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### **CAPITAL REGION WATER BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO CONSIDER PROPERTY SALE**

HARRISBURG (December 5, 2014) –Capital Region Water’s Board of Directors will vote Dec. 17 to consider or reject a proposed sale of 384 acres of Capital Region Water property in Clarks Valley to the Pennsylvania Game Commission. If the Board votes to consider the sale, an engineering report will be conducted and public hearings will be scheduled before a final vote in February.

“This is a pilot opportunity to ensure protection of our pristine water supply and generate revenue for much needed improvements while keeping the land in public hands” said CEO Shannon Williams. “We invite our customers to attend upcoming Board meetings in December and January to provide their input.”

Capital Region Water owns 8,200 acres surrounding the DeHart Reservoir in Rush Township, Dauphin County. Under the proposed sale, 384 acres of land farthest from the reservoir will be sold for \$1,055,000 with funding from Fort Indiantown Gap through the Department of Defense’s Army Compatible Use Buffer Program (ACUB). The Conservation Fund, a national non-profit dedicated to creating land and water protection strategies that balance environmental stewardship with economic vitality, will purchase the land and subsequently transfer it to the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

Pennsylvania Game Commission Executive Director R. Matthew Hough said the opportunity to work with partner groups to protect the land as wildlife habitat makes for an arrangement where all parties would benefit.

“Creating, preserving and otherwise managing wildlife habitat demand best-management practices that are based on good environmental stewardship, and we are excited the authority is considering the sale,” Hough said. “The tract being considered is sandwiched between two large tracts of state game lands, which would allow us to bridge those properties and create a contiguous block of preserved lands that would benefit wildlife and provide expanded opportunities to hunters and trappers.”

The Pennsylvania Game Commission is an independent state agency funded with more than half its annual revenue coming from hunting and furtaker licenses with the mission, “To manage Pennsylvania’s wild birds, wild mammals, and their habitats for current and future generations.”

“The governing principles of the Pennsylvania Game Commission provide stronger protections against future development than municipal authorities” said Williams. “This pilot sale could help protect our water supply for generations to come and help Capital Region Water evaluate beneficial alternatives for the land surrounding the DeHart Reservoir.”

Capital Region Water Board meetings are held on the first floor of 212 Locust Street in Harrisburg. Williams encourages customers to visit Capital Region Water’s website ([www.capitalregionwater.com](http://www.capitalregionwater.com)) and to call with any questions (888-510-0606).

A supplemental map is attached.



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