

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **RIVANNA WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY REGIONAL WATER PLAN PUBLIC MEETING**

Charlottesville, VA (Wednesday, May 25, 2011) – The Rivanna Water & Sewer Authority (Authority) announced today that it is holding a Public Meeting at 6:00 pm on Thursday, May 26, 2011 in Lane Auditorium to discuss the development of a regional water plan for the County of Albemarle, City of Charlottesville, and Town of Scottsville. The regional water plan will be a planning document meeting requirements of the Commonwealth of Virginia and will provide input into the future development of a statewide plan.

“Previous conversations in this community about water in recent years have focused on building a project for the urban water system, and those conversations led to the decision to build a new Ragged Mountain Dam,” stated Mike Gaffney, Chairman of the Authority’s Board of Directors. “This focus is different. It’s a new conversation that is not about a dam or any other project focus; it is instead about regional, comprehensive planning, focused on water. We welcome citizens from Crozet, Scottsville, White Hall, Earlysville, Keswick, and other rural areas of Albemarle County to this discussion, and will be talking about community and individual wells as well as public water systems.”

The meeting Thursday night will focus on a specific area of this planning exercise, to include data on existing uses of water and a methodology that will be used to anticipate future needs. An engineering consultant, AECOM, will make a presentation on their approach, followed by an opportunity for public questions and comments.

“We invite all citizens throughout our region to bring any data they have on water use to the meeting and share it with us,” stated Tom Frederick, Executive Director of the Authority.

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