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Dear Collaborative Colleagues:

Finally some summer weather is headed our way.  
Have a great weekend

Summary from,

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1. Budget - "Green Budget" - Conference

NO NEWS FROM THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE YET  
WE WILL KEEP YOU POSTED

Both the House and Senate have appointed three members each to a budget conference committee that will be responsible for negotiating differences between the House and Senate versions of the budget and producing a final document.

The Senate appointed Ways and Means chief Sen. Steven Panagiotakos, vice-chair Sen. Steven Tolman, and ranking Republican Sen. Michael Knapik.

The House appointed Ways and Means Chairman Robert DeLeo, Vice-Chair, Rep. Marie St. Fleur and ranking Republican, Rep. Vinny deMacedo.

The new budget needs to be in place by July 1st so the conferees will work during June to resolve differences.

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2. Upcoming Hearings

The Natural Resources Committee is not meeting on Monday, June 18th but a host of air and water related bills will

be heard by the Committee the following week on Monday, June 25th.

Of most interest is the dam legislation sponsored by Senator Pacheco and similar legislation sponsored by Senator Spilka.

ELM will be testifying in favor of these bills, with one caveat. Senator Pacheco's bill includes language requiring that the DCR Commissioner identify opportunities at new and existing dams, in consultation with Dept. of Fish and Game and the Mass. Technology Collaborative, for hydropower projects.

We will be recommending that no new dams be erected for hydropower purposes, but rather that the state examine opportunities at existing dams, given that 3,000 dams already exist in the Commonwealth, e.g., the dam at Quabbin. Senator Pacheco's bill also requires that the state establish a \$20 million revolving loan fund for dam inspection, repair and removal; Senator Spilka's bill does not contain any funding.

We anticipate that a number of watershed groups will be testifying that day -- a good turnout will indicate that this bill is a priority for the environmental community.

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#### Air and Water Quality

SB488

To Protect Public Water Supply Lands - Senator Stephen M. Brewer (D)

SB490

Preserving an Equitable Allocation of Drinking Water Supplies for the Citizens of the Commonwealth - Senator Stephen M. Brewer (D)

SB492

To Amend the Water Supply Protection Program  
- Sen. Stephen M. Brewer (D)

SB502

To Protect Public Health and Air Quality by Reducing Harmful Diesel Emissions - Senator John A. Hart (D)

SB504

An Act Relative to the Employee Rights of Employees of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority  
- Sen. Jarrett T. Barrios (D)

SB505

To Establish a Lead Service Replacement Program  
- Sen. Robert A. Havern (D)

SB507

To Reimburse Cities and towns for Lead Service Replacement  
- Senator Robert A. Havern (D)

SB508

An Act Relative to Drinking Water Revolving Fund Equity  
- Senator Robert L. Hedlund (R)

SB513

Regulating Brush Burning Season - Senator Brian A. Joyce (D)

SB518

Transferring the Responsibilities for Dam Safety to  
Department of Public Safety - Senator Richard T. Moore (D)

SB532

To Protect Southeastern Massachusetts Water Supply  
- Sen. Marc R. Pacheco (D)

SB533

An Act Relative to the Repair, Removal and Replacement  
of Dams - Senator Marc R. Pacheco (D)

SB543

Establishing a Water Infrastructure Finance Commission  
- Senator Pamela P. Resor (D)

SB546

An Act Relative to the Repair, Removal and Replacement of Dams  
- Senator Karen Spilka (D)

SB553

An Act to Establish a Water Resources Conservation Act  
and Efficiency Program - Senator Bruce E. Tarr (R)

SB557

Reducing Diesel Emissions from Nonroad Construction Vehicles  
- Senator Steven A. Tolman (D)

SB1901

An Act Relative to Sustainable Building in State  
Construction Projects - Senator Pamela P. Resor (D)

HB732

An Act to Protect Public Health and Air Quality by  
Reducing Harmful Diesel Emissions -  
Representative Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera (D)

HB765

An Act Relative to the Protection of Private Wells  
- Representative Geoffrey D. Hall (D)

HB811

An Act Providing for the Protection of Public Water Supply.  
- Representative James R. Miceli (D)

HB855

An Act to Establish the Water Infrastructure Finance  
Commission - Representative Jeffrey Sanchez (D)

HB898

An Act Reducing Diesel Emissions from Non Road Construction Vehicles.  
- Representative Alice K. Wolf (D)

If you would like any more information about any of  
these bills, please contact Nancy Goodman

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3. Tom Philbin to go to Massachusetts Municipal Association to Director of Outreach and Advocacy and working on policy issues regarding the environment. ELM congratulates Tom for all his great work as Director of the Conservation and Recreation Campaign.

Environment Massachusetts is taking over the Campaign. Frank Gorke the Director of Environment Massachusetts will also become the new Director of the Conservation and Recreation Campaign.

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4. Jen Baker to go to EOEEA as Legislative Director.

After a number of years working for MASSPIRG and its spin-off Environment Massachusetts, Jen Baker will start work on June 25th, as the new Legislative Director at the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. ELM congratulates Jen and looks forward to working with her.

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5. Job Announcement - Staff Ecologist - The Coalition for Buzzards Bay

#### Background

The Coalition for Buzzards Bay is a private, non profit membership organization dedicated to the protection, restoration, and sustainable use of Buzzards Bay and its watershed. Founded in 1987, the organization pursues its mission through education, conservation, research and advocacy. Specific programs include: a bay-wide Water Quality Monitoring Program which utilizes volunteers to sample water quality along the bay coastline from Westport to Woods Hole; a Bay Lands Center supporting the conservation of important watershed open space; education programs for all ages; and a BayKeeper advocacy program to support the cleanup and protection of Buzzards Bay. The Coalition is managed by an 18 member volunteer Board of Directors and maintains a full time staff of eleven at its offices on the Acushnet River Estuary in New Bedford.

