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Thanks to the Division of Water Infrastructure

The Water Infrastructure Division on 3/8/22 organized a virtual meeting for the towns of Topsail Beach and Surf City to answer questions regarding grant opportunities for water and sewer needs. There were five DEQ staff members in attendance which had tremendous expertise to assist the towns with their questions.

TISPC MARCH 2022 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

On March 11, 2022 the legislature adjourned its longest session in history. The adjournment resolution allows the General Assembly to come back twice before the May 18th official start of the short session. The leadership in both chambers wants to limit controversial issues and shorten bill deadlines to expedite the session. Some of the bills that will be considered include:

- Bills impacting the state budget must be to bill drafting by 5/9/22 and filed by 5/26/22
- Constitutional amendments
- Bills that passed one chamber by the 2021 crossover deadline
- Bills recommended by study commissions
- Local bills that have been submitted to Bill Drafting by 5/9/22 and filed by 5/31, 22

To meet the goal of a truly "short session" any budget bill passed by the General Assembly will have to avoid a veto. The Office of State Budget and Management estimates that over collections will reach \$2.4B by 6/30/22.

HB 243 Budget Technical Corrections Bill

There were two provisions H243 which passed 3/10/22 and was signed by the Governor on 3/17/22.

- Section 6.1.(c) of the bill moves the \$1,070,00 in funding received in last years budget from the "distressed" utility designation to "at risk".
- Section 40.30.(f) removes the North Topsail local match requirement for a \$1,500,000 appropriation from several years ago

