

CITY OF HIGH POINT

AGENDA ITEM



Title: NC WaterWarn (North Carolina Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network)

From: Terry Houk – Public Services Director

Derrick Boone – Public Services Asst. Director **Meeting Date:** November 20, 2017

James Gwyn – Safety Officer

Public Hearing: N/A

Advertising Date: N/A

Advertised By: N/A

Attachments: Mutual Aid Assistance Agreement
Members List

PURPOSE:

The Public Services Department has determined the need to enter into a statewide mutual aid agreement with other water and sewer utilities to receive and provide assistance during emergency situations.

BACKGROUND:

NCWaterWARN (North Carolina Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network) is a statewide mutual aid association of North Carolina water and wastewater agencies. There are over ninety (90) member agencies including municipalities, water and sewer authorities, and even private groups. NCMWaterWARN is a voluntary agreement that allows utilities to cross jurisdictional lines to provide aid and assistance to one another. This assistance may be used in preparing for, responding to, or recovering from an emergency. Assistance may take the form of personnel, equipment, tools, and supplies. Provider agencies have the right to refuse a request for assistance. Being in a WARN expedites requests for assistance because the administrative agreements, payment, billing, indemnification, and workers comp arrangements are already in place. In short, it functions as a voluntary, no-cost insurance plan.

BUDGET IMPACT:

No impact. All costs are reimbursed by the receiving agency.

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:

The Public Services Department recommends that the City of High Point join the NCMWaterWarn Association and the appropriate city official execute the all necessary documentation.