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Metro South Chamber urges greater use of reclamation facility

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The Metro South Chamber of Commerce board of directors recently passed a resolution urging the Honorable General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to adopt, at the earliest time possible, legislation fostering the expansion of regional water and wastewater reclamation within the greater Brockton area.

This resolution occurred just weeks after business and community leaders from Abington, Avon, Brockton, Easton, East Bridgewater and West Bridgewater participated in a tour at the recently renovated, Advanced Water Reclamation Facility (AWRF, formerly wastewater treatment plant) at 303 Oak Hill Dr. The tour was coordinated by the City of Brockton, Old Colony Planning Council and the Metro South Chamber of Commerce. Tour participants viewed the state of the art facility featuring more than \$87 million in recent renovations (since 2006) and ultraviolet-light cleaning technology. The tour raised the awareness of the AWRF's cleaning capacity and impressive track record of service to the community.

"This regional facility has been superbly outfitted with the very latest technology. It is a valuable asset that needs to be better utilized to serve the entire region for the benefit of all - businesses, residents and advocates for sustainability. The Chamber urges federal and state officials to clear the way to greater regional usage of this plant to remedy some of the most pressing and persistent needs within the area," said Christopher Cooney, president and CEO of the Metro South Chamber of Commerce.

The Metro South Chamber of Commerce is the region's oldest and leading economic development and business advocacy organization. The Chamber serves over 1,000 member businesses in the communities of Abington, Avon, Bridgewater, Brockton, Canton, East Bridgewater, Easton, Halifax, Hanover, Hanson, Holbrook, Norwell, Randolph, Rockland, Sharon, Stoughton, West Bridgewater, and Whitman.

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