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MEMO

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

Through: Brad Corcoran, City Manager

From: Bev O'Dell, Director of Engineering

Cc: Sheralene Thompson, City Clerk

Date: June 8, 2012

Re: Request to Approve the Authorizing Resolution for Submission of a

Funding Request Application to the Rural Center for Water Model

Calibration

The City of Eden plans to submit an application for funding to the North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center, Inc. (the Rural Center) through the Planning Grants Program to acquire funding for the calibration of our existing water distribution system model. The calibration work, if funded, will be a collaborative effort of city personnel and the engineering consulting firm Dewberry & Davis, Inc.

Please find attached a resolution which would need to be submitted with the application for funding. Due to Rockingham County being classified as a Tier 1 county, it is anticipated that the matching requirement will be reduced by 50%.

Up to \$40,000 for half the cost of a planning project such as ours may be awarded. The estimated cost for the project is \$80,000. Funds in the amount of \$25,000 were included for this project in the FY 12-13 budget based on initial conversations with Matt Hastings, PE, of Dewberry. Hopefully, only \$20,000 will be needed as matching funds.

Thanks for reviewing and considering this matter. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this proposed project or grant application.