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**RIVANNA WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY
BOARD ANNOUNCES DECISION ON DAM DESIGN**

Charlottesville, VA (Thursday, June 25, 2009) –The Rivanna Water & Sewer Authority (Authority) announced today that it will solicit a new consulting firm to re-start the design work for the Ragged Mountain Dam. This announcement follows several weeks of review of the recommendations from a dam expert panel and discussions regarding those recommendations with the firm that initiated the design.

“Like many philosophies, there are multiple approaches on how to design a safe and functional dam,” stated Mr. Mike Gaffney, Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Authority. “Our recent job has been to decide the approach and firm that we believe best represents the objectives of this community. We have significant respect for Gannett Fleming, but decided that a new direction on design best serves the current discussions in this community.”

The development of a request for new proposals by prospective dam design firms will begin immediately and move forward as quickly as possible. A decision on the selection of a new firm is expected later this summer.

“Our staff will work diligently in the coming weeks to make this as smooth a transition as possible, and we understand and appreciate that Gannett Fleming shares that view”, stated Mr. Tom Frederick, Executive Director of the Authority. “A significant amount of work to-date, including the underground geotechnical investigations, is of sound quality and will be a great aid in resuming the design. Important early decisions will include to what extent more data is needed to complement what we have, and how that data will be interpreted in designing a dam foundation.”

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