

## State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations Office of the General Treasurer

Seth Magaziner General Treasurer

February 10, 2015

## VIA EMAIL ONLY

President Rhode Island Water Works Association 85 Branch Street Pawtucket, RI 02860

RE: Public Records Request

Dear Mr. 1

We write in response to your February 6, 2015 request for information pursuant to the Rhode Island Access to Public Records Act (APRA). Your specific request is noted below along with our corresponding response.

The RIWWA (Rhode Island Water Works Association) is requesting an accounting of Water Quality Protection surcharge funds from 2005 to the present. These funds are submitted to the General Treasurer by water suppliers after all billing cycles. Under 46-453-10 these funds are supposed to be in a general revenue receipt account known as the "Water Resources Operating Fund" and used for the administration and support of the Water Resources Board. We would request a list of total payments by supplier by year from 2005 to the present, and a detailed accounting of the distribution of these funds for the same time period. The distribution schedule should include the specific agencies and vendors that funds were disbursed and the purpose for which the funds were utilized.

Treasury is unable to provide responsive documents to your request as it does not maintain the requested information. It is recommended you submit your request to the Department of Administration. Information regarding requesting public records from the Department of Administration can be found at <a href="http://www.doa.state.ri.us/publicrecords/index.php">http://www.doa.state.ri.us/publicrecords/index.php</a>.

If you contend you have been denied access to public records, pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws §38-2-8, you may appeal this decision to Jeffrey M. Padwa, General Counsel for the Rhode Island General Treasurer's Office, 50 Service Avenue, 2nd Floor, Warwick, RI 02886. You may also

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file a complaint with the Department of the Attorney General, 150 South Main Street, Providence, RI 02903 or the Rhode Island Superior Court of the county where the records are maintained.

Additional information regarding the Access to Public Records Act may be found at <a href="http://www.riag.ri.gov/civil/opengovernment">http://www.riag.ri.gov/civil/opengovernment</a>.

Sincerely,

Amanda D. Lucas Public Records Officer