

Agenda Item: 21-32 **Request Approval of Hearing Officer’s Report on Proposed Rule Re-adoptions to 15A NCAC 02E Water Use Registration and Allocation Rules**

Explanation: The Division of Water Resources is requesting approval from the EMC of the Hearing Officer’s Report, the Regulatory Impact Analyses, and re-adoption of 15A NCAC 02E “Water Use Registration and Allocation Rules”.

DWR staff presented the proposed rule re-adoption of 15A NCAC 02E during the March 11, 2021 EMC meeting and received approval to proceed to public comment and hearing for the proposed rule re-adoption. The public comment period was from May 3, 2021 to July 2, 2021. A virtual public hearing was held on May 20, 2021. Commissioner David Anderson was appointed and served as the Hearing Officer.

Recommendation: The Division recommends that the EMC approve the Hearing Officer’s Report, Regulatory Impact Analyses, and re-adoption of 15A NCAC 02E “Water Use Registration and Allocation Rules”.