



## N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources

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### Public meeting rescheduled for Roanoke River Basin

**RALEIGH** – An initial public meeting on state efforts to plan for future water use in the Roanoke River Basin, originally scheduled for Dec. 17, has been rescheduled for Jan. 26 in Reidsville.

The meeting will be from 9:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. in the Advanced Technologies Building of Rockingham Community College, 560 County Home Road in Reidsville.

The meeting will enable the N.C. Division of Water Resources to start gathering information about the water users in the Roanoke River Basin. The state agency is developing a water resources plan and a hydrologic model that can be used by planners, developers and county officials in the Roanoke River basin. The Roanoke River Basin spans parts of 19 counties on or near the Virginia border, including parts of Rockingham, Stokes and Caswell counties.

The state Division of Water Resources is responsible for developing a water resources plan for each of the state's major river basins. Each plan is based on 50-year water use projections and uses a detailed hydrologic model that tracks all surface water by quantifying withdrawals, the return of treated wastewater to the basin and the impact of reservoir operating rules.

The development of a hydrologic model for the Roanoke River Basin is a key component of the final Roanoke River Basin Plan. State agencies use the hydrologic computer models to evaluate and make decisions about proposed water withdrawals, plan for increased water use due to growth and manage river basin water demands during a drought.

State officials have completed models for the Cape Fear and Neuse river basins and are working on models for the Broad and Tar-Pamlico basins. The hydrologic models will enable local governments to evaluate options for expected water needs in the basin during the next 50 years.

No prior registration is required for these meetings. People unable to attend can still watch the meeting by logging onto the live webcast of the meeting at <https://DENR.ncgovconnect.com/DWRRoanoke>. Please visit the website before the meeting to check for compatibility and then log in during the scheduled meeting times. When you join the meeting, type your name in the space labeled "guest." Please call (919) 501-4273 to listen to the presentations.

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