#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

#### FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15 (d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report: May 25, 2011

<u>MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY</u> (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

NEW JERSEY (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 0-422 (Commission File Number) 22-1114430 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1500 RONSON ROAD, P.O. BOX 1500, ISELIN, NEW JERSEY 08830 (Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

> (<u>732</u>)-<u>634-1500</u> (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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[] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### Item. 5.07. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

Middlesex Water Company held its Annual Meeting of Shareholders on May 24, 2011. The following directors were re-elected to the board: John R. Middleton, M.D., Engaged in Private Practice, Infectious Diseases and formerly Chair of the Department of Medicine and former Chief Medical Officer of Raritan Bay Medical Center, and Jeffries Shein, Managing Partner, JGT Management Company, LLC. The following new directors were elected: James Cosgrove, Jr. P.E., Principal, Omni Environmental LLC and Amy Mansue, President and CEO of Children's Specialized Hospital. Each of these directors will serve a term of office of three years, except that Ms. Mansue will stand for reelection in May 2013 as a Class II Director whose term expires in 2013. The certified results of the matters voted upon at the meeting, which are more fully described in our Company's April 12, 2011 proxy statement, are as follows:

#### **Description of Matters Submitted**

<b>Proposal No. 1</b> Election of Directors	For	Withheld	Broker Non-Votes
James Cosgrove, Jr.	8,329,271	160,901	5,067,525
Amy B. Mansue	8,323,664	166,508	5,067,525
John Middleton, M.D.	8,014,116	476,056	5,067,505
Jeffries Shein	8,010,481	479,691	5,067,525

#### **Proposal No. 2**

Ratification of the appointment by the Audit Committee of Parente Beard LLC as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2011.

<u>For</u>	Withheld	<u>Abstain</u>
13,388,015	112,813	56,869

#### **Description of Matters Submitted**

#### **Proposal No. 3**

To approve a non-binding advisory resolution approving the compensation of the Company's named executive officers.

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<b>Broker Non-Votes</b>
7,498,277	660,907	330,988	5,067,525

#### **Description of Matters Submitted**

#### Proposal No. 4

To provide a non-binding advisory vote as to the frequency (every one, two or three years) of the non-binding shareholder vote to approve the compensation of the Company's named executives.

<u>One Year</u>	<b>Two Years</b>	<b>Three Years</b>	<u>Abstain</u>
6,490,786	77,25	1,525,854	396,276

The vote results indicate that a majority of the votes cast were cast in favor of conducting the advisory vote on executive compensation on an annual basis. In light of this vote, and consistent with the Company's recommendation as described in its 2011 proxy statement, the Company's Board of Directors has determined to implement an annual advisory vote on compensation for the named executive officers, until the next advisory vote on frequency is held (which must be conducted at least every 6 years).

#### Item 8.01 Other Events

On May 24, 2011, Middlesex Water Company held its 2011 Annual Meeting of Shareholders at its company headquarters in Iselin, New Jersey. Announcement of voting results at which shareholders elected a slate four directors and ratified the Audit Committee's appointment of Parente Beard LLC as the independent registered public accounting firm for 2011 as described above.

Management's presentation at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be available for viewing for viewing for 30 days at the company's website: <u>www.middlesexwater.com</u> on the Presentations/Interviews page of the Investor Relations section. The presentation is also filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is hereby incorporated by reference.

#### **News Release**

On May 25, 2011, the Company issued a press release describing the voting results of shareholders at the annual meeting, the election of directors, the ratification by shareholders of the appointment of Parente Beard LLC as the Company's independent auditors for the year ending December 31,2011. A copy of the Company's press release dated May 25, 2011 is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.2 and is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

99.1 Company officers' slide show presentation at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders May 24, 2011

99.2 Company press release dated May 25, 2011

#### SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf of the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

#### MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY (Registrant)

<u>s/Kenneth J. Quinn</u> Kenneth J. Quinn Vice President, General Counsel, Secretary and Treasurer

Dated: May 25, 2011

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### **Forward Looking Statement**

