

**SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT – BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUESTS AS OF 1/21/2021**

**WATER SUPPLY / DRINKING WATER**

**Lead Water Testing Program (Item 304) (#1s, McPike).** Amendment provides funding (\$431,150) for VDH to handle plans and test results of lead water testing by local schools and provides funding for VDH to handle the plans and test results of lead water testing submitted to the agency from child care facilities.

**Study of Certain Substances in Drinking Water (Item 307) (#1s, Deeds).** Amendment provides \$60,000 from the general fund each year for the continued work of VDH's Office of Drinking Water to continue its study of the occurrence of PFOA, PFOS, and other PFAS in the Commonwealth's public drinking water and to develop recommendations for specific maximum contaminant levels for PFOA, PFOS, and other PFAS for inclusion in regulations of the Board of Health applicable to waterworks.

**PFAS Budget Language (Item 307) (#2h, Guzman).** Amendment provides \$60,000 from the general fund each year for the work of VDH's Office of Drinking Water to continue its study of the occurrence of PFOA, PFOS, and other PFAS in the Commonwealth's public drinking water and to develop recommendations for specific maximum contaminant levels for PFOA, PFOS, and other PFAS for inclusion in regulations of the Board of Health applicable to waterworks.

**Mason Neck Water Supply (Item 374) (#6h, Tran).** Amendment provides \$1.5 million the second year from the general fund for the costs of connecting Mason Neck State Park to the local municipal drinking water system.

**Mason Neck Water Supply (Item 374) (#2s, Surovell).** Amendment provides \$2.8 million the second year from the general fund for the costs of connecting Mason Neck State Park to the local municipal drinking water system.

**Groundwater Monitoring Well – Fredericksburg (Item 377) (#1h, Krizek / #3s, Surovell).** Amendment provides \$500,000 from the general fund the second year for a groundwater monitoring well in the Eastern Groundwater Management Area.

**Research to Reduce Salt in Surface and Groundwater Resources (Item 377) (#6h, Krizek / #2s, Edwards).** Amendment provides \$175,000 the second year for a field test of using native plants to capture and remove salt from paved surface stormwater runoff.

**GRANTS & FUNDING**

**DEQ Chesapeake Bay TMDL Grant Requirements Budget Language (Item 379) (#1s, Lewis).** Amendment modifies the eligibility conditions for WQIF grants administered by DEQ to allow for a focus on single nutrient reduction and to allow for grants to cover more than half of a project cost in localities with high or above average fiscal stress.

**Annual Sewer Rate Increases Budget Language (Item 379) (#1h, Cole, J.).** Amendment authorizes DEQ to consider sewer rate increases as part of the determination of reasonable sewer cost as part of Water Quality Improvement Fund grant agreements.

**SLAF Scoring Criteria Budget Language (Item 377) (#4h, Herring).** Amendment directs DEQ to evaluate the criteria used to assess Stormwater Local Assistance Fund project proposals to include projects that address local stormwater resiliency and capacity needs.

**SLAF Funding (Item C-70) (#1h, Bulova / #2s, Hanger).** Amendment requests additional tax-supported bonds (\$50,910,884) for stormwater quality retrofits/upgrades to provide funding based on the 2020 Needs Assessment from DEQ in order to meet Virginia's Chesapeake Bay Phase III Watershed Implementation Plan.

**Nutrient Removal Grants (Item C-70) (#2h, Bulova / #1s, Hanger).** Amendment requests additional tax-supported bonds (\$39,792,860) for WWTP upgrades driven by regulatory requirements from DEQ.

### MISCELLANEOUS WATER & ENVIRONMENT

**Gov. Northam Budget Amendment – Continue [DEQ Water Quality Enhancement Fee](#).** Proposes re-implementation of WQ enhancement fee paid by nutrient credit banks upon application for credits, at a rate = 5% of the amount paid for credits

**Elevated Septic System Pilot Project in Rural Coastal VA (Item 114) (#8h, Hodges).** Amendment provides \$120,000 over the biennium from the general fund to fund an elevated specific system pilot program at the Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission. Septic systems in coastal Virginia suffer from a constant threat of sea level rise, storm surges, and chronic flooding which can cause catastrophic failures of in ground septic systems due to water inundation.

**Infrastructure Upgrades for Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Economic Development (Item 114) (#11h, Aird).** Amendment provides \$10 million in the second year from the general fund to improve a chemical plant complex located in the City of Petersburg; the plant has substantial chemical manufacturing infrastructure that requires a significant upgrade to the water and sewer utilities, once these improvements are made, the plant will be able to serve as the centerpiece of a regional pharmaceutical manufacturing cluster.

