

**Agenda Item: 14-04 Request for Approval of NCDOT's Falls Lake New & Existing Development Stormwater Management Program and Delegation of Further Approval Authority to the DWR Director**

**Explanation:**

The Falls Lake State and Federal Entities Stormwater Rule, 15A NCAC 2B .0281 requires NCDOT to prepare, adopt and implement a joint stormwater program to achieve nutrient reductions from stormwater runoff from new and existing development in the Falls Lake Watershed. The rule establishes implementation requirements and timelines specific to NCDOT. Requirements for non-NCDOT state and federal entities also subject to this rule follow a different implementation timeline that is similar to those established for local governments. The NCDOT submitted a draft program for DWR staff review in July 2013 and has made subsequent revisions based on staff comments.

**Recommendation:**

Staff requests that the Commission approve NCDOT's Joint Stormwater Program as meeting the minimum requirements established in Item (9) of the rule. Staff also requests delegation of authority to the Director to approve any subsequent program amendments that the NCDOT may propose in the future. The Director would forward unique future program revisions of concern to the Water Quality Committee for review.