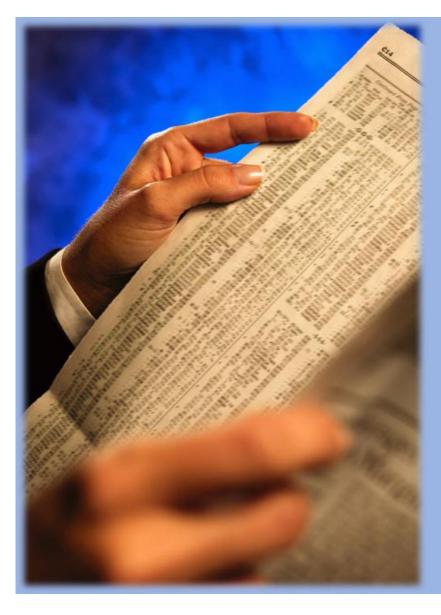
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Certain matters discussed in this presentation are forwardlooking statements intended to qualify for the "safe harbor" from liability established by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements can generally be identified as such because the context of the statement will include words such as the Company "believes," "anticipates," "expects" or words of similar import. Similarly,

statements that describe the Company's future plans, objectives, estimates or goals are also forward-looking statements that are subject to the risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in the statements.

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# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

## **Earnings Per Share**



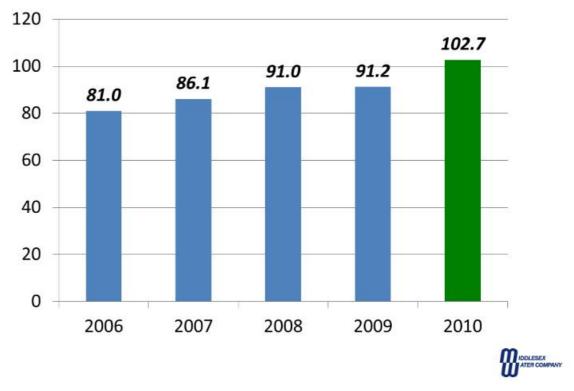


### **Revenue Growth**

(\$ Millions)

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### **Record Performance**

(Millions except per share amounts)

# Net income up 43.6%

43.0%	Year Ended December 31,	
	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
<b>Operating Revenues</b>	\$ 102.7	<b>\$ 91.2</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 76.1</b>	<b>\$ 71.0</b>
Net Income	<b>\$ 14.3</b>	\$10.0
<b>Diluted Earnings per Share</b>	\$ 0.96	<b>\$ 0.72</b>





### Factors Impacting 2010 Financial Performance

### **Timely and Adequate Rate Increases**

- Middlesex \$7.8 Million base rate increase Effective March 17, 2010
- Tidewater \$0.4 Million DSIC rate increase

#### **Customer Consumption**

- Customer Growth Delaware
- Economy
- Water Use Trends

### **Operating Costs**

- Weather, Hot Weather, Cold Weather







#### Performance

(Millions except per share amounts)

	First Quarter Ended March 31,	
	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
<b>Operating Revenues</b>	\$ 24.0	\$ 21.7
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 19.2</b>	\$ 18.4
Net Income	\$ 2.6	<b>\$ 1.6</b>
<b>Diluted Earnings per Share</b>	<b>\$ 0.17</b>	\$ 0.11



