

South Carolina Water Plan Update

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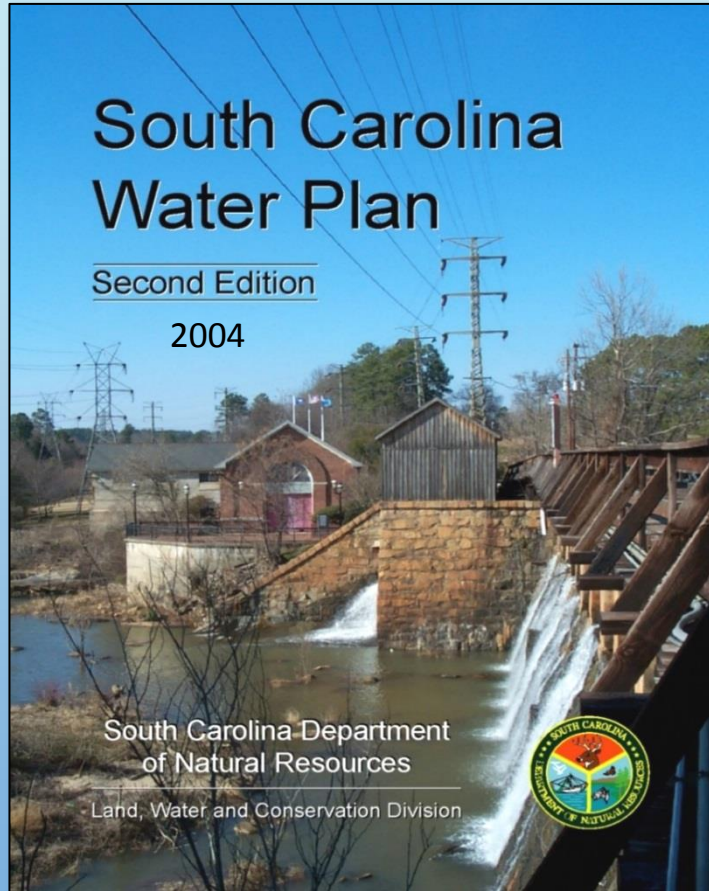


South Carolina Water Plan Symposium

Columbia, South Carolina

May 30th, 2018

A Brief History of Water Planning...



- First Edition published in 1998
- In 2004, DNR published the second edition of the South Carolina Water Plan incorporating lessons learned from the drought of 1998-2002.
- One recommendation was for the development of regional water plans for each major river basin in the State.
- 10 years later – SCDNR and SCDHEC initiated the first step towards these regional water plans.

