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RICHMOND - Stephanie L. Hamlett, Executive Director of the Virginia Resources Authority (VRA), today announced the issuance of \$81,515,000 of VRA Infrastructure Revenue Bonds and State Moral Obligation Revenue Bonds to finance critical infrastructure projects in communities across the Commonwealth. The taxable and tax-exempt bonds, offered through VRA's Virginia Pooled Financing Program, achieved an all-in Total Interest Cost of 3.81 percent.

The bond issue will cover six new money projects and three refinancings. The local projects financed with the bond proceeds represent a wide spectrum of infrastructure improvements and demonstrate the unique ability of VRA to finance a variety of projects including the reconstruction of a dam spillway to energy performance upgrades in local government buildings. The nine localities, of which five are new, participating in the bond sale will fund projects that include: the interconnection of water systems, the purchase and renovation of a new administration building, a water main replacement, and energy efficiency upgrades to public buildings. Other participating localities will achieve debt service savings with the refunding/refinancing of existing bonds. A full list of local government borrowers, including loan amounts, follows the main body of this release.

"We are pleased to have had this opportunity to work with these localities and to be able to deliver cost-effective financing for these important projects", said Hamlett. "I applaud the communities for all their efforts to keep the costs of these critical projects down and for taking advantage of the cost-saving benefits available to localities through VRA's Pooled Financing Program."

Standard & Poor's assigned its "AAA" rating to the VFPF Infrastructure Revenue Bonds, Series 2011A and its "AA" rating to the VFPF Moral Obligation Revenue Bonds, Series 2011A. Moody's Investors Service confirmed the ratings of "Aaa" on the Infrastructure Revenue Bonds and "Aa2" on the State Moral Obligation Revenue Bonds for the Series 2011A Virginia Pooled Financing Program.

"These outstanding credit ratings mean savings for our borrowers and they help in making these much needed projects affordable to tax and rate payers", said VRA Board Chair William G. O'Brien, retired County Administrator for Rockingham County. "VRA prides itself on its ability to partner with localities in meeting their infrastructure financing needs with reasonable and effective terms", he said.

*Local Borrower Project Summaries:*

- **City of Hampton:** refunded \$61,395,000 of their Series 2002 Convention Center Revenue Bonds for net present value savings of \$4.6 million, or 7.57% of the refunded bonds.
- **Botetourt County:** borrowed from the VFPF to finance a water project; the County borrowed \$510,000 for 20 years at an All-in True Interest Cost of 4.32%.
- **City of Falls Church:** borrowed from the VFPF to finance a water line replacement project and fund the City's portion of capital costs associated with the Arlington County Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Alexandria Sanitation Authority Wastewater Treatment Plant, both of which treat wastewater flows from Falls Church. The City borrowed \$5.5 million for 20 years at an All-in True Interest Cost of 3.77%.
- **Fauquier County:** refinanced a 2009 loan, which funded the expansion of the Vint Hill Wastewater Treatment Plant. The County borrowed \$5.43 million for approximately 19 years at an All-in True Interest Cost of 3.67%. The refinancing achieved net present value savings in excess of \$513,000.
- **Greensville County:** borrowed \$1.355 million to fund the acquisition and renovation of a building to house their Commonwealth's Attorney program; the County's loan is for 30 years at an All-in True Interest Cost of 4.62%.
- **Halifax County:** borrowed \$670,000 to fund energy performance upgrades to several County buildings. The 15-year loan was issued at an All-in True Interest Cost of 3.93%.
- **King George County Service Authority:** borrowed to refinance a 2009 Water and Sewer Revenue Bond. The Authority borrowed \$5.79 million from the Series 2011A VFPF for 22 years at an All-in True Interest Cost of approximately 4.24%.
- **Lake Holiday Sanitary District:** borrowed \$9.245 million to fund the rehabilitation of the Lake Holiday Dam in Frederick County. The loan was

issued on a taxable basis for 20 years at an All-in True Interest Cost of approximately 5.19%.

- **Northwestern Regional Jail Authority:** borrowed \$495,000 to fund energy performance upgrades to the Northwestern Regional Adult Detention Center. The 15-year loan was issued at an All-in True Interest Cost of 4.32%.