



Chatham County, NC

Legislation Text

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Introduction & Background: As a result of increasing water demands and projections, the City of Sanford has determined that additional water treatment capacity will be required within the next 25 years, due to expected population growth. The City of Sanford, Holly Springs, Fuquay-Varina and Chatham County have agreed in principle to embark on a water treatment preliminary engineering report to determine if a joint water treatment facility expansion is a feasible solution to meet the future regional water treatment needs of all parties involved.

Discussion & Analysis: This PER will provide benefits of planning and collaborative efforts to include:

- Improved cooperation between local water utilities and ease of regulatory oversight;
- Reduced unit costs for this PER through economies of scale;
- Increased flexibility and reliability of local water supplies, especially during droughts and other dynamic events;
- Enhanced ability to comply with federal and state drinking water standards;
- Sustainable use of regional drinking water resources;

How does this relate to the Comprehensive Plan: Natural Resources, Resiliency and Utilities/Public Services

Budgetary Impact: \$55,000 from utilities department's current fiscal budget

Recommendation: Vote to approve MOU and approve Dan LaMontagne, County Manager, to sign the MOU on behalf of the County.