

# Water and Sewer Fund

Fund 515

	2013/14 Actual	2014/15 Current	2015/16 Requested	2015/16 Approved	Percent Change
<b>Revenues</b>					
Charges & Fees	\$853,652	\$617,000	\$646,000	\$646,000	4.7%
Interest on Investments	146,674	0	0	0	0.0%
1/4 Cent Sales Tax	1,359,558	0	1,436,405	0	0%
From General Fund	0	0	0	1,575,000	0%
Fund Balance	(6,009,119)	1,666,674	432,387	295,860	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>(\$3,649,235)</b>	<b>\$2,283,674</b>	<b>\$2,514,792</b>	<b>\$2,516,860</b>	<b>10.2%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Personal Services	\$82,002	\$100,798	\$104,779	\$106,847	6.0%
Supplies & Operations	447,975	855,826	864,678	864,678	1.0%
Debt Service	1,307,369	1,327,050	1,545,335	1,545,335	16.4%
Enterprise Contra Accounts	(5,486,581)	0	0	0	0%
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<b>Employees</b>					
Permanent	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.0%
Hourly	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

## Budget Highlights

The budget commits \$1.575 million of the property tax and \$700,354 of the ¼ cent sales tax to fund countywide water and wastewater capital and operating needs. The budget funds one new project in cooperation with the City of Hickory to provide water and sewer to Park 1764, a one of a kind in the region Class A Business Park. Additionally work will continue on previously approved projects.

## Performance Measurement

### Fiscal Year 2015/16

Outcomes for Fiscal Year 2015/16 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 to strategically extend at least 8,000 linear feet of water lines and at least 1,000 linear feet of sewer lines. In addition to these 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 that have changed since original approval through a prioritization tool to ensure the County pursues the projects that are the highest priority.

### Fiscal Year 2014/15

All outcomes for Water & Sewer Administration were on target at mid-year. All projects, both current and new, were prioritized using the Utility Prioritization Tool. To help determine future projects, a list of properties was being developed to survey unincorporated residents. Projects currently underway,

including Highway 150 Sewer and SECC Phase 3 Tank and Booster projects, were in completion phase. Finally, staff applied for CDBG funding for water service to some underserved portions of the County.

#### **Fiscal Year 2013/14**

Water & Sewer Administration achieved all three of its outcomes by continuing to provide more unincorporated households and businesses with clean drinking water and environmentally-conscious sewage disposal. All projects were prioritized using the Utility Prioritization Tool and four grants to offset project costs were submitted. Additionally, 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of a mile of water lines and 13 miles of sewer lines were implemented with nearly another 2 miles of water and 1 mile of sewer lines under discussion.

## **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 5,300 linear feet of water lines and at least 1,000 linear feet of sewer lines. This will enhance infrastructure availability to citizens in the unincorporated areas of the County.
2. 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 Water and Sewer Management, Solid Waste Management, or the EcoComplex as measured by tracking grant applications.
3. To ensure the water and sewer projects completed in Fiscal Year 2015/16 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 approval will be re-run through the Utility Prioritization Tool and reprioritized accordingly.
4. To ensure citizens in the unincorporated areas of the County have the opportunity to provide input for consideration in future water and sewer extension efforts, staff will survey 100 percent of households/businesses in the County that do not have access to municipal water and sewer by June 30, 2017. This survey will serve as an important element in the County's long-range infrastructure planning efforts by identifying areas where citizen demand/need for service is high. For Fiscal Year 2015/16, the department will develop and deploy a survey targeting at understanding citizens' desire/need for municipal water and/or sewer service and will subsequently inventory all responses received and work with the GIS department to develop a map indicating areas of high demand/need.