

**DISCLOSURE BY NON-ELECTED STATE EMPLOYEE OF FINANCIAL INTEREST
AND DETERMINATION BY APPOINTING AUTHORITY
AS REQUIRED BY G. L. c. 268A, § 6**

	STATE EMPLOYEE INFORMATION
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	My duties require me to participate in a particular matter, and I may not participate because of a financial interest that I am disclosing here. I request a determination from my appointing authority about how I should proceed.
	PARTICULAR MATTER
Particular matter E.g., a judicial or other proceeding, application, submission, request for a ruling or other determination, contract, claim, controversy, charge, accusation, arrest, decision, determination, or finding.	Please describe the particular matter. I am involved in an enforcement action that MassDEP is taking against the City of Fall River ("City") related to the City's alleged noncompliance with the state's Drinking Water Regulations. The actions required for the City to take to come into compliance with the applicable regulations will require the expenditure of funds by the City. The City is currently pursuing several sources of funding (SRF, grants, etc.), but it is possible the City may need to raise its water rates to generate sufficient revenue to fund compliance actions if the other sources of funding being sought are insufficient. My daughter, my mother-in-law, and my sister-in-law each own homes in the City of Fall River, and all are customers on the City's water system. Should the City raise its water rates in connection with the resolution of this enforcement action, my family members noted above consequently will receive higher water bills.
Your required participation in the particular matter: E.g., approval, disapproval, decision, recommendation, rendering advice, investigation, other.	Please describe the task you are required to perform with respect to the particular matter. As Chief Regional Counsel for the Southeast Region, I am handling the legal work associated with this enforcement action, including negotiating an Administrative Consent Order (ACO) with counsel for the City. If the parties fail to reach agreement and settle this matter via the execution of an ACO, then I would be involved in the drafting and issuance of unilateral enforcement documents (i.e., UAO, PAN) or the referral of this matter to the AGO or USEPA.
	FINANCIAL INTEREST IN THE PARTICULAR MATTER
Write an X by all that apply.	<input type="checkbox"/> I have a financial interest in the matter. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> My immediate family member has a financial interest in the matter. <input type="checkbox"/> My business partner has a financial interest in the matter. <input type="checkbox"/> I am an officer, director, trustee, partner or employee of a business organization, and the business organization has a financial interest in the matter. <input type="checkbox"/> I am negotiating or have made an arrangement concerning future employment with a person or organization, and the person or organization has a financial interest in the matter.
Financial interest in the matter	Please explain the financial interest and include a dollar amount if you know it.

	Unknown at this point. Ultimately the City may receive funding from grants, SRF, etc. that will avoid the need for the City to raise its water rates to fund the required compliance actions. If the City does raise its water rates, I believe the resulting increase in water bills to be paid by my immediate family members would be relatively insubstantial.
Employee signature:	/s/ <i>Shaun P. Walsh</i>
Date:	8/19/2022

DETERMINATION BY APPOINTING OFFICIAL

	APPOINTING AUTHORITY INFORMATION
Name of Appointing Authority:	Martin Suuberg
Title or Position:	Commissioner
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	DETERMINATION
Determination by appointing authority: Write an X by your selection.	<p>As appointing official, as required by G.L. c. 268A, § 6, I have reviewed the particular matter and the financial interest identified above by a state employee.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I am assigning the particular matter to another employee, or</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I am assuming responsibility for the particular matter, or</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I have determined that the financial interest is not so substantial as to be deemed likely to affect the integrity of the services which the Commonwealth may expect from the employee.</p>
Appointing Authority signature:	<i>Martin Suuberg</i>
Date:	8/30/22
Comment:	

Attach additional pages if necessary.

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