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State hosting Jan.7 public hearing in Apex on proposed change to water transfer certificate

RALEIGH – State officials are hosting a public hearing Jan. 7 at the request of Cary, Apex, Morrisville and Wake County to modify their existing interbasin transfer certificate.

The 6:30 p.m. hearing will be in the Apex Public Works Building, 105-B Upchurch St. The N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources is hosting the public hearing to gather comments on the proposed change to the interbasin transfer certificate.

The North Carolina Environmental Management Commission approved a certificate in 2001 allowing the utilities to transfer up to 24 million gallons of water per day from the Haw River basin to the Neuse River basin on a maximum daily basis. The area's population is projected to nearly double from 182,000 to 360,000 by 2060.

The requested modification would authorize the transfer of up to 33 million gallons of water per day from the Haw River basin to the Neuse River basin and the Cape Fear River basin. The requested transfer amount is based on an average day calculated during the maximum calendar month, instead of a maximum daily basis. This is due to changes in the interbasin transfer law since issuance of the original certificate.

This requested modification will comply with recent changes to the interbasin transfer law and meet water supply needs projected for a 30-year planning period through 2045. These changes are consistent with the towns' and county's long-range water resources plan developed in 2013 and the recently submitted Round 4 Jordan Lake allocation applications.

The requested interbasin transfer certificate modification is also consistent with the Jordan Lake Partnership's 2014 "Triangle Regional Water Supply Plan," which addresses water supply needs through 2060 and has been adopted by all 13 partners. The partners include: Apex, Cary, Hillsborough, Holly Springs, Morrisville, Pittsboro, Durham, Raleigh, Sanford, Chatham County, Orange County, Wake County and the Orange Water and Sewer Authority.

As part of the proposed modification request, the state required the towns and Wake County to produce an environmental assessment and make that document available to the public. The document is available online at: http://www.ncwater.org/files/ibt/CaryApex/FINAL_Cary-Apex_IBT-Mod_EA_12172014.pdf. The document can also be seen at the public hearing or during normal business hours at the Raleigh office of the N.C. Division of Water Resources, Archdale Building, 512 N. Salisbury St., Room 1106 B.

Interested parties are encouraged to attend the public hearing and/or provide relevant written and verbal comments. Staff members with the N.C. Division of Water Resources are requesting written copies of any oral comments. Based on the number of people who wish to speak, the length of oral presentations may be limited. If you are unable to attend, you may send written comments to Harold Brady at the N.C. Division of Water Resources, 1611 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, N.C. 27699-1611. Comments may also be submitted electronically to harold.m.brady@ncdenr.gov. Mailed and emailed comments will be given equal weight. All comments must be postmarked or emailed by Feb. 5.

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