

Kerr Lake Regional Water System (KLRWS) Interbasin Transfer Request from the Roanoke River Basin

Quarterly Update to NC Division of Water Resources

November 2009

The intent of this update is to inform the North Carolina Division of Water Resources (DWR) of recent and upcoming activities related to KLRWS Partners' (the City of Henderson, the City of Oxford and Warren County) interbasin transfer (IBT) request from the Roanoke River Basin to the Tar River, Fishing Creek, and Neuse River Basins. This update includes a running project milestone list and detailed updates on the most recent activities and planned activities in the upcoming quarter.

Milestones for Kerr Lake Regional Water System (KLRWS) Interbasin Transfer Process

- **Notice of Intent to begin the IBT Process (January 2, 2009)**
- **Briefing for the EMC Water Allocation Committee (January 9, 2009)**
- **Re-submittal of the Notice of Intent to begin the IBT Process (Week of February 9, 2009)**
- **Submittal of Public Notice to the NC Register (February 6, 2009, to be published March 2, 2009)**
- **Submittal of Scoping Document to the State Clearinghouse (February 20, 2009, to be published February 27, 2009)**
- **Public Notice (beginning February 20, 2009) and Public Meetings (April 1st, 2nd, 6th, 7th, and 8th, 2009) – A total of five public meetings were held.**
- **Comment compilation and EIS development (beginning May 2009) – Comments received on the scoping material and at the public meetings will be compiled and used as a starting point for the EIS. A summary of this information will be included in the EIS, when available for review.**
- **Hydrologic Modeling Planning Meeting (June 8, 2009) – Discussion with NC DWR with regards to the status of Roanoke River Basin OASIS model updates**

3rd Quarter 2009 Summary

- Authorization for Preliminary Draft EIS (PDEIS) development by KLRWS, creation of PDEIS outline

- Start of data collection for OASIS hydrologic model, discussions with NC DWR regarding available data and coordination with Virginia DEQ

4th Quarter 2009 Activities

- Continuation of PDEIS – Collection of Existing Conditions data for study area and development of outline for alternatives analysis process. This outline will be discussed with NC DWR.
- Development of updated Hydrologic Model for Roanoke River Basin – Intent is to analyze the impacts of the potential water withdrawal on the water levels in Kerr Lake and the Roanoke River system. Alternative scenarios will be discussed with NC DWR prior to running the model. Input from Virginia DEQ will strengthen the model validity. A presentation summarizing the modeling results will be prepared.

1st Quarter 2010 Activities

- Completion of PDEIS for review by NC DWR – Following completion of the hydrologic modeling for the Roanoke River Basin, the PDEIS analysis will be finalized. The PDEIS will be submitted first to KLRWS and NC DWR for review and comment prior to full agency review.
- Planning for the next phase of the project, including moving from a PDEIS to a Draft EIS for full agency review.