South Carolina's Major River Basins

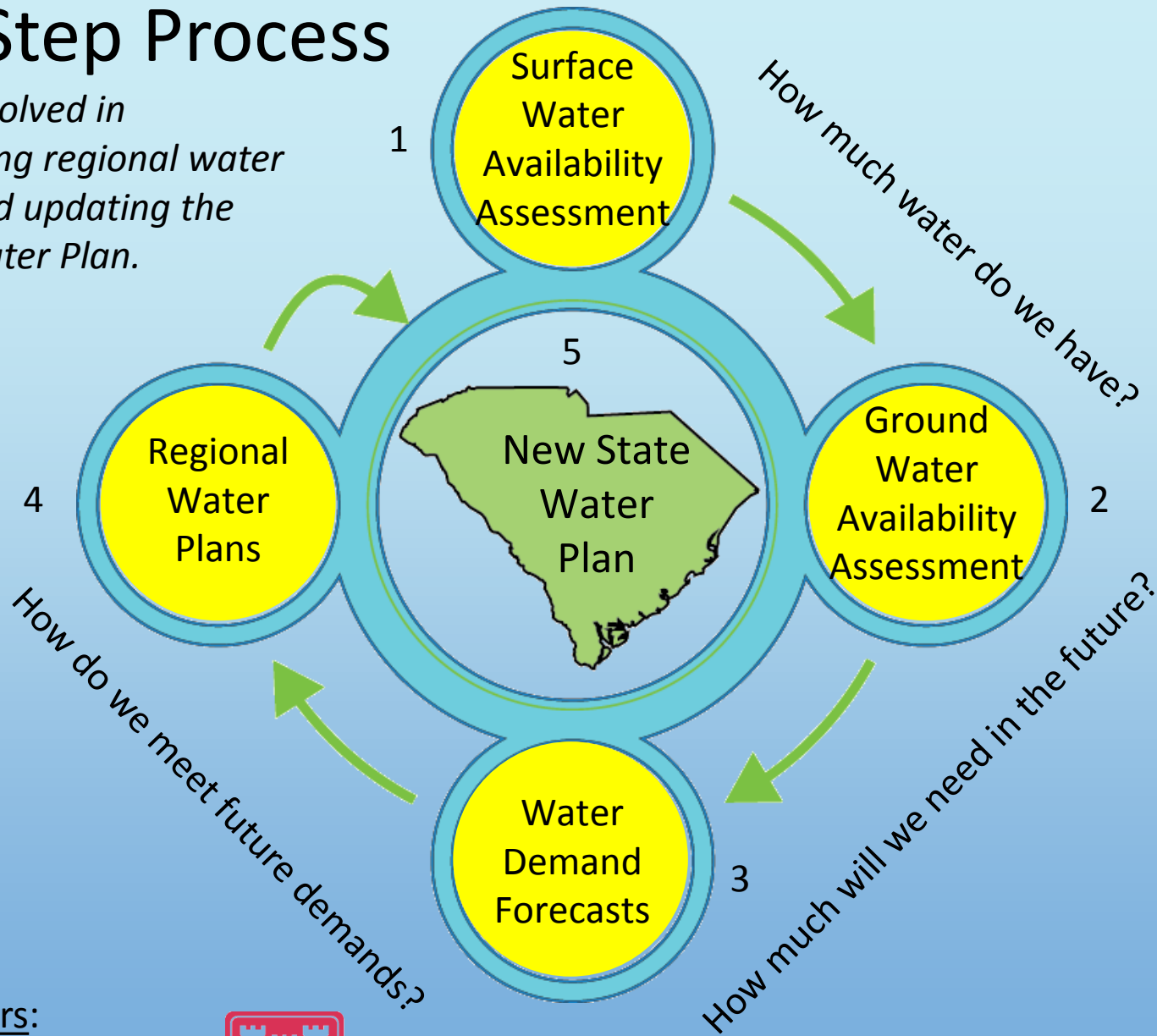
The goal of water planning is to develop a water-resources management plan that ensures that an adequate and reliable supply of clean water will be available to sustain all future uses.



Water plans will be developed for each of these basins, the same basins used by DHEC for water-quality assessments and for managing interbasin transfers of water.

Five Step Process

Steps involved in developing regional water plans and updating the State Water Plan.



Cooperators:



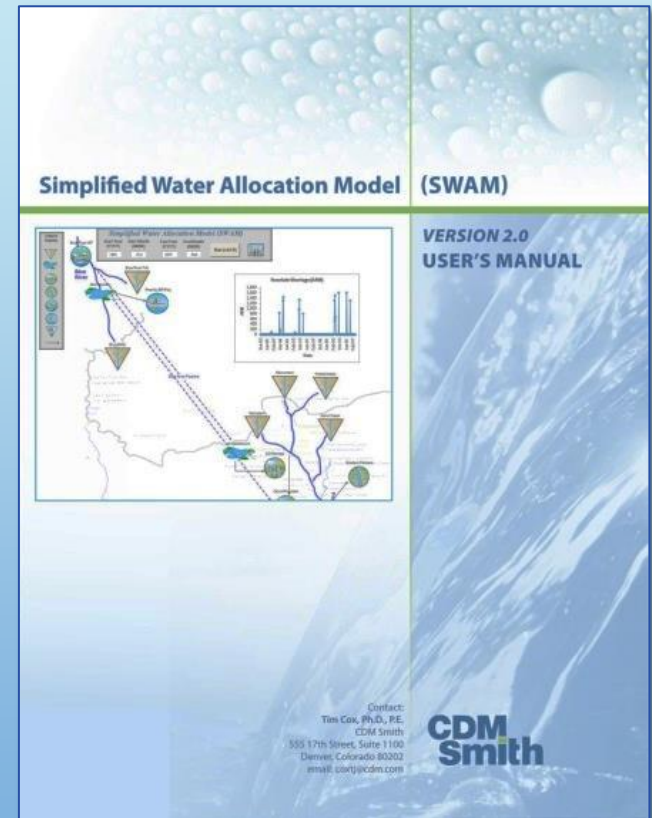
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Step 1. Surface-Water Availability Assessment