### Factors Impacting 2011 Financial Performance



#### **Timely and Adequate Rate Increases**

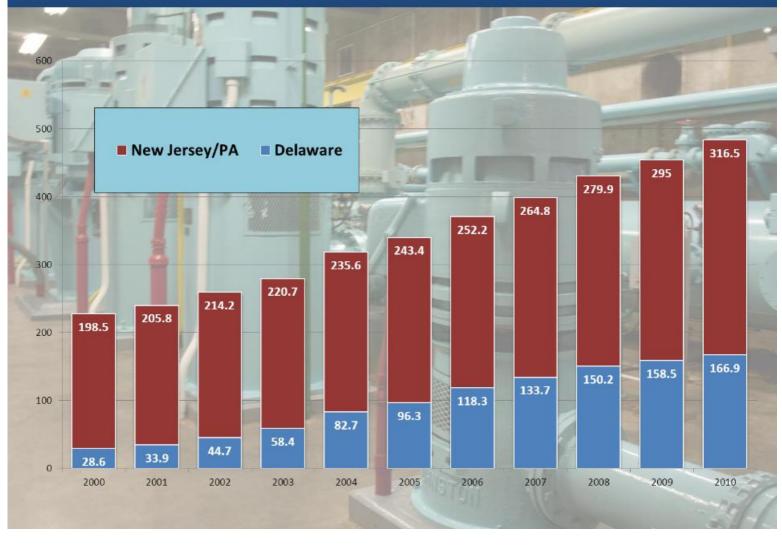
- Middlesex - 2010 Rate Increase

#### **Operating Costs**

- Labor and Benefits (Higher)
- Water Production (Lower)
- Uncollectible Accounts (Higher)



## Utility Plant (\$ Millions)



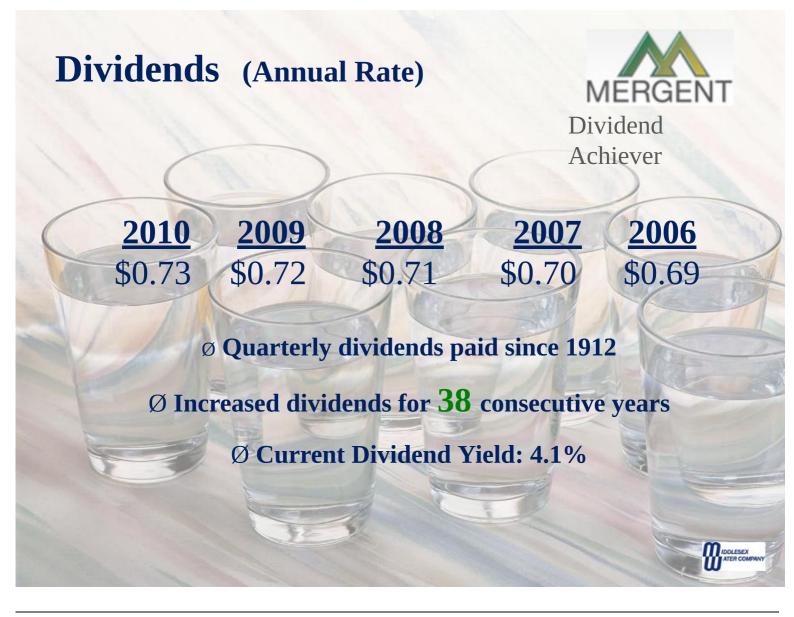
# 2011 Construction Program (\$ Millions)

	<u>2011</u>
Distribution System:	\$ 8.5
Technology:	\$ 2.3
<b>MWC RENEW Program:</b>	\$ 5.0
Plant Improvements:	\$ 5.2
Other Infrastructure Needs:	<u>\$ 1.9</u>
Total:	\$22.9
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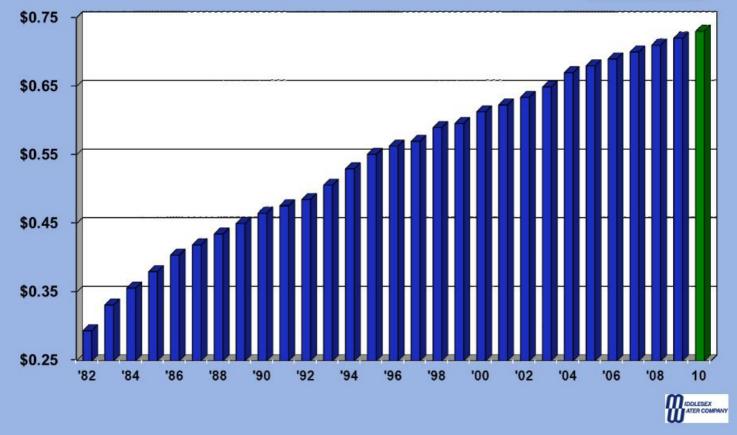
## 2011 Construction Funding (\$ Millions)

