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To: Tri-Town Councils

Cc: BCWA Directors, Tri-Town State Senators and Representatives, and Key Staff

Subj: Monthly Report for February Town Council Meetings

- The Board approved a proposed rate hike of 6% to customers of the Water Authority. This was done after a public hearing in which the Executive Director detailed out the importance of the increase to help fund capital projects such as the Pawtucket pipeline project, replacement of old water lines, completion of the Hope Street Pump Station and on-going operations and maintenance. This presentation can be found on the BCWA website.
- The Town of Warren's Fire Department has proposed building a fire station adjacent to BCWA administrative building. Within this proposal, they have inquired with the Board about using land owned by BCWA. This land was originally taken by BCWA through eminent domain. The Town of Warren is looking to either acquire this parcel or to have an easement to use this land.
- The board and the board finance/claims committee approved reimbursement on a claim made by a Barrington customer for \$2,000.
- Replacement floor carpet on the first floor of the administrative building went out to bid with two vendors responding. The lowest vendor, with a bid price of \$54,800, was selected.
- An amendment was made related to the engineering work for the dam removal project of \$55,925.50. These costs are reimbursable through grants awarded to BCWA.
- Approval by the Board to purchase ten (10) additional hydrants for inventory given severe supply chain shortages and lead times for product delivery. Total amount was for \$29,000 (\$2,900 per unit).
- The Board conducted its annual performance evaluation of the Executive Director. Overall, the Board was very satisfied with the accomplishments made under the direction of Executive Director Stephen Coutu. The following goals for the coming year were discussed:
 - a. Continue pursuing connection to Pawtucket Water Supply, memorialize agreements with East Providence and Pawtucket.
 - b. Demolition of Water Treatment plant and/or re-purpose of the buildings
 - c. Removal of the Kickemuit River Dam including securing necessary permits and advancing project to construction phase
 - d. Finalize the meter replacement program and implement meter technology to improve customer service and billing.

