

**WATER BUREAU  
SPECIAL MEETING**  
555 Main Street, Hartford  
Wednesday, September 27, 2023

**Present:** Commissioners Andrew Adil, Peter Gardow, Jean Holloway, Dominic Pane, Pasquale Salemi and Alvin Taylor (6)

**Remote**

**Attendance:** Commissioners Diane Lewis and Jacqueline Mandyck (2)

**Absent:** Commissioners Kyle Anderson, Clifford Avery Buell, Dimple Desai, Jon Petoskey, District Chairman William DiBella and Special Representative Michael Carrier (6)

**Also**

**Present:** Commissioner Richard Bush (Remote Attendance)  
Commissioner Joan Gentile (Remote Attendance)  
Commissioner Allen Hoffman  
Commissioner Bhupen Patel  
Scott W. Jellison, Chief Executive Officer  
Christopher Stone, District Counsel  
John S. Mirtle, District Clerk  
Christopher Levesque, Chief Operating Officer  
Kelly Shane, Chief Administrative Officer  
Robert Barron, Chief Financial Officer  
Susan Negrelli, Director of Engineering  
David Rutty, Director of Operations  
Robert Schwarm, Director of Information Services  
Tom Tyler, Director of Facilities  
Jessica Coelho, Project Manager  
Jason Waterbury, Manager of Engineering Services  
Michael Curley, Manager of Technical Services (Remote Attendance)  
Jeff King, Construction Manger  
Carrie Blardo, Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer  
Julie Price, Executive Assistant  
David Baker, IT Consultant (Remote Attendance)  
Joseph Szerejko, Independent Consumer Advocate (Remote Attendance)

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pane at 5:39 PM.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS**

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

***On a motion made by Commissioner Adil and duly seconded, the meeting minutes of August 30, 2023 were passed by unanimous vote of those present.***

**RAW WATER MASTER PLAN AND RATE STABILIZATION FUND**

To: Water Bureau for consideration on September 27, 2023

In 2017 the District began a master planning project for upgrading the District's raw water system, including its transmission mains and drinking water treatment facilities, and has developed estimated costs totaling up to \$647 million for the necessary system upgrades. Estimated costs for Phase 1 of the master plan (2023-2029) are \$47 million and Phase 2 (2030-2043) are \$264 million. There are further estimated costs for condition-dependent transmission upgrades ranging from \$0 to \$336 million. The master planning project and these estimated costs were presented to the Water Bureau at its June 13, 2023 & August 30, 2023 meetings.

It is **RECOMMENDED** that it be:

VOTED: That the Water Bureau approves passage of the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the master planning project for necessary upgrades to the District's raw water system, including transmission mains and drinking water treatment facilities, carries estimated costs totaling up to \$647 million.

FURTHER  
RESOLVED: In order to fund these significant estimated future expenses, it is prudent to establish a designated water rate stabilization fund by allocating a portion of revenues generated from the water rate to said fund, said portion to be determine annually through the budget process.

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RESOLVED: The Water Bureau recommends to the Board of Finance and District Board the creation of a water rate stabilization fund dedicated solely for funding, in part, raw water master plan upgrades, and that \$0.11 of the 2024 District water rate be allocated to said fund.

Respectfully submitted,



Scott W. Jellison  
Chief Executive Officer

***On motion made by Commissioner Mandyck and duly seconded, the report was received and resolution passed by unanimous vote of those present.***

***At 6:36 PM, Water Bureau Chairman Pane exited the meeting. Vice Chairman Adil assumed the chair.***

**POTENTIAL PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE IN NEW HARTFORD**

District Counsel Christopher Stone gave an overview of a potential land purchase in New Hartford. No action was taken at this time.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

**COMMISSIONER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Commissioner Taylor requested the intrastate connectivity of the water systems in the state of Connecticut and how the MDC gets compensated for interconnectivity as the future need arises for potential MDC water system connectivity be placed on a future agenda.

Commissioner Adil requested that electric vehicle charging stations at Reservoir 1 as well as the deterioration of New England forests and stewardship of MDC forests be placed on a future agenda.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM

ATTEST:

John S. Mirtle  
District Clerk

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Date of Approval