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	SRF Loans:	\$ 7.8
	Short Term loans	\$ 2.0
	Reinvestment Plan	\$ 1.4
	Customer Advances	\$ 1.7
	Net Cash Flows	<u>\$10.0</u>
	TOTAL FUNDING	\$22.9
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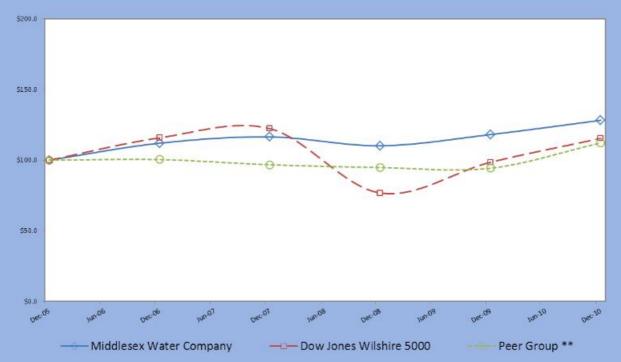
### **Dividends Paid**





#### **COMPARISON OF 5 YEAR CUMULATIVE TOTAL RETURN\***

Among Middlesex Water Company, The Dow Jones Wilshire 5000 Index and a Peer Group



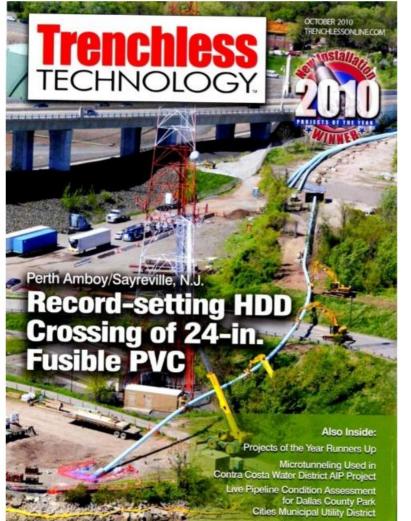
\*\$100 invested on 12/31/05 in stock or index-including reinvestment of dividends. \*\* Peer group includes American States Water Company, American Water Works, Inc., Aqua America Inc., Artesian Resources Corp., California Water Service Company, Connecticut Water Service, Inc., Pennichuck Corp., SJW Corp., York Water Company and Middlesex Water.











### **Marsh Main Project**

Water main replacement project Voted "Project of the Year" and set World Record for Longest known 24-inch Fusable PVC Pipe Installation using Horizontal Directional Drilling

#### **Special Focus:**

ü **Pioneering Design** 

- ü Strategic Planning
- ü Contingency Planning
- ü **Risk Management**
- ü Experienced Partners



#### **Project Lauded for its Technical Complexity and Teamwork**

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üASCE Civil Engineering Magazine üUtility & Transportation Contractors Assn.



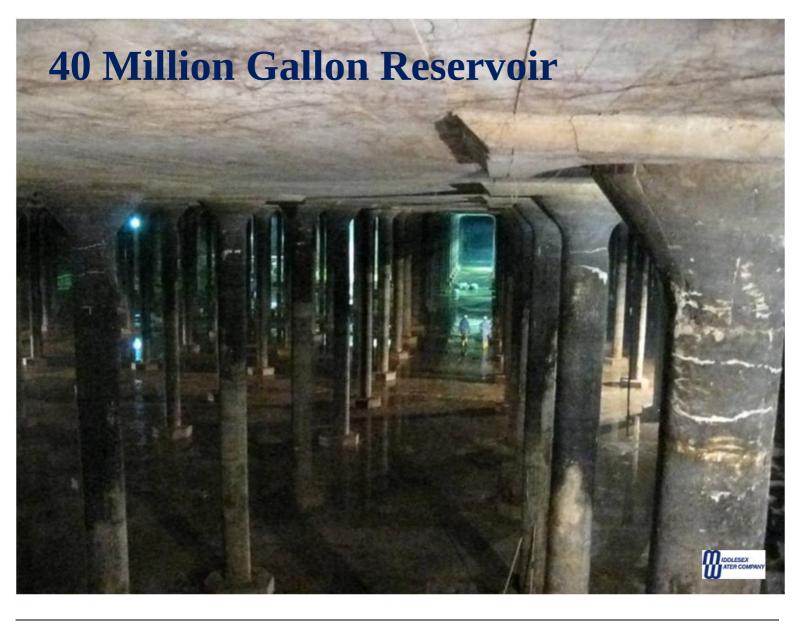
### **Perth Amboy 91-Year old Reservoir Rehabilitation**

