

State Water Infrastructure Authority

Meeting Date – March 19, 2015

Agenda Item H – CWSRF and DWSRF Programs: Priority Criteria for 2015 Intended Use Plans

Division of Water Infrastructure Staff Report

Background

North Carolina General Statute G.S. 159G-71 contains the powers and the duties of the State Water Infrastructure Authority (Authority) which include the following:

- To establish priorities for making loans and grants consistent with federal law

The Authority has this responsibility for the federal Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) and the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) programs.

In January 2015, the Authority approved presenting the drafts of the 2015 DWSRF and CWSRF Priority Rating Systems at the March 6, 2015 public meeting on the Draft Intended Use Plans (IUPs) as follows:

- No changes proposed to the existing DWSRF Priority Rating System
- One change proposed to the CWSRF Priority Rating System in order to comply with the WRRDA requirements for the 2015 capitalization grant by utilizing county tier designation as the affordability criteria

The Division of Water Infrastructure (Division) held the public meeting on the Draft IUPs on March 6, 2015. No attendees other than Division staff were present at the meeting.

Three written comments were received before the end of the comment period on March 11, 2015. Division staff will discuss the content of the comments at the Authority meeting.

Staff Recommendations:

1. Staff recommends that the Authority approve the existing DWSRF Priority Rating System for use in the 2015 IUP.
 2. Staff recommends that the Authority approve the modified CWSRF Priority Rating System for use in the 2015 IUP.
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