



Board Meeting Agenda Abstract

Monday, January 5, 2026

Location:

Agenda Item

Budget Amendment (BA-26-29) and Project Ordinance Amendment (POA-26-15) - Water Capacity Study - Public Utilities - (Wagner) - Item 8.C

Item Explanation

The purpose of this agenda item is to consider approval of budget and project ordinance amendments for the water capacity study project.

Staff Comments

The water capacity study project has been a multi-year project, since 2016, to address long-term and future water supply demands for the Town. The project includes the Town's Interbasin Transfer Certificate petition process. The Town has partnered with the City of Sanford to purchase up to 6 million gallons per day (mgd) of water from the City to meet the Town's water supply needs over a 30-year period. An Interbasin Transfer Certificate is needed because water will be transferred from the Cape Fear River basin to the Neuse River basin.

To obtain an IBT Certificate, state law requires certain environmental studies and documents. Since the Town began the IBT Certificate process, project funds for the Environment Impact Statement have been exhausted, and additional funds are needed for professional services (environmental and legal) to navigate the public comment period through the end of the fiscal year. During the upcoming budget process for FY 2027, Town staff will bring updated project costs back to the Town Board for consideration for anticipated services. Town management and staff recommend approval of the Budget Amendment (BA-26-29) and the Project Ordinance Amendment (POA-26-15).

Fiscal Note

Yes

Budget Amendment BA-26-29 appropriates the \$200,000 capital reserves transfer from the enterprise fund and POA-26-15 appropriates the funds to the existing Water Capacity Study project.

Recommendation

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION TO: Approve Budget Amendment (BA-26-29) and the Project Ordinance Amendment (POA-26-15) to fund the Water Capacity Study as presented and recommended.

ATTACHMENTS

[BA-26-29 Water Capacity Study.docx](#)

[POA-26-15 Water Capacity Study Capital Project.docx](#)