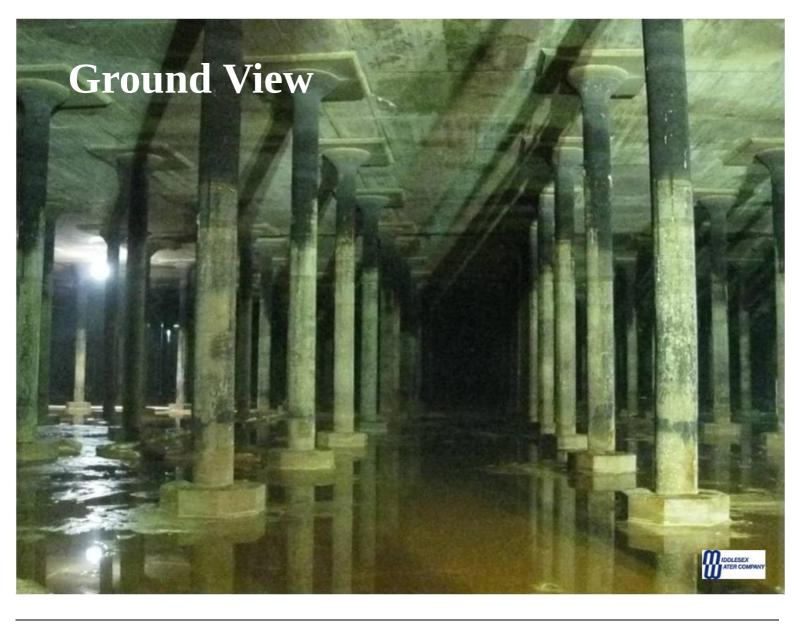
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## **RENEW 2011**

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(Cast iron water main cleaning and lining project)



# Aging Infrastructure: A NATIONAL ISSUE <u>RENEW...part of the solution!</u>

- Year 15 of a 25-Year Program
- \$4.0 million investment to replace water mains, valves and fire hydrants
- 17,500 feet of 6-, 8 and 10--inch main in the City of South Amboy, NJ
- **Project funding by New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust**







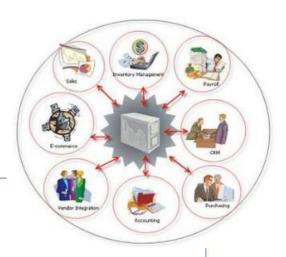
# Water Quality...Our customers depend on it!





MSEX recently received the 10-Year Directors Award

### Using Technology to Improve Business Processes - ERP



### **Benefits**

- Improved operating efficiencies
- Enhanced service to customers of all companies through a sustainable platform
- Development of new skill sets and opportunities for employees

