



Committee Vote: Favorable recommendation, as amended, 7-0 (In favor: Council Members Fletcher, Bell, Castaldi, Casula, Del Giudice, MacKinnon, and Wineland)

During discussion of the amendments, committee members expressed concern about making category change decisions and "backing into" CIP projects.

There was considerable interest in knowing the fiscal impact of making such category changes. The opinion was expressed that the Council should not be approving changes unless a needed project was already in the WSSC capital program or the developer has agreed to defray the costs associated with the utility extension. There was general agreement that the County needed to manage water and sewer extensions better.

The committee was also concerned about a lack of information provided by the City of Bowie on referrals pertaining to properties adjacent to, but outside, the municipal boundaries. The committee expressed a need to know whether the City's water and sewer system had sufficient capacity to accommodate an applicant before the County Council endorsed a category change request. The staff was asked to propose a statutory scheme for obtaining information on water and sewer capacity availability from a municipality or private utility company in response to referrals.

The Glenn Dale Community Center request, which had appeared in drafts 1 and 2 of CR-90-1991, was determined to have been misadventently included in the resolution and, thus, withdrawn. Public projects such as this do not customarily require a category change if service is available.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT**

**(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)**

The County's Comprehensive Ten Year Water and Sewerage Plan provides for three cycles of category change requests to amend the Plan. This resolution represents the August Cycle of Amendments.

The 1988 Ten Year Water and Sewerage Plan was adopted by CR-17-1988, and amended by CR-12-1988, CR-67-1988, CR-103-1988, CR-27-1989, CR-60-1989, CR-84-1989, CR-102-1989, CR-14-1990, CR-45-1990, CR-53-1990, CR-61-1990, CR-67-1990, CR-84-1990, CR-11-1991, CR-44-1991, and CR-53-1991. The August Cycle of Amendments contains twenty requests for a category change and two requests for a water withdrawal. One request is in the Blue Plains WWTP basin, one in the Parkway basin, nine in the Western Branch basin, eight in the Piscataway basin, and one in the Mattawoman basin.

Environmental Article, Title 9, Subtitle 5 sets procedures for amendments and revisions to the Plan. At least 30 days prior to the public hearing on the amendments, the County Council must submit to the WSSC and M-NCPPC a copy of the proposed resolution for their

recommendations.