

**North Shore Water Resilience Task Force Meeting**  
**May 11, 2026** Virtual via Zoom  
**DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY**

Purpose

- Hear presentation from State Hydrologist on predicted impacts to water resources on the North Shore, due to climate change
- Hear presentation from the MWRA on their approach to drought management planning and drought response
- Engage in Q&A and discussion around these topics

Attendees [Please alert us to corrections/omissions]

*State and Congressional Legislators and staff:* Senator Bruce Tarr (chair); Representative Hannah Bowen; Representative Kristin Kassner; Representative Sally Kerans; Victoria Mori Daigle (Office of Sen. Tarr), Robert McCarthy (Office of Sen. Lovely); Chloe Mitchell (Office of Rep. Kerans); Alice O'Neill (Office of Sen. Crighton); Michael Searles (Office of Rep. Walsh); Laura Byman (Office of U.S. Senator Warren); Alex Uhl (Office of Congressman Seth Moulton)

*Task Force Members, Stakeholders, and Other Attendees (Task Force member official designees for the meeting are noted by showing the community or organization they represented):* Rachael Belisle-Toler (Ipswich); Emilie Cademartori; Jill Cahill (Danvers); Mayor Michael Cahill (Beverly); Zach Calderon (IRWA); Anne Carroll; Jay Carroll (Salem); Sharon Clement; Eileen Coleman (Burlington); Matthew Comeau (LWSC); Hillary Coolidge; Chuck Dam; Jim Engel; Ona Ferguson; Paul Goodwin (Middleton); Cyrus Foote; Dan Fox (North Andover); Daniel Heiter; Michael Kessman (Reading); Stephen King; Joe Lobao (Wilmington); Erik Mansfield (Wenham); Karen Martin (Andover); Lydia Olson; William Paulitz (Peabody); Jennifer Pederson; Brad Perron (SBWSB); Lisa Peterson; Peter Phippen; Ross Povenmire (Boxford); Giovanna Recinos; Anika Reynar; Becky Weidman; Andy Youngren (LCWD)

*Presenters:* MWRA: Cory Yarrington, Stephen Estes-Smargiassi, Colleen Rizzi  
DCR State Hydrologist: Viki Zoltay

*Facilitators:* Sara Cohen; Jason Duff; Martin Pillsbury; Leah Robins

Presentations

- Viki Zoltay, State Hydrologist, presented on climate predictions for Northeastern MA with an emphasis on predicted impacts to water resources, including streamflows and water supplies. Her slides are available for viewing here: [Climate Change North Shore – Viki Zoltay](#)
- Cory Yarrington and Stephen Estes-Smargiassi presented on the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority's (MWRA) approach to drought management planning. Their slides are available for viewing here: [MWRA Drought Response Plan and Impacts of Climate Change – Cory Yarrington](#)

*A recording of the session, including the Q&A and discussion, can be viewed here: [zoom recording of North Shore Water Resilience Task Force presentations, May 11, 2026](#)*