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General Ledger

**Accounts Payable** 

Procurement

Human Resources

**Customer Care and Billing** 

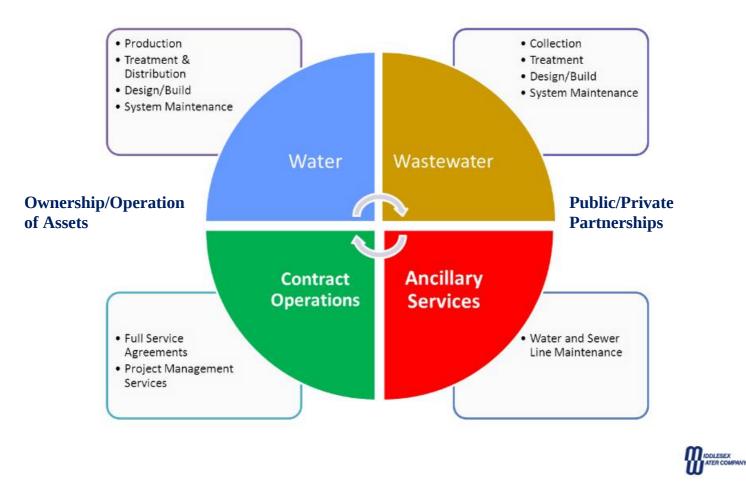
#### **IN PROGRESS**

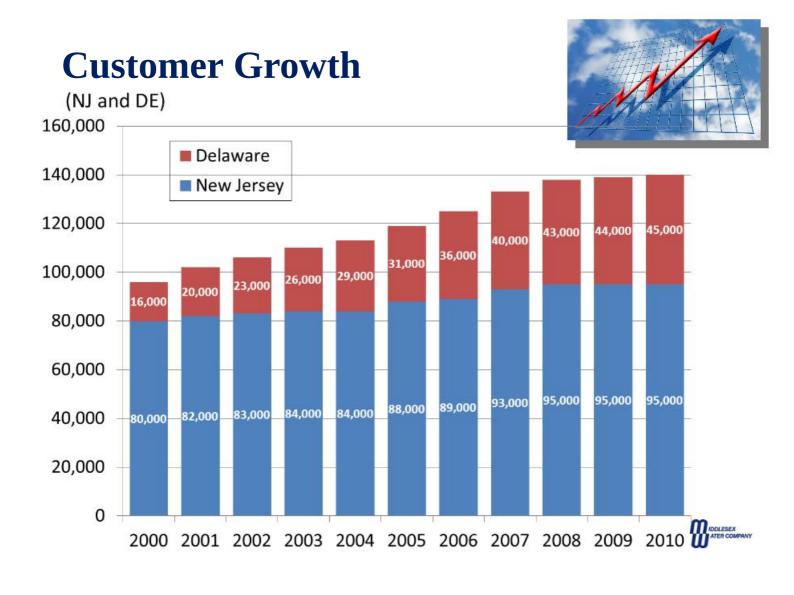
Work and Asset Management Mobile Workforce Management Time and Labor Management



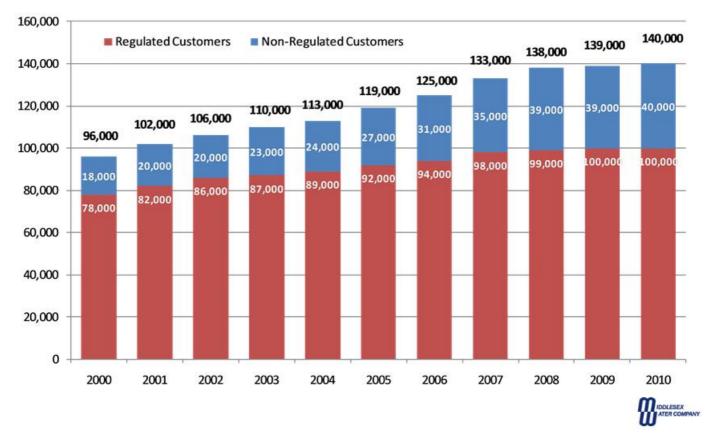


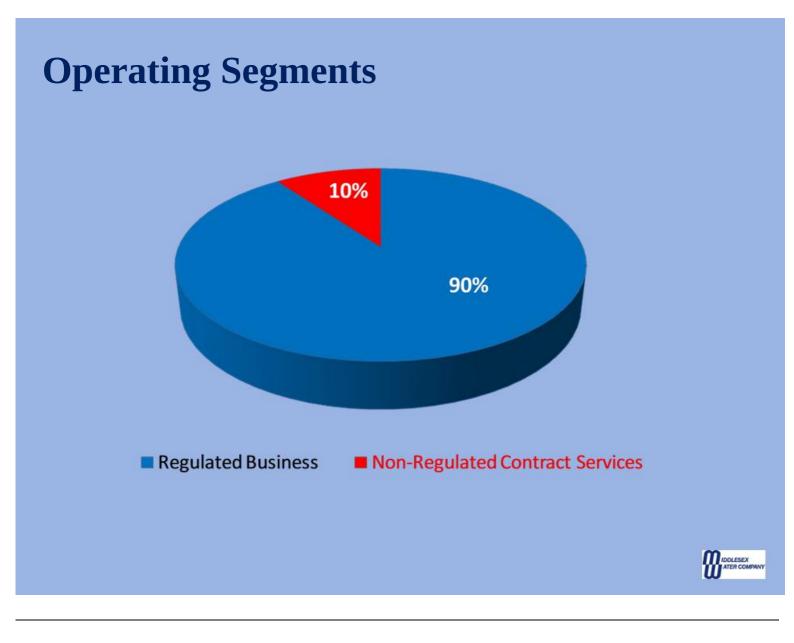
#### **Our Strength... One Enterprise Offering Many Solutions**





