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ULSTER LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP UNANIMOUSLY MOVES MONTHLY SESSION

Location Shift To SUNY New Paltz Allows Legislators To Attend DEC Hearing On Draft Consent Order And Protocol On NYC Water Releases

The Ulster County Legislature's leadership announced today agreement to move committee meetings and the monthly session scheduled on June 19 to the SUNY New Paltz campus. This will allow and encourage legislators to attend and participate in the NYSDEC public information session scheduled on the same night and location from 6 pm – 8 pm. The topic of the hearing is the draft consent on the impacts of turbidity and management of reservoir releases by NYC and interim protocol for water release management.

"It is simply unacceptable that NYSDEC had reached a tentative agreement with NYC to reduce the impacts of turbidity in the Catskill Water System including flood mitigation measures without any input from Ulster County," emphasized Legislative Chairman Terry Bernardo. "The change in our schedule will provide all Legislators the opportunity to be heard on the public record regarding this critical pubic health issue".

Bernardo also encouraged the public to attend the DEC informational meeting. "When bureaucrats in Albany make deals with bureaucrats in New York City about the turbidity and flow of water in Ulster County, you know it's a bad deal. Ulster County Legislators are united and will be attending and speaking out at the DEC meeting and we encourage the public to do the same."

The new Legislative Schedule for June 19, at SUNY New Paltz is as follows:

5:00 pm	Ways and Means	Lecture Center Room 102
5:30 pm	Caucus	Rooms TBD
6:00 pm	NYSDEC Hearing	Lecture Center Room 100
7:15 pm	Regular Session	Lecture Center Room 102