

Water and Sewer Fund

Fund: 515

	2010/11 Actual	2011/12 Current	2012/13 Requested	2012/13 Approved	Percent Change
Revenues					
State	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
Local	0	0	0	0	0%
Charges & Fees	443,234	507,052	526,000	526,000	4%
Miscellaneous	172,113	0	0	0	0%
Fund Balance	(1,225,958)	542,998	0	0	0%
1/4 Cent Sales Tax	0	1,298,984	1,224,825	1,236,834	0%
From General Fund	1,387,765	775,000	245,000	245,000	-68%
Total	\$777,154	\$3,124,034	\$1,995,825	\$2,007,834	-36%
Expenses					
Personal Services	\$76,238	\$78,054	\$78,512	\$78,512	1%
Supplies & Operations	116,445	592,310	200,728	200,728	-66%
Debt Service	595,405	595,410	1,642,252	1,642,252	176%
Enterprise Contra Accounts	(10,934)	0	0	0	0%
Eco Complex	0	300,000	0	0	
SECC Water Supply Loop	0	1,558,260	0	0	0%
Future Projects	0	0	74,333	86,342	0%
Total	\$777,154	\$3,124,034	\$1,995,825	\$2,007,834	-36%
Employees					
Permanent	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0%
Hourly	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Total	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0%

Budget Highlights

The budget commits \$1.2 million of the ¼ cent sales tax and \$775,000 or ½ cent on the property tax rate to fund countywide water and wastewater capital and operating needs. In addition to this newly appropriated funding, the department has approximately \$19 million in projects approved in previous years that it will undertake in Fiscal Year 2012/13.

Performance Measurement

Fiscal Year 2012/13

Outcomes for Fiscal Year 2012/13 focus on providing needed water and sewer infrastructure projects within the unincorporated areas of the County, as well as efficiently supporting and managing these projects. Staff will improve quality of life by developing and implementing water and sewer projects that will strategically extend at least 12,300 linear feet (2.33 miles) of water lines and at least 23,400 linear feet (4.43 miles) of sewer lines. One large project for which Water and Sewer has an outcome is the Highway 150 sewer project, and staff will bid the

construction of the project from the intersection of Sherrills Ford Road and Highway 150 to the new Sherrills Ford Library property. In addition to new projects, Water and Sewer will explore and apply for at least three grants to maximize county dollars, as well as run all new and previously approved projects through a project prioritization tool to ensure the County pursues the projects that are the highest priority.

Fiscal Year 2011/12

At mid-year, Water and Sewer was on target to achieve all of its outcomes for Fiscal Year 2011/12. Projects currently under design/construction include:

- The Jim Beard Road-Robinette Road-Mockingbird Lane water project is under construction (approximately 1,700 linear feet).
- Construction on the Highway 16 North water project is scheduled for spring 2012.
- Construction on Bunker Hill High/River Bend Middle/Oxford Elementary sewer (approximately 26,000 linear feet) is scheduled to start by February 2012.
- Staff continues to complete acquisition of all easements necessary for construction of the Highway 150 sewer project from the new Highway 16/150 intersection to Sherrills Ford Road.

In addition to completing projects, Water and Sewer staff continued to explore grant opportunities, and have applied for a grant through the Biofuels Center of North Carolina. Award notification for this grant will occur in spring 2012.

Fiscal Year 2010/11

To provide for the continued economic development assistance and environmental protection that water and sewer projects provide, Water and Sewer continued progress on several important projects. The Bunker Hill/River Bend/Oxford Schools wastewater project continued, with the property for a pump station and 38 of the 40 necessary easements being acquired. Progress also continued on the Southeastern Catawba County (SECC) Wastewater project, with the northern portion of the project completed in Fiscal Year 2010/11 and the easement/acquisition process of the Highway 150 portion beginning.

WATER AND SEWER ADMINISTRATION

Statement of Purpose

Provide a source of clean drinking water and environmentally responsible sewage disposal in the unincorporated areas of the County.

Outcomes

1. To improve quality of life in Catawba County, Utilities and Engineering will continue to develop and implement water and sewer projects which will strategically extend at least 12,300 linear feet (2.33 miles) of water lines and at least 23,400 linear feet (4.43 miles) of sewer lines. This will enhance infrastructure availability to citizens in the unincorporated areas of the County.
2. To enhance economic development opportunities and provide sewer infrastructure to the southern part of the County, staff will bid the construction of sewer at Sherrills Ford Road and Highway 150 to the new Sherrills Ford Library property estimated to be completed by January 2013.
3. Explore grant opportunities by utilizing staff to investigate and apply for a minimum of three grants annually to offset costs of projects, components, or operations associated with Solid Waste Management, Water and Sewer Management, or EcoComplex as measured by tracking grant applications.
4. To ensure the water and sewer projects completed in Fiscal Year 2012/13 are those that demonstrate the most need, all previously and currently funded projects in the Water and Sewer Capital Improvement Plan that have changed since their original prioritization will be re-run through the Utility Prioritization Tool and reprioritized accordingly.