### **Regulated vs. Non-Regulated Customers**





### **CPCN Growth in Delaware**





### **Milton Plant Dedication**

DE Governor Jack Markell congratulates company officials upon touring Tidewater's upgraded Wastewater Treatment facility in the Town of Milton, DE.



## Wandendale







Informing the Public about the Benefits of Wandendale





### **Public Education**



### **Involved in our Local Communities**





# Promoting environmental awareness



Meeting with local fire professionals

Raising funds for local food banks

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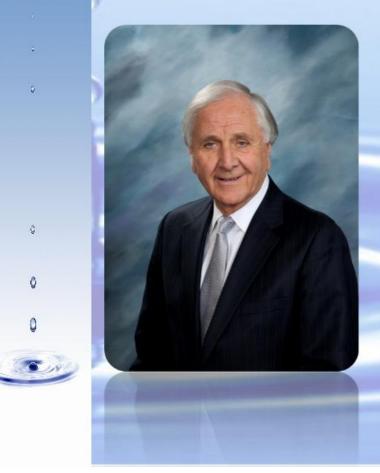
Receiving a Proclamation from the Mayor of Edison for National Drinking Water Week 2011

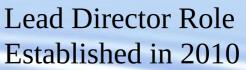
#### Honoring Winners of the Company's 2011 Student Contest



#### **Corporate Governance**







Jeffries Shein, 21- year Director Named to Fill that Role in 2010





#### **Board Changes**



**Annette Catino** President and CEO of QualCare Alliance Networks, Inc.



John P. Mulkerin Retired, Former President and CEO, First Sentinel Bancorp, Inc.







**James Cosgrove, Jr. P.E.** Principal, Omni Environmental LLC



**Amy B. Mansue** President and CEO of Children's Specialized Hospital





#### **Special Thanks to J. Richard Tompkins**



**J. Richard Tompkins** Former Chairman and President of Middlesex Water Company

Retiring after Three Decades of Service to the Company and to the Industry Chairman of the Board 1990-2010 President from 1981-2001



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#### **2011 Strategy for Shareholder Value**

- ü Seek organic customer growth and utility infrastructure growth
- ü Pursue acquisitions at reasonable prices
- ü Continue Regulated and Non-regulated business and contracts
- ü Consider complementary products and services
- ü **Prudently invest in regulated utility infrastructure that benefits our customers**

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- ü Recover costs through timely rate case filings
- ü Focus on geographic diversification

### What the Analysts Are Saying...

"Overall, we view Middlesex as a well run utility, offering investors multi -state exposure and associated growth opportunities outside its core operating utility."

(Janney Montgomery Scott LLC, May 9, 2011)

"At 4.0%, Middlesex boasts the highest dividend yield within the water utility group, which has an average yield of 3.3%." (Robert W. Baird & Co. Inc., May 9, 2011)

"The company remains focused on receiving timely recovery of capital investments through rate relief, growing its customer base, managing risk, controlling expenses and exploring growth opportunities. With first quarter results satisfying these requirements, MSEX posted a solid quarter and its business continues to hum." (Sturdivant & Co., May 11, 2011)

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## Why Middlesex Water?

v Stable with long-term growth potential

v Growing reputation for delivering sound, technical water and wastewater solutions

v Experienced management team and active industry leader

vHonest and ethical problem solver

vHistory of dividend growth







A Provider of Water, Wastewater and Related Products and Services



Thank you for your interest, confidence and support!

