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RIVANNA WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY DRAFT WATER DEMAND FORECASTS

Charlottesville, VA (Wednesday, July 6, 2011) – The Rivanna Water & Sewer Authority (Authority) announced today that it has received and is releasing to the public Technical Memorandum 2 – “Draft Regional Water Demand Forecasts” for various water systems located within the City of Charlottesville and surrounding Albemarle County, Virginia.

The Draft Water Demand Forecasts were produced by AECOM Technology Corporation (AECOM), a Fortune 500 engineering and architecture company. The draft forecasts update previously developed forecasts for the Authority's Urban Service Area, and provide new forecasts for a broader region. The forecasts were requested by the Authority on behalf of the County of Albemarle, City of Charlottesville, and Town of Scottsville to meet regulatory requirements of the Commonwealth of Virginia. The information will be used in the future development of the Commonwealth's statewide water supply plan.

In its draft report, AECOM recommended that the Authority should plan for regional water demands in the year 2060 of at least 22.25 million gallons per day (mgd) with 17.01 mgd recommended to serve in the Urban Service Area, 0.98 mgd for the Crozet Service Area, 0.09 mgd for the Scottsville Service Area, and a total of 0.22 mgd in various Community Water Systems. It also predicted that area residents would self-supply approximately 3.95 mgd of water in 2060, primarily from individual wells.

“This report confirms the community's need to expand the Ragged Mountain Reservoir by raising its pool elevation in an initial step to thirty feet,” said Mr. Tom Frederick, Executive Director of the Authority. “It also validates the wisdom of the recent, joint decision by the City and the County to pursue that initial expansion while continuing to implement aggressive water conservation, and some dredging of South Fork Rivanna Reservoir – where that may be accomplished economically.” According to Mr. Frederick, “The three most important lessons from this report are that the initial expansion of Ragged Mountain Reservoir is essential to our community's water future,

that dredging cannot meet the forecast need while providing sustainable stream flows even if it were economical, and that the community can wait to implement a second expansion of Ragged Mountain Reservoir when needed.”

Regarding conservation, AECOM found that this community’s per capita water use already is “very low” in comparison with other communities across the nation. Nevertheless, it did identify some additional measures that might be adopted to achieve even more conservation. Some of those measures would be very expensive to implement, particularly in the added cost of new homes. Mr. Frederick stated, “The information AECOM provided should be helpful in future community discussions as to what level of enhanced conservation is appropriate.”

AECOM's draft report is being posted on the Authority's web site at www.rivanna.org. The report and the draft water demand forecasts will be presented to the public for discussion at a series of workshops on July 11-12, 2011. Representatives of the Authority and AECOM will also be available to discuss the draft report with individuals by appointment during “Office Hours” to be announced in the near future. After receiving public input in this fashion, AECOM will produce final water demand forecasts for inclusion in the regional water supply plan.

Mr. Frederick added, “We look forward to discussing AECOM's draft report and the draft water demand forecasts at the upcoming workshops and Office Hours.”

The Rivanna Water & Sewer Authority is a wholesale provider of water to the City of Charlottesville, Virginia's Public Works Division, and to the Albemarle County Service Authority. Together, these two customers of the Authority provide water at retail to a population of approximately 100,000 people in the Greater Charlottesville area.

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