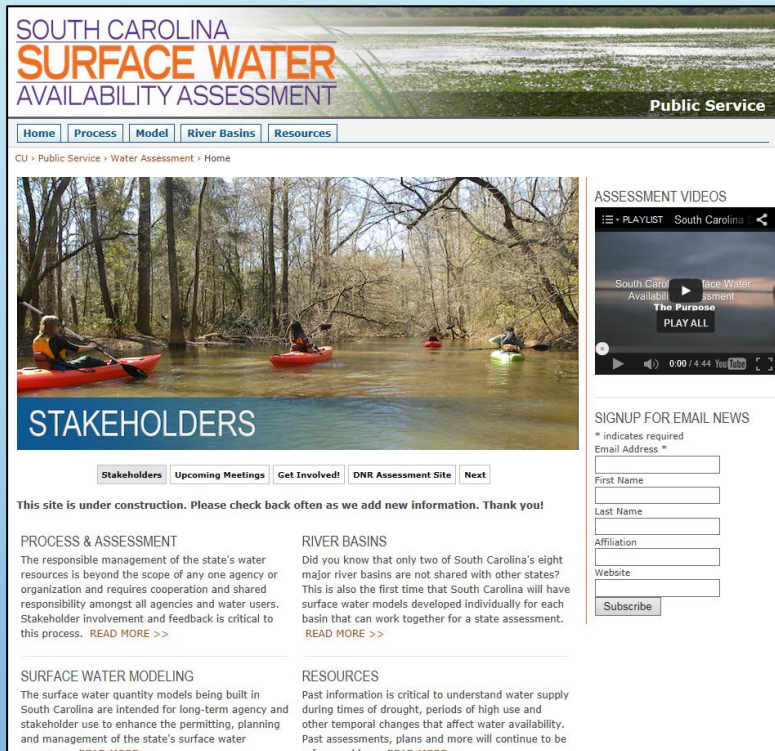
Purpose: Develop surface water quantity models for each basin.

- In August 2014, CDM Smith, Inc. was awarded a contract to develop surface-water quantity models for each basin using its *Simplified Water Allocation Model (SWAM)* modeling tool.
- Stakeholder meetings for the project were facilitated by Clemson University with support from CDM Smith, DNR, and DHEC.
- Final models submitted to SCDNR in June 2017



Stakeholder Meetings

- Two stakeholder meetings per basin
- Facilitated by Clemson University



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South Carolina Surface Water Availability Assessment
The Purpose
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PROCESS & ASSESSMENT
The responsible management of the state's water resources is beyond the scope of any one agency or organization and requires cooperation and shared responsibility amongst all agencies and water users. Stakeholder involvement and feedback is critical to this process. [READ MORE >>](#)

RIVER BASINS
Did you know that only two of South Carolina's eight major river basins are not shared with other states? This is also the first time that South Carolina will have surface water models developed individually for each basin that can work together for a state assessment. [READ MORE >>](#)

SURFACE WATER MODELING
The surface water quantity models being built in South Carolina are intended for long-term agency and stakeholder use to enhance the permitting, planning and management of the state's surface water resources. [READ MORE >>](#)

RESOURCES
Past information is critical to understand water supply during times of drought, periods of high use and other temporal changes that affect water availability. Past assessments, plans and more will continue to be referenced here. [READ MORE >>](#)