#### SHAREHOLDERS GATHER FOR MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY ANNUAL MEETING

ISELIN, NJ, (May 25, 2011) "We continue to distinguish ourselves in the marketplace and provide solutions for developers and municipalities by offering a broad scope of service offerings in the water, wastewater, contract operations and ancillary service areas," said Dennis W. Doll, Chairman, President and CEO, at the Company's Annual Meeting of Shareholders held Tuesday, May 24, 2011 at its corporate headquarters. Middlesex Water Company (NASDAQ:MSEX), is a provider of water and wastewater and related services, in New Jersey, Delaware and Pennsylvania.

Mr. Doll also outlined the company's strategy for shareholder value including prudent investment in regulated utility infrastructure, pursuit of acquisitions at reasonable prices, pursuit of profitable operating contracts, timely and adequate recovery through the regulated ratemaking process and geographic diversification.

A. Bruce O'Connor, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, reported on the Company's most recent financial performance and discussed the impact of the economy, customer growth and consumption trends in 2010 and the first quarter of 2011. Mr. O'Connor also discussed the capital expenditure and funding plans for 2011, Middlesex Water's dividend growth history, rate proceedings and other factors relevant to financial performance.

Richard M. Risoldi, Chief Operating Officer, described key operating highlights including the Company's record breaking marsh main project under the Raritan River in New Jersey, the rehabilitation of the reservoir serving the City of Perth Amboy, also in New Jersey, and various technology projects under way to improve operating efficiencies and overall service quality.

During the meeting, Mr. Doll also acknowledged the departure of former Middlesex Water Chairman, President and Board Member, J. Richard Tompkins from the Board. The Annual Meeting marked the end of Mr. Tompkins' three decades of service to Middlesex Water Company and the water industry. Management's presentation at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be available for viewing for 30 days at the company's website: <u>www.middlesexwater.com</u> on the Presentations/Interviews page of the Investor Relations section.

At the meeting, shareholders of the Company elected Directors James Cosgrove, Jr. P.E., Amy B. Mansue, John R. Middleton, M.D. and Jeffries Shein and ratified the Audit Committee's selection of Parente Beard LLC as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2011.

#### About Middlesex Water Company

Middlesex Water Company, organized in 1897, is an investor-owned water utility, serving customers in central and southern New Jersey and in the State of Delaware. The Company and its New Jersey subsidiaries – Pinelands Water Company and Pinelands Wastewater Company—are subject to the regulations of the Board of Public Utilities of the State of New Jersey. Middlesex Water operates the water and wastewater utilities for the City of Perth Amboy through its subsidiary, Utility Service Affiliates (Perth Amboy), Inc. Middlesex Water also provides contract operations services and a service line maintenance program through its non-regulated subsidiary, Utility Service Affiliates, Inc. The Company's regulated Delaware subsidiaries, Tidewater Utilities, Inc., together with Southern Shores Water Company, and Tidewater Environmental Services, Inc. (TESI) are subject to the regulations of the Public Service Commission in Delaware. TESI provides regulated wastewater utility services. White Marsh Environmental Systems, Inc. operates small water and wastewater systems under contract on a non-regulated basis in Delaware. Twin Lakes Utilities, Inc. provides water services to residents of Shohola, Pennsylvania and is subject to the regulations of the Pennsylvania Utility Commission. These companies are also subject to various Federal, State and regulatory agencies concerning water and wastewater effluent, quality standards.

For additional information regarding Middlesex Water Company, visit the Company's Web site at <u>www.middlesexwater.com</u> or call (732) 634-1500.

This release contains forward- looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, including, among others, our long-term strategy and expectations, the status of our acquisition program, the impact of our acquisitions, the impact of current and projected rate requests and the impact of our capital program on our environmental compliance. There are important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements including: general economic business conditions, unfavorable weather conditions, the success of certain cost containment initiatives, changes in regulations or regulatory treatment, availability and the cost of capital, the success of growth initiatives and other factors discussed in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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