send you an invoice for the dues amount in the appropriate membership category.

Name of Organization or Individual: _____

Name of Organization's Representative to MCWRS: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____



MCWRS

Massachusetts Coalition for
Water Resources Stewardship

If more than one municipal utility within a community will be joining under a Public Agency membership, please provide the name and contact information requested below for the additional organizations.

Organization #2: _____

Contact Name: _____

Email: _____

Organization #3: _____

Contact Name: _____

Email: _____

Were you referred by a current MCWRS member? Yes ___ No ___

If so, please provide the person's name and affiliation.

Name: _____

Organization: _____

If you have questions, please contact Kate Barrett of Regina Villa Associates at 617-357-5772 ext. 12 or kbarrett@mcwrs.org.

* Dues are payable at the beginning of the membership term and are not refundable. First time members who join the Coalition after the first half of the membership term year will receive a pro-rated membership dues amount, calculated based on a semi-annual percentage of the membership term dues amount. The Coalition is approved as a 501(c)(4) non-profit organization.