

RESOLUTION

A Resolution Regarding Regional Water Supply Planning

WHEREAS, the Virginia General Assembly has mandated the development of local and regional water supply plans throughout the Commonwealth and the State Water Control Board has developed regulations to implement this planning process; and

WHEREAS, based upon these regulations, the Town of Accomac is required to complete a water supply plan that fulfills the regulations by deadlines based on population, specifically:

November 2, 2008, for local governments with populations in excess of 35,000
November 2, 2009, for local governments with populations between 15,001 and 35,000
November 2, 2010, for local governments with populations 15,000 or less

WHEREAS, local governments may elect to join one or more other local governments to develop a regional water supply plan for which a deadline of November 2, 2011, has been established.

WHEREAS, the following elements must be included in all local or regional water supply programs:

1. A description of existing water sources in accordance with 9 VAC 25-780-70;
2. A description of existing water use in accordance with the requirements of 9 VAC 25-780-80;
3. A description of existing water resource conditions in accordance with the requirements of 9 VAC 25-780-90;
4. An assessment of projected water demand in accordance with the requirements of 9 VAC 25-780-100;
5. A description of water management actions in accordance with the requirements of 9 VAC 25-780-110 and 9 VAC 780-120;
6. A statement of need in accordance with the requirements of 9 VAC 25-780-130;
7. An alternatives analysis that identifies potential alternatives to address projected deficits in water supplies in accordance with the requirements of 9 VAC 25-780-130;
8. A map or maps identifying important elements of the program that may include existing environmental resources, existing water sources, significant existing water uses, and proposed new sources;
9. A copy of the adopted program documents including any local plans or ordinances or amendments that incorporated the local program elements required by this chapter;
10. A resolution approving the plan from each local government that is party to the plan;
11. A record of the local public hearing, a copy of all written comments and the submitter's response to all written comments received, and

WHEREAS, it is reasonable and prudent for the following local governments to coordinate and collaborate in the development of a regional water supply plan; County of Accomack and the Towns of Accomac, Keller, Saxis, Painter, Melfa, Eastville, Belle Haven, Onancock, Chincoteague, Parksley, Tangier, Bloxom, Wachapreague, Hallwood, and Onley; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality may have grant funds to assist localities offset some of the costs related to the development of these plans and will encourage localities to submit applications for such grant funds, if available; and

WHEREAS, regional water supply planning is a sensible approach to developing a water supply plan since watershed boundaries do not follow political boundaries and since there will likely be cost savings to all jurisdictions participating; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Accomac agrees to participate with the County of Accomack and the Towns of Keller, Saxis, Painter, Melfa, Eastville, Belle Haven, Onancock, Chincoteague, Parksley, Tangier, Bloxom, Wachapreague, Hallwood, and Onley in the development of a regional water supply plan and authorizes that Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission (A-N PDC) to manage and develop said regional water supply plan that will comply with mandated regulations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the A-N PDC is authorized to develop an application for water supply planning grant funds to offset to the extent feasible the cost of developing said regional water supply plan if and when such funds are available; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director of the A-N PDC is authorized to sign the DEQ grant contract and other appropriate documents related to the source water planning grant and the regional source water supply plan; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the State Water Control Board and the Department of Environmental Quality should consider this resolution from each of the participating localities their Letters of Intent to participate in a regional water supply plan with a completion due date of November 2, 2011, in accordance with 9 VAC 25-780-50.B.4.

THIS RESOLUTION is hereby approved on this 28th day of January, 2009.

VOTING AYE: James Johnson, Patricia Smith, Teresa Hartman, Joyce Lewis

VOTING NAY: Craig Cropper

ABSTAINING: -0-

ABSENT: John Hilton

Witness this signature and seal.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution approved at the January 28, 2009, Meeting of the Accomac Town Council.

A COPY TESTE:

Brooks E. Allen

Brooks E. Allen,
Mayor, Town of Accomac

01-28-2009
Date