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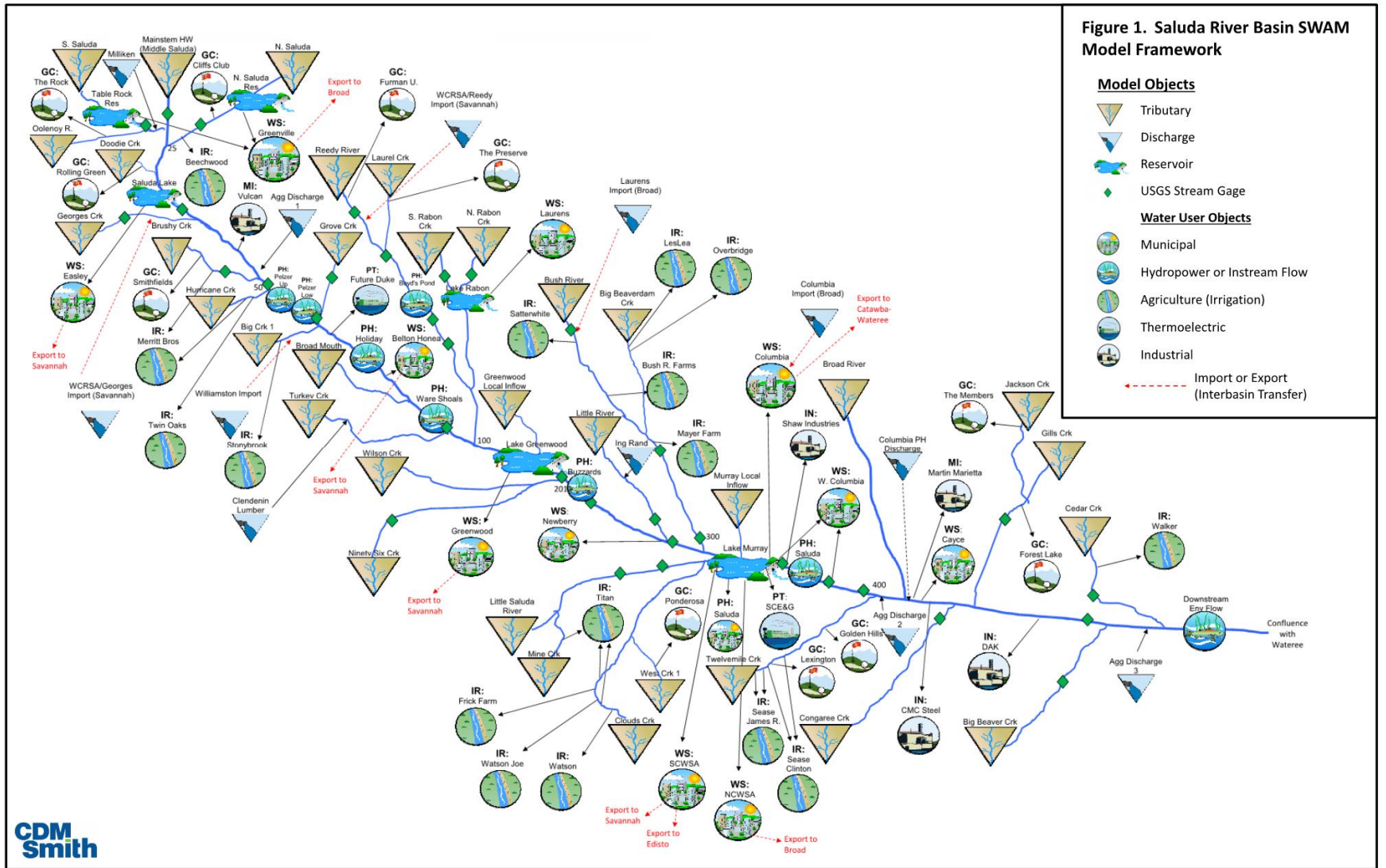
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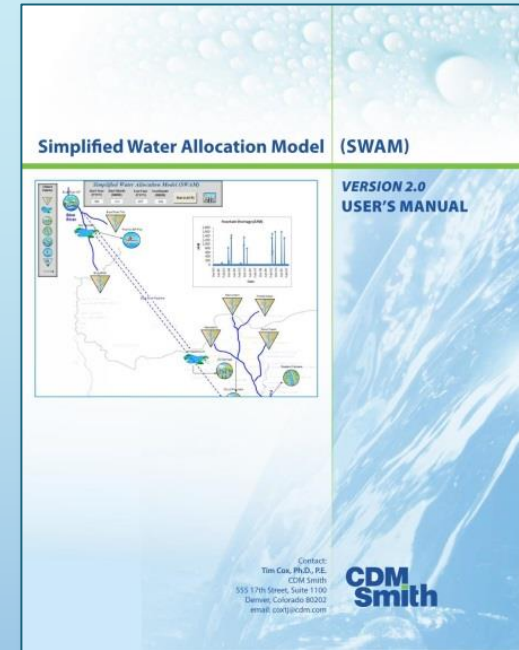


Model Schematic – Saluda Basin

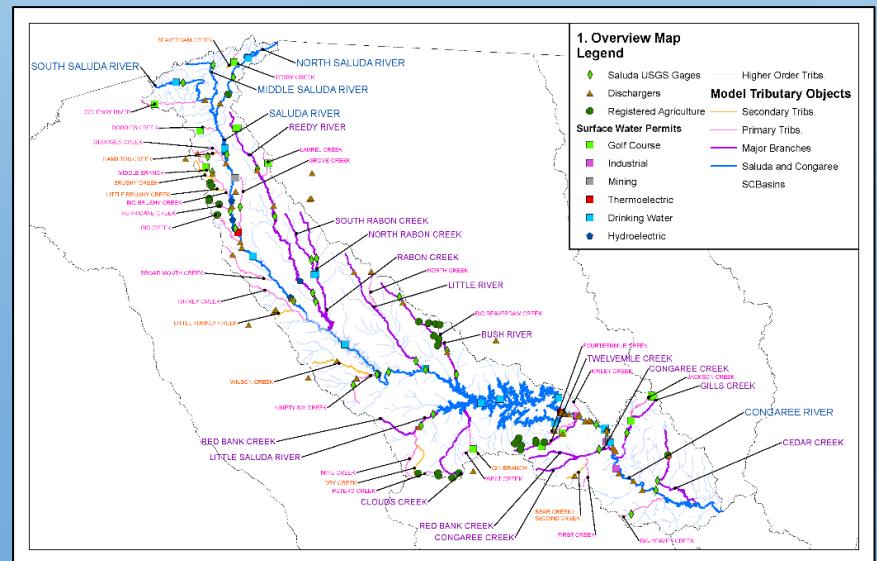


Surface Water Assessment – SWAM Model

- Models will be used to:
 - Determine surface-water availability
 - Predict where and when water shortages might occur
 - Test alternative water-management strategies
 - Help resolve water disputes
 - Evaluate IBTs and withdrawal permits (DHEC)
 - Support development of drought management plans



Ultimately, the models will support the development of Regional or Basin water plans



On the Web at DNR

<http://www.dnr.sc.gov/water/waterplan/surfacewater.html>

The screenshot shows the DNR website header with the logo and navigation menu. The main content area is titled "Surface Water Modeling and Assessments" and contains several paragraphs of text, a "Project Documents" section with a list of links, and a "Hydrology Section" sidebar.

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Surface Water Modeling and Assessments

Effective water planning and management requires an accurate assessment of the location and quantity of the water resources of the State, and one of the most useful tools for evaluating management strategies is a computer model that simulates the surface water system throughout an entire watershed. To that end, SCDNR and SCDHEC have begun the process of developing surface-water quantity models for each of the [eight major watersheds](#), or basins, in South Carolina.

A more detailed discussion of the proposed surface water modeling can be found in the document [Basinwide Surface Water Modeling in South Carolina PDF](#), and an overview of each of the eight basins for which the models will be developed can be found in the document [Major Basins of South Carolina PDF](#).

In July 2014, CDM Smith, Inc. was awarded a contract to develop the models for the state.

Project Documents

For any questions regarding these reports and presentations, please contact Joe Gellici by phone (803-734-6428) or [email](#).

For information about stakeholder meetings, please visit <http://www.clemson.edu/public/water-assessment/>.

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Broad	Catawba
Edisto	Pee Dee
Salkehatchie	Saluda
Santee	Savannah

Status of Surface Water Assessments

- Baseline models received from CDM Smith in June, 2017
 - Final SCDNR internal review is ongoing
 - Review has led to revisions to improve reservoir operating rules and to correct the occasional data input error
- CDM Smith has recently added several SWAM enhancements to the baseline models
 - Updated baseline models were released to SCDNR and SCDHEC this spring
 - Several of the enhancements led to a recalibration exercise for the Edisto basin that is near completion
- A subset of the basin models are scheduled to be released this summer (tentatively – Edisto, Salkehatchie, Saluda, and Pee Dee)

USGS Streamflow and Lake Level Monitoring Network



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1	215100	BROAD RIVER NEAR BLACKSBURG, SC	378	1/24/1987
2	215101	BROAD RIVER NEAR FINE FINE (LAKE) NEAR BROADSVILLE, SC	536	10/20/1989
3	215102	MOORE CREEK AT BLACKSBURG, SC	274	4/2/1986
4	215103	THICKET CREEK AT CITY ROAD NEAR GAITHERS, SC	25	10/20/1989
5	215104	NORTH FORK BROAD RIVER AT GREENSBURG, SC	138	4/2/1986
10	215490	SOUL FLORETT RIVER NEAR CAMPBELL, SC	584	1/24/1987
11	215500	FAULCON RIVER NEAR GREENSBURG, SC	271	11/21/1989
13	215500	LAWSONS CREEK AT SPARTANBURG, SC	247	4/26/2012
15	215600	BROAD RIVER NEAR CHARLENA, SC	290	1/21/1987
17	215700	MURKIN CREEK NEAR NEAR GREENSBURG, SC	617	1/17/1987
20	215710	MIDDLE TYPON RIVER NEAR LYNNAL, SC	80	2/12/1980
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- Active, Stream Stage
- Active, Tidal Stream Stage
- Inactive Stage
- Inactive Stage Gage

Streamflow Gages

