

**CHARLOTTE WATER
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
October 17th , 2024**

Held at 4100 W Tyvola Rd, Charlotte on Thursday, April 18, 2024, at 2:30 p.m.

Members Present: William Cornett (virtually), Barbara Bleiweis, Gordon Miller, Grayson Rountree, Dan Melvin

Members Absent: N/A

Staff Present:	Angela Charles	Director
	Ronald Hargrove	Deputy Director
	Shawn Coffman	Deputy Director
	David Czerr	Deputy Director
	Thomas Powers	Assistant City Attorney Sr
	Karen Weatherly	Assistant City Attorney Sr
	Melissa Westfall	Utilities Business Manager
	Keri Cantrell	Chief Utilities Engineer
	Carl Wilson	Chief Utilities Engineer
	Marion Sanders	Utilities Manager

Budget Update

Shawn Coffman, Deputy Director presented Charlotte Water financials.

Operations & Capital Update

Ron Hargrove, Deputy Director, delivered a detailed and comprehensive update on performance metrics, ongoing initiatives, and operational priorities. Additionally, Carl Wilson, Chief Utilities Engineer provided an update on the Franklin Water Treatment Plant Quality Improvement Project outlining progress and infrastructure enhancements.

City of CLT/ CLTW Hurricane Helene Response / Recovery Efforts of WNC

Vic Simpson provided an overview of the response efforts to Hurricane Helene, highlighting the active support and swift actions taken by Charlotte Water in addressing the crisis. He emphasized the organization's dedication to ensuring the safety and well-being of affected communities.

Angela Charles further acknowledged the significant impact of these efforts, expressing deep gratitude on behalf of Asheville and surrounding communities for the timely aid and support they received. She underscored how collaboration and resource-sharing between municipalities played a critical role in mitigating the disaster's impact and accelerating recovery efforts.

IBT Update – Stakeholder Engagement and EIS

Ron Hargrove and David Czerr provided an update on the status of the water interbasin transfer (IBT) modification request, highlighting the completion of a series of public meetings. These sessions were conducted to ensure transparency, engage stakeholders, and gather community input on the proposed changes. The discussions addressed key aspects of the modification request, including its potential impact on regional water resources and compliance with regulatory requirements. Hargrove and Czerr emphasized the importance of public participation in shaping a comprehensive approach to water management, ensuring both sustainability and alignment with long-term planning objectives.

The State of North Carolina is set to review and provide feedback on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project. Following a rigorous selection process, Brown & Caldwell has been chosen as the consulting firm to lead this effort. The firm has been provided with a detailed scope of work outlining the key tasks, objectives, and deliverables required to ensure a thorough and comprehensive analysis. This collaboration aims to address environmental considerations, regulatory compliance, and stakeholder concerns while supporting the development of a sustainable and well-informed project framework.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4 pm.

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