

# NCMRWA

## UPDATE

**The Chester Town Council held a council meeting on January 14, 2026 at the Liberty County Senior Center. The meeting was held at the Senior Center to accommodate the anticipated public. After approximately two hours of public comment and questions related to NCMRWA, the Town Council voted to request membership in the NCMRWA. Mayor Dahlen signed a resolution formally requesting membership which was forward to NCRMWA.**

**On January 27, 2026, the NCRMWA held its regular quarterly meeting of all board members in Great Falls. The board is comprised of NCMRWA members who are appointed by their own cities, towns, and local water districts to represent them. The required quorum of board members voted to recommend to their respective member entities that Chester be allowed to become a member. Even though the board members voted to allow Chester to become a member, the two-thirds of the governing bodies of each member still have to approve Chester's request. NCMRWA is now preparing a resolution for each member city council, town council, and water district board to consider and vote.**

**Chester anticipates this process to take between 30 and 60 days.**

**Assuming Chester is approved and becomes a member of NCMRWA, Chester still will not receive water from NCMRWA for at least 3 years and probably longer. The Water Treatment Plant which will supply NCMRWA with water is still approximately a year from completion. Parts of the pipeline system will need to be redesigned to include Chester, then the pipeline will have to be funded and installed. All of this is a lengthy process.**