



Town of Shallotte

ACTION AGENDA ITEM

2026

TO: Board of Aldermen

ACTION ITEM #:

FROM: Mimi Gaither

MEETING DATE:

3/17/26

EXT. #

DATE SUBMITTED:

ISSUE/ACTION REQUESTED:

PUBLIC HEARING:

YES

NO

Authorize Mayor or Town Manager to sign letter to the NC Environmental Management Commission regarding the proposed Fuquay-Varina Interbasin Transfer (IBT)

BACKGROUND/PURPOSE OF REQUEST:

CFCOG Executive Director Allen Serkin is requesting the Town sign an impact letter once it is finalized. The letter will need to be submitted to the EMC before the April 1st deadline. Email attached.

FISCAL IMPACT:

BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUIRED:

YES

NO

CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE REQUIRED:

YES

NO

PRE-AUDIT CERTIFICATION REQUIRED:

YES

NO

REVIEWED BY DIRECTOR OF FISCAL OPERATIONS

YES

NO

CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS:

REVIEWED BY TOWN ATTORNEY:

YES

NO

N/A

ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDATION: N/A

TOWN MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION: *-approve-Mog*

FINANCE RECOMMENDATION: N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Allen Serkin's email
- 2.
- 3.

<u>ACTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN</u>		
APPROVED:	<input type="checkbox"/>	ATTEST:
DENIED:	<input type="checkbox"/>	CLERK TO THE BOARD
DEFERRED UNTIL:	_____	_____
OTHER:	SIGNATURE	

From: Allen Serkin <aserkin@capefearcog.org>
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Subject: Governing board request

Managers and Clerks,

Many of your governing boards adopted resolutions in opposition to the Town of Fuquay-Varina's Interbasin Transfer (IBT) request that proposes to permanently transfer more than 6 MGD from the Cape Fear River for the benefit of Fuquay-Varina but to the detriment of all of us downstream. The COG hand-delivered a stack of more than 20 of those resolutions to the Environmental Management Commission (EMC) at their public hearing in Pittsboro in December. Thank you for your engagement on this important issue.

Now we have assembled a working group of professionals across multiple disciplines to develop a follow-up response in the form of a letter that more specifically addresses the criteria from NCGS ?143-215.22L that the EMC must use to evaluate the adequacy of the IBT request. The letter will discuss specific points related to the water quality and water quantity impacts of the proposed IBT, several flaws with the environmental study, and flaws of the decision-making process for IBTs. The letter must be submitted to the EMC by April 1, the public comment deadline.

We hope that each of your communities will agree to sign onto the letter, but it likely won't be available until after most of your governing boards have met for the last time before the submittal deadline. Therefore, we are asking that you discuss this with your Board at their next meeting, and we request that, if they are willing, they grant permission for either the mayor, chair, or manager to sign the letter on behalf of the board. We will distribute a copy of the letter once it is completed. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions.

Allen Serkin

Executive Director

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