#### Position Description

The Staff Ecologist is responsible for providing scientific support to the Coalition for Buzzards Bay's advocacy program. The full-time, associate level position reports directly to the Advocacy Director. Tasks include, but are not limited to:

- Review and summarize various technical and scientific data and reports for use in local, state, and federal clean water and smart growth advocacy initiatives.
- Monitor, review and comment on a variety of land development and wastewater/stormwater infrastructure projects and federal and state environmental permits.
- Research new technologies that support sustainable watershed development.
- Conduct field monitoring of stormwater and other

nonpoint sources to document pollution inputs to coastal waters, streams and wetlands.

- Develop funding proposals and prepare/deliver both written and verbal presentations to support advocacy initiatives.

#### Professional Qualifications

A Masters degree in environmental science, ecology, or engineering or equivalent professional experience strongly preferred. Proficiency with computers (ie. Microsoft Office Suite) and natural resource data management required. Knowledge of Buzzards Bay, southeastern Massachusetts, and coastal watershed issues preferred.

#### Personal Characteristics

Enthusiastic commitment to the mission of The Coalition for Buzzards Bay. Ability to digest complex technical reports into concise, easily understandable arguments and reports. Ability to work with environmental engineers, town officials, and business leaders in an effective and professional manner. Candidate must possess excellent communication skills, a talent for multi tasking, perform as a team player and take initiative.

#### Salary/Benefits

Competitive nonprofit salary plus benefits including employer contribution towards Health Insurance plan and access to organization's 401(k) retirement plan and supplemental benefits package.

#### To Apply

Interested applicants should respond with a letter and resume to: Korrin N. Petersen, Esq. Advocacy Director, The Coalition for Buzzards Bay, 620 Belleville Ave., New Bedford, Massachusetts 02745 or email at <mailto:Petersen@savebuzzardsbay.org>

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#### 6. "Patrick tries to kick-start energy tech industry"

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As Governor Deval L. Patrick looks at the small but growing cluster of innovative new energy technology companies in Massachusetts, right now looks like 1985 did for biotechnology or 1993 for the Internet and telecommunications.

Those were the years of the founding of the Massachusetts Biotechnology Council and the Massachusetts Telecommunications Council, the latter since renamed the Network Communications Council. And they heralded the onset of explosive growth for industries that spawned dozens of start-up companies, billions in investment, and tens of thousands of jobs in Massachusetts.

Concluding the time's now come for something like a state "clean energy council," Patrick yesterday brought to his State House office two dozen top executives at companies in solar and wind power, fuel cells, and gasoline-replacing ethanol. He urged them to move quickly to bring to fruition talk of a new trade association that would help

give the industry a stronger voice and lobbying power and better connect academics, investors, entrepreneurs, and state policy makers.

Several executives left hoping that a "clean energy stakeholders roundtable" meeting this Friday at Boston law firm Foley Hoag LLP will launch an association that confirms and supports Massachusetts as a major national player in energy technology.

"The way things are going, it might be standing room only," said Howard Berke, chief executive of Konarka Technologies Inc., a Lowell solar energy company, who met with the governor yesterday and is agreeing to help lead Friday's session also. "I think the governor is very genuine in his interest" in promoting the sector, Berke said.

Others helping organize the Friday gathering include chief executives Bruce Anderson of Wilson TurboPower Inc. of Woburn, maker of a high-efficiency heat-transfer system, and F. William Capp of Beacon Power Corp. of Wilmington and James D. Worden of Solectria Renewables LLC of Lawrence, which both make electric-power technologies.

State Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Ian A. Bowles said, "The governor is saying, 'I want this sector to be a big deal.'" Bowles estimates that energy efficiency, renewable energy, and clean-energy consulting account for over 14,000 jobs at 550 businesses statewide. But, Bowles said, "Here in Massachusetts, you don't have a particularly visible public voice for clean energy firms."

Other companies participating in yesterday's meeting included: from the solar power sector RWE Schott Solar Inc. of Billerica, Seahorse Power Co. of Needham, and Spire Corp. of Bedford; in fuel-cell and hydrogen power Acumentrics Corp. of Westwood, Lilliputian Systems Inc. of Wilmington, Nuvera Fuel Cells Inc. of Billerica, Second Wind Inc. of Somerville, and UPC Wind of Newton; companies that make ethanol and other fuels from plants including Celunol Corp., GreenFuel Technologies Corp., and Mascoma Corp., all of Cambridge, and World Energy Alternatives LLC of Chelsea and Bioenergy International LLC of Norwell; and several other energy-technology companies including American Superconductor Corp. of Westborough and Color Kinetics Corp. of Boston.

Though solar, wind, ethanol, "clean coal" and other companies may appear to have little in common, Bowles said four examples of state policies that could help all include:

Better financial incentives for utilities like NStar and National Grid to support customers' use of "distributed generation" installations like fuel cells, solar panels, wind turbines, and hydroelectric generators.

Stronger state and national regulation of carbon-dioxide emissions, protecting the environment, and promoting alternatives to coal, oil, and gas for electric generation.

Toughened state energy-efficiency standards for buildings and appliances and more required use of ethanol as fuel.

Mandating state government buy more "green power" for its buildings, such as plans Patrick cited yesterday for 12 installations of solar panels at state colleges, prisons, sewage plants, and other facilities.

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