

**TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

Meeting Date: June 14, 2010

SUBJECT: NCLM Municipal Environmental Assessment Coalition Project Partnership

AGENDA INFORMATION

Agenda Location: Consent Agenda
Item Number: 5-F
Department: Planning & Development Services and Public Services Departments
Contact: Marcy Onieal, Town Manager
Presenter: Marcy Onieal, Town Manager

BRIEF SUMMARY: The NC League of Municipalities has initiated the formation of the Municipal Environmental Assessment Coalition (MEAC) in response to a new state regulatory proposal that is anticipated to require implementation of stormwater programs, mandate development rules such as riparian buffer zones, and further regulate land use with regard to clean water, wastewater treatment, and land application of biosolids. Potential cost to municipalities could be significant and potentially debilitating. In response, the League is initiating an engineering analysis that will assess the extent of impact and provide policy suggestions that can be used to inform and influence the adoption of rules that will protect water quality while having the least negative impact upon municipalities.

RECOMMENDED MOTION AND REQUESTED ACTIONS: To authorize the mayor to sign an agreement between the Town of Black Mountain and the NC League of Municipalities confirming the town's participation as a member of the Municipal Environmental Assessment Coalition.

FUNDING SOURCE: membership fee in an amount not to exceed a one-time cost of \$500; already budgeted in FY09-10 General Fund Professional Services.

ATTACHMENTS: Sample MEAC agreement

MANAGER'S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Adopt as presented.