

Action Alert (3-22-2008)

The General Assembly convenes May 13 for its “short session.” Drought and water policy will be among the major issues up for discussion.

The North Carolina Watershed Alliance, of which the League of Women Voters of North Carolina is a member, will take a strong message on water conservation to the legislators:

“Whatever happens with rain in the short term, our water is a finite, local resource. North Carolina is currently blessed with enough water that if our communities use it wisely and don’t waste it, we have enough to meet our needs. That’s good economic as well as environmental policy, given that conservation and efficient use is far more cost-effective than trying to build new reservoirs or capture water from neighboring counties or states. But, as we continue to grow, our local governments will need to pay increasing attention to the availability of water as they approve new developments, so we don’t create future water emergencies.”

This message will be the basis for legislative efforts in the short session. To join the effort, make your opinions known to your legislators. Send an email message from the N.C. Conservation Network’s “Waste not want not” website: http://ncconservationnetwork1.org/campaign/waste_not_want_not