**Lake Gaston Lyngbya Remediation (Item 373) (#1h, Tyler).** Amendment provides \$1.2 million from the general fund the first year to support lyngbya remediation efforts at Lake Gaston. Lyngbya is an algae that can be harmful to swimmers, boaters, and underwater wildlife.

**Increase VCAP Appropriation. (Item 373) (#3h, Plum / #1s, Hanger).** Amendment increases the appropriation for the Virginia Conservation Assistance Program by \$500,000 the second year, bringing total funding to \$1.0 million the second year. VCAP currently has a backlog of more than \$200,000 until future funding is provided, and the restoration of the appropriation to its previous level will allow the program to meet growing demand and assist with water quality goals in urban areas.

**Fund Full Ag BMP Needs Assessment (Item 373) (#4h, Bulova / #2s, Hanger).** Amendment provides an additional \$63.6 million from the general fund the second year to meet the Virginia's Agricultural Needs Assessment. The amendment would provide an additional \$56.3 million from the general fund for agricultural BMP projects and \$7.3 million from the general fund in additional technical assistance provided to local Soil and Water Conservation District.

**Dam Safety Improvements: SB 1280 (Item 373) (#5s, Bell).** Amendment provides funding (\$50,000) to address any potential operational and implementation expenses related to [SB 1280](#) of the 2021 General Assembly.

**Flood Disclosure Public Website: SB 1389 (Item 373) (#7s, Lewis).** Amendment provides funding (\$50,000) for development of a public website and statewide database of flood risk reports for each parcel of real property in the Commonwealth. The amount included is a estimate until a Fiscal Impact Statement for [SB 1389](#) is available.

## VAMWA – VAMSA – VA AWWA WUC JOINT LEGISLATIVE TRACKING REPORT

**Sale of Invasive Plant Species Workgroup (Item 374) (#1h, Bulova / #4s, Marsden).** Amendment provides \$50,000 the second year from the general fund for the costs of establishing a workgroup to study the sale of invasive plant species pursuant to a House Joint Resolution to be considered during the 2021 Session of the General Assembly. This is a placeholder amendment until a final fiscal impact statement for the resolution is provided.

**Agricultural Land Retirement Work Group (Item 377) (#3h, Gooditis).** Amendment directs DEQ to establish a workgroup to review the retirement of agricultural land for the generation of nutrient credits, and provides \$10,000 the second year for the potential costs of operating the work group.

**Nutrient Credit Program Workgroup Budget Language (Item 377) (#7s, Vogel).** Amendment directs the creation of a multi-agency workgroup to review the practice of retiring agricultural land for the generation of nutrient credits and determine its impact on agricultural sustainability, farmland retention, farmland preservation, and functions of the nutrient credit exchange in the Virginia portion of the Chesapeake Bay watershed and its sub-watersheds.

**Study of Albemarle-Pamlico Watershed (Item 377) (#5h, Convirs-Fowler).** Amendment provides \$800,000 in the second year and directs DEQ to conduct a comprehensive study of the Albemarle-Pamlico Watershed in Virginia.

**Harmful Algal Blooms Mitigation Budget Language (Item 377) (#7h, McGuire / #4s, Peake).** Amendment directs DEQ, VDACS, and VDH to convene a joint workgroup to provide a report on the prevalence of harmful algae blooms in Virginia waters and strategies to address their occurrence.

**Sediment and Erosion Control Plans: SB 1311 (Item 377) (#6s, McClellan).** Amendment provides funding (\$50,000) to support the implementation costs of SB 1311 of the 2021 General Assembly which may result in additional Erosion and Sediment Control Plan reviews and variance requests pursuant to provisions of the legislation and actions by the State Water Control Board.

### MISCELLANEOUS

**Costs for Changing the Triennial Review Process for Publicly Regulated Utilities (Item 484) (#1h, Jones).** Amendment provides an increase of \$50,000 in each year from the non-general fund for the State Corporation Commission to cover costs pursuant to the passage of legislation in the 2021 General Assembly Session, which will amend the triennial review process for publicly regulated utilities. This is a placeholder amendment until a final fiscal impact statement is produced.

**Environmental Literacy (Item 373) (#2h, Bloxom / #3s, Hanger / #6s, Lewis).** Amendment restores \$170,000 from the general fund the second year that was unallotted in Chapter 1289 for the environmental education experiences identified in Item 373, Paragraph K. This request recognizes the commitment Virginia made to its students and the importance environmental education plays developing and nurturing watershed stewards. These funds provide for meaningful interactions and learning opportunities for students throughout the Chesapeake Bay watershed