



**Statement on Resolution by Loudoun Water's Board of Directors  
Outlining Appropriate Long-Term Solutions for Raspberry Falls**

Loudoun Water is guided by our mission to ensure sustainable water services to protect health, the environment and quality of life. Providing a reliable and safe water supply drives our decision-making process. The Well PW-1 GUDI determination in Raspberry Falls highlighted the nature of wells in limestone geology; that some – but not all – wells in the karst can become under the direct influence of surface water over time and require a different level of treatment.

For eight months, Loudoun Water has worked with Hazen & Sawyer, a leading environmental engineering firm, and the Town of Leesburg to produce studies that would objectively evaluate and determine the constructible options that will address the situation in the Raspberry Falls.

After careful review of the studies, Loudoun Water found sufficient information to conclude that both the treatment and pipeline options are technically able to be constructed and identified preferences for a treatment option and a pipeline alignment. Other issues, including operational considerations, costs and implementation timeframes were outlined and found to be factors that could significantly influence a final decision.

Therefore, after taking all of the facts into consideration, Loudoun Water's Board of Directors passed a resolution on November 10, 2011, stating its determination that either the preferred treatment option or the preferred pipeline alignment will be selected as the appropriate long-term solution to the situation at Raspberry Falls.

The resolution states, "Because the extension of municipal water into the Rural Policy Area is not permitted by Loudoun County, Loudoun Water will proceed with the installation of membrane filtration for all Raspberry Falls water supply wells and will not proceed with further development of the pipeline extension of Leesburg Town Water unless:

1. Loudoun County amends the Revised General Plan to authorize the pipeline extension and approves a Commission Permit for the pipeline extension; and
2. the Town of Leesburg approves an agreement to accept ownership and operation of the Raspberry Falls Community Water System.

Loudoun Water requests that Loudoun County and the Town of Leesburg decide whether to pursue the pipeline extension no later than May 2012 otherwise Loudoun Water will proceed with installation of membrane filtration at Raspberry Falls.

Pursuant to Loudoun Water policies, the cost of improvements to the Raspberry Falls Community Water System will be recovered from Raspberry Falls Customers. Loudoun Water will support the Board of Supervisors to consider establishing a sanitary district."

*(NOTE: The full resolution can be found on the homepage of Loudoun Water's website, [loudounwater.org](http://loudounwater.org).)*

Loudoun Water will consider the need for membrane filtration for Selma Estates water supply wells following completion and evaluation of the remaining Selma Estates wells.

Loudoun Water has the ability to move forward immediately with work on the treatment option without the need for legislative action. The pipeline option does require legislative action by the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors and the Town of Leesburg before work can commence, so we will stand ready to work collaboratively with all of the affected parties as the pipeline option is considered.

We will be prepared to cooperate with all of the affected parties to select the appropriate option and to consider financing vehicles consistent with past actions taken by both the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors and the Town of Leesburg to pay for the solution.

*It is important to note that the treated water to the Raspberry Falls community has always met EPA and VDH standards. During the timeframes required to determine and implement the appropriate long-term solution, Loudoun Water will continue to fulfill its mission.*

**Loudoun Water is currently in the middle of a public review and comment period on the studies' findings and will hold two public meetings on Wednesday, December 7, 2011, and Thursday, December 8, 2011, in the cafeteria of Tuscarora High School, 801 N. King Street, in Leesburg. The sessions will be held from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.** (Note: The two meetings being held to provide residents with flexibility; they will contain the same information.) The public review and comment period will close on December 31, 2011.

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