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Office of Governor Terry McAuliffe  
State Capitol  
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Richmond, VA 23219

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Dear Governor McAuliffe,

The Craig County Board of Supervisors (CCBOS) adopted the attached resolution respectfully asking that the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) provide the appropriate plan review and construction oversight of the proposed Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP) Project to protect surface and ground water resources.

The MVP Project is considering four possible alternative routes (Alternative Routes 110, 110J, 110R and 200) through the County of Craig.

Each route traverses across steep slopes which if not properly managed and inspected has the potential to cause severe erosion.

Craig County citizens rely 100% on ground water for their domestic water supply.

Therefore, the CCBOS adopted the attached resolution respectfully asking that your office insure that DEQ requires project-specific Erosion and Sediment Control and Stormwater Management Plans for the proposed Mountain Valley Pipeline Project.

Furthermore, if the MVP Project is constructed, the CCBOS respectfully requests that the State requires MVP officials and third party inspectors to meet with local officials to discuss the implementation of the project-specific Erosion and Sediment Control and Stormwater Management Plans.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me.

Sincerely,

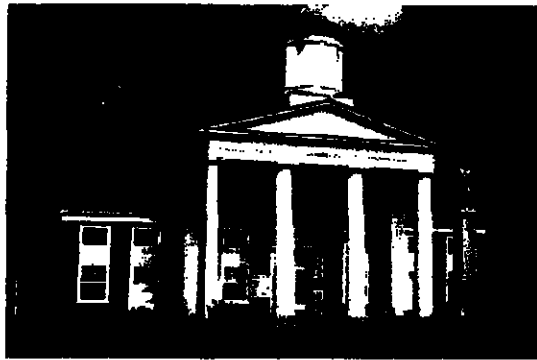
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cc: Craig County Board of Supervisors  
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The Honorable Mark Warner  
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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF  
THE COUNTY OF CRAIG, VIRGINIA**

**REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA TO REQUIRE THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
QUALITY (DEQ) TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE PLAN REVIEW AND CONSTRUCTION OVERSIGHT OF THE  
MOUNTAIN VALLEY PIPELINE PROJECT TO PROTECT SURFACE AND GROUNDWATER RESOURCES**

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP) project is a natural gas pipeline system that spans approximately 300 miles from north-western West Virginia to southern Virginia – and, as an interstate pipeline, will be regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). The MVP will be constructed and owned by Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC, which is a joint venture of EQT Midstream Partners, LP; NextEra US Gas Assets, LLC; WGL Midstream; and Vega Midstream MVP LLC. EQT Midstream Partners will operate the pipeline and own a majority interest in the joint venture. The MVP project will impact six Virginia Counties, including Craig County.

**WHEREAS**, sedimentation caused by accelerated erosion from land-disturbing activities during construction is a significant contributor to pollution of the surface waters of Virginia and the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, many miles of the proposed Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP) project would traverse highly erodible soils with very steep slopes in Craig County; and

**WHEREAS**, Craig County is required by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality to implement a comprehensive stormwater management and erosion and sediment control program to reduce the environmental impacts of development projects within the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the required amount of land-disturbance associated with the MVP excavation is significantly larger area of all land disturbing activities in a typical year for Craig County and has the potential to cause severe erosion in the County's steep mountainous terrain; and

**WHEREAS**, the Craig County citizens rely 100% on untreated groundwater from wells or springs for their domestic water supplies; and

**WHEREAS**, due to its karst topography, sinkholes and underground channels capable of carrying sediment and other pollutants are widespread in some portions of the County where the pipeline's construction has been proposed to occur; and

**WHEREAS**, without very careful engineering and construction oversight, erosion and sediment from the construction of the proposed Mountain Valley Pipeline could have severe negative consequences for the County's natural waterways as well as its domestic, agricultural, and business water supplies; and

**WHEREAS**, the outdoor beauty and unspoiled nature of the mountain streams and rivers is integral to the County's ability to attract tourism to the Virginia's Mountain Region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality has the authority to require the submission of site-specific erosion and sediment control plans and stormwater management plans, the authority to review and approve these plans, and the authority to conduct inspections and enforcement of these plans during the construction of the Mountain Valley Pipeline; and

**WHEREAS**, the Freedom of Information Act can be used to obtain public and local government access to such plans, but only if the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality requires the submission of the plans to the agency by the pipeline developer.

**WHEREAS**, the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality has publicly stated that it does not have sufficient resources to provide adequate oversight to linear construction projects, including pipeline projects such as the Mountain Valley Pipeline.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Craig, in consideration of the points made above, request that:

1. The Governor of Virginia provide adequate direction and resources to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality to execute its role laid out in the Code of Virginia to adequately oversee and manage the environmental aspects of the construction of the Mountain Valley Pipeline project; including reviewing plans, conducting inspections, enforcing regulations, and when appropriate, reviewing the project-specific plans for the proposed Mountain Valley Pipeline; and
2. The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality is petitioned to require project-specific Erosion and Sediment Control and Stormwater Management Plans for the proposed Mountain Valley Pipeline project that meet all Virginia standards, and that these plans be made available to the County and to the public for review and comment prior to project approval and that the approved plans be made available to the County and the public prior to construction; and
3. Prior to construction, the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality is petitioned to require Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC officials and third-party inspectors to meet with local officials to discuss the implementation of the project-specific Erosion and Sediment Control and Stormwater Management Plans.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Craig County Board of Supervisors recommends that the State of Virginia develop a reimbursement or fee structure in order to recoup costs for providing oversight to linear construction projects,

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Craig, Virginia hereby directs the County Administrator to transmit this resolution to the Governor of Virginia Terry McAuliffe with copies to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for inclusion in pre-filing Docket Number PF-15-3-00, Virginia Secretary of Natural Resources Molly Ward, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality Director David Paylor, and the County's federal and state elected delegation.

The Board of Supervisors of Craig County, in a regular meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2015 adopted this Resolution.



Fred Craft, Chairman  
Board of Supervisors

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