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Memorandum

TO: Environmental Quality Council

FROM:  Kevin Stoner, Section Supervisor of the Financial Assistance Section, Water Quality Division *9-24-15*

THRU:  Jim Macy, Director

DATE: September 23, 2015

RE: Proposed Amendment to SFY 2016 Clean Water State Revolving Fund and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan Appendix B1a List For November 12, 2015 EQC Meeting

Attached is the proposed amendment to the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2016 Intended Use Plan (IUP) Appendix B1a list. This list is for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and includes Sanitary Improvement Districts (SID) that are eligible to obtain CWSRF loans. Stanton County SID #1 – Woodland Park submitted a letter to NDEQ on September 2, 2015 requesting to be put on the 2016 IUP as they would like to get a CWSRF loan. Woodland Park is a community of about 1500 people located just northeast of Norfolk in Stanton County. The SID has been connected to the Norfolk sanitary sewer system since 1986 and shares same sewer mains and pumping stations that serve a significant part of Norfolk. During extreme wet weather events, the City's sewer system in this area has received flows above its hydraulic capacity and several residential sewer backups have occurred. High peak flows from Woodland Park have contributed to the problem.

Norfolk gave Woodland Park a set of minimum requirements that the SID would need to meet if they wanted to remain connected to the City sewer. The SID agreed and signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the City on May 5, 2014. Woodland Park is proposing to build a lined wastewater pond. A weir system will divert sewer flows that exceed 335 gpm to the lagoon. The lagoon will store the wastewater until normal flows return and it can drain back into the sewer.

This project will allow the SID to remain connected to the Norfolk WWTF where the City will properly treat their wastewater. It will also protect the homeowners living in the City and the SID from the possibility of future sewer backups.

The SID has checked with commercial financing and estimated it would cost them more than \$150,000 in interest if they didn't go with a CWSRF loan. Placing this project on the SRF Intended Use Plan will facilitate funding this project within the established timeframe.

Since the bypass date of October, 1, 2015 will have happened by the November, 2015 EQC meeting, NDEQ may provide financial assistance to the highest priority projects that are ready to proceed from the Funding List, the Planning List, or any entity identified in the IUP that are treatment work projects. It is not believed that funding Stanton County SID#1 would cause other projects currently identified in the IUP to not be funded.