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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

SUBJECT: Virginia Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund - FY 2014 Intended Use Plan and Projects Targeted for FY 2014 Loan Assistance

TO: FY 2014 Virginia Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund Applicants

FROM: Clean Water Financing and Assistance Program

DATE: October 9, 2013

Introduction:

Section 606(c) of the Water Quality Act of 1987 requires the State to develop an annual plan that identifies the intended uses of its Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund and to prepare a list of projects targeted for financial assistance with those funds. Following public comment and final Board action, the list of targeted projects for financial assistance becomes the State's yearly clean water revolving loan project priority list.

Funds Available:

The federal appropriation for the nation's Clean Water State Revolving Funds for FY 2014 has not been approved yet but Virginia's share is expected to be in the range of \$20+ million. State matching appropriations, along with the accumulation of monies through loan repayments and prepayments, interest earnings, and de-allocation from leverage accounts should make an additional \$120+ million available for funding new projects. These funds, in accumulation, will result in at least \$140 million becoming available during the 2014 funding cycle.

FY 2014 Program Development

On May 31, 2013 DEQ solicited applications from the Commonwealth's localities and authorities as well as potential land conservation applicants and Brownfield remediation

clientele. July 19, 2013 was established as the deadline for receiving applications. Based on this solicitation, DEQ received eighteen (18) wastewater improvement applications requesting \$127,244,588, two (2) applications for land conservation projects for \$10,449,000, and one (1) stormwater management application for an additional \$1,664,750.

All 18 wastewater applications were evaluated in accordance with the program's "Funding Distribution Criteria" and the Board's "Bypass Procedures". In keeping with the program objectives and funding prioritization criteria, the staff reviewed project type and impact on state waters, the locality's compliance history and fiscal stress, and the project's readiness-to-proceed. The two land conservation applications were reviewed using the Board's evaluation criteria and the staff also received input from the Department of Conservation and Recreation in accordance with the Board guidelines and state law. The one stormwater application was reviewed in accordance with the Board's Priority Ranking Criteria for Stormwater projects. The list of applications in Attachment A is shown in priority funding order based on the Board's prioritization criteria. All applications are considered to be of good quality and should provide significant water quality and environmental improvement.

Based on these considerations, the Board approved the staff recommendation to authorize funding for \$139,358,338 for all 21 projects as shown on Attachment B.

Public Participation

The Board is presenting its draft list of targeted FY 2014 loan recipients for public review and comment. A public meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 14th in the Department of Environmental Quality's 2nd Floor Conference Room, 629 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219. The public review and comment period will end immediately following the public meeting. Comments or questions should be directed to Mr. Walter Gills, Department of Environmental Quality, Clean Water Financing and Assistance Program, P.O. Box 1105, Richmond, Virginia 23218, telephone number (804) 698-4133, or e-mailed to walter.gills@deq.virginia.gov. Written comments should include the name, address and telephone number of the presenter.

Attachments