

# State Water Infrastructure Authority

Meeting Date: October 18, 2016

## Agenda Item F

### Non-Recurring Appropriation to State Reserve Program: Specified Situation

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#### Division of Water Infrastructure Staff Report

##### **Background**

The state's fiscal year (FY) 2016-2017 budget contains a non-recurring appropriation to the State Reserve Program of nearly \$18.8 million. However, \$16.7 million is designated to specific local government units or situations. One of the specified situations is for wastewater infrastructure improvements that meet the following three criteria:

- a municipality located in a development tier three county,
- where the municipality has a population under 100, and
- has been issued Notices of Violation by the County and the Division of Water Resources (DWR)

The Town of Love Valley applied during the Sept. 2016 Application Round for \$2,600,00 for the construction of a subsurface disposal system to eliminate the existing illegal discharge of untreated wastewater. The Town's application is the only application that meets the three criteria listed above. The special provision is only \$400,000 for this situation.

Division of Water Infrastructure staff reviewed the application and found it to be complete. The local county health department and the DWR Mooresville Regional Office have both requested that the Town implement a "pump and haul" of wastewater until the permanent wastewater disposal facilities are constructed to cease the illegal discharge. The Town states that a portion of the needed infrastructure for the permanent solution (i.e., some of the collector sewer lines and pump station wet well) can be constructed and then utilized for the "pump and haul" activities for the appropriated \$400,000 to cease the illegal discharge.

Any additional funding above the special provision amount of \$400,000 would be considered in conjunction with other funding applications at the January 2017 Authority meeting. The Town will need to obtain additional funding to construct a permanent solution.

##### **Staff Recommendation**

Because the \$400,000 was specified in the FY 2016-2017 budget, and the Town's application is complete and the only application that meets the above criteria, staff recommends that the Authority approve funding in the amount of \$400,000 for the Town of Love Valley's sanitary sewer system to enable the Town to cease the illegal discharge as soon as possible.

Staff is not making any recommendation at this time for additional funding above the \$400,000 designated in the state's budget.