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TO: Members of the Environmental Review Commission
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FROM: George F. Givens, Commission Counsel
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RE: **Commission Meeting – 8 March 2006
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COMMISSION MEETING – 8 March 2006

The Environmental Review Commission (Commission) will meet at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday 8 March 2006 in Room 544 of the Legislative Office Building in Raleigh. At the 8 March meeting, the Commission will hear reports from State agencies, discuss topics to be considered at future meetings, and attend to other matters. Potential agenda topics for this meeting are listed below. More specific information regarding the agenda for the 8 March meeting of the Commission will be developed at the staff planning meeting discussed below.

COMMISSION MEETING AND TOUR OF ZOOLOGICAL PARK – 14 and 15 March 2006

The Commission will meet at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday 14 March 2006 in the Multi-Purpose Conference Room at the North Carolina Zoological Park in Asheboro, North Carolina. Potential agenda topics for this meeting are listed below. More specific information regarding the agenda for the 14 March meeting of the Commission will be developed at the staff planning meeting discussed below. The Commission meeting will include a tour of the Zoological Park on Wednesday 15 March 2006 and other site visits in the area on Tuesday and Wednesday. Further information on the site visits will be forthcoming.

ACCOMMODATIONS INFORMATION:

Rooms have been blocked off for the evening of Tuesday 14 March 2006 at the Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites, located at 1113 E. Dixie Drive, Asheboro, North Carolina. Please contact the Reservations Department at the Holiday Inn Express Asheboro for reservations at 1-336-636-5222. Please reference the Environmental Review Commission when making your reservations. The Holiday Inn Express Asheboro will honor the State rate of \$59.75 per night and will hold the block of rooms until 10 March. After this date, room availability is not guaranteed.

POSSIBLE AGENDA TOPICS:

8 March 2006 Meeting:

- 1) Final report on the findings of the evaluation of alternative animal waste management technologies to determine whether those technologies are environmentally superior and economically feasible
- 2) Annual report on permitting and inspecting animal waste management systems/Animal Waste Compliance Report (G.S. 143-215.10M)
- 3) Annual report on the compliance/enforcement of water quality laws for facilities that discharge into surface waters (G.S. 143-215.9A)
- 4) Report on the programs, activities, and priorities of the Division of Soil and Water Conservation
- 5) Semiannual report on the effectiveness of the pilot program to inspect animal waste management systems by the Division of Soil and Water Conservation (S.L. 2003-340, Sec. 6.2)
- 6) Report on whether to continue or expand the pilot program to inspect animal waste management systems by the Division of Soil and Water Conservation (S.L. 2005-276, Sec. 12.7(c))
- 7) Discussion on the use of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) technology for precision agricultural practices
- 8) Other matters related to the Commission's powers and duties under G.S. 120-10.43.

14 March 2006 Meeting:

- 1) Report on the programs, activities, and priorities of the North Carolina Zoological Park
- 2) Report on the Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund
- 3) Annual report on allocations from the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund from the prior fiscal year (G.S. 113-44.15(c))
- 4) Annual report on acquisitions made with funds from the Natural Heritage Trust Fund (G.S. 113-77.9(e))
- 5) Annual report on progress towards attaining the State's goal of protecting one million acres of farmland, open space, and conservation lands (G.S. 113A-241(c))
- 6) Annual report on implementation of the Conservation Easements Program and inventory of all conservation easements held by DENR (G.S. 113A-235(c))
- 7) Annual report on implementation of the Clean Water Management Trust Fund (G.S. 113-145.6A(a))
- 8) Discussion of options for the stewardship of permanent conservation easements acquired by the Clean Water Management Trust Fund
- 9) Report by the Land for Tomorrow Coalition on the results of its conservation needs assessment
- 10) Discussion of open space preservation needs and opportunities by the Conservation Trust of North Carolina
- 11) Presentation by the Friends of Dorothea Dix Park regarding the proposed future uses of the Dorothea Dix Campus

- 12) Discussion of the proposed sale by the U.S. Forest Service of lands in the National Forest System as part of the Secure Rural Schools Forest Service Initiative, including the proposed sale of 9,828 acres of Forest Service lands in North Carolina
- 13) Other matters related to the Commission's powers and duties under G.S. 120-10.43.

PLANNING MEETING:

To facilitate development of the agenda for the 8 March and the 14 and 15 March meetings of the Commission, to plan for subsequent meetings of the Commission, and to receive input from interested persons regarding the work of the Commission, the Commission Counsel will hold an informal planning meeting at **10:00 a.m. on Thursday 2 March 2006 in Room 605 of the Legislative Office Building**. Persons who wish to participate in the development of the agenda for meetings of the Commission, or who are interested in any matter before the Commission, are invited to attend.

SCHEDULE OF FUTURE MEETINGS:

Below is a schedule of meetings of the Environmental Review Commission for March through May 2006. This schedule is tentative and subject to adjustment. For planning purposes, however, please reserve these dates. Please note the following:

1. Unless otherwise noted, Commission meetings normally begin at 9:30 a.m., include a lunch break, and run until mid-afternoon. Please plan on meeting from 9:30 a.m. until at least 3:30 p.m. Unless otherwise announced, the Commission will meet in room 544 LOB.
2. The 2006 Regular Session is scheduled to begin at 12:00 noon on Wednesday 9 May 2006. The Commission may meet shortly after the beginning of the session to complete work and to consider any legislative proposals and recommendations.

Commission Meeting

Wednesday 8 March 2006
Tuesday 14 March 2006
Tuesday 11 and Wednesday 12 April 2006
Wednesday 3 May 2006
Monday 8 May 2006

Staff Planning Meeting

10:00 a.m. Thursday 2 March 2006
10:00 a.m. Thursday 2 March 2006
2:00 p.m. Monday 3 April 2006
10:00 a.m. Thursday 27 April 2006

MEETINGS OF INTERESTED PARTIES (605 WORKING GROUPS):

The Commission Counsel will hold meetings of interested parties on specific topics as indicated below:

Risk-Based/Limit Liability for Environmental Cleanups Working Group
2:00 p.m. Monday 6 March 2006 – 605 Legislative Office Building

Phase II Stormwater Management Working Group
10:00 a.m. Wednesday 1 March 2006 – 605 Legislative Office Building
10:00 a.m. Friday 10 March 2006 – 605 Legislative Office Building

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

If you have questions related to the Commission, please feel free to contact the Commission Counsel or other Commission staff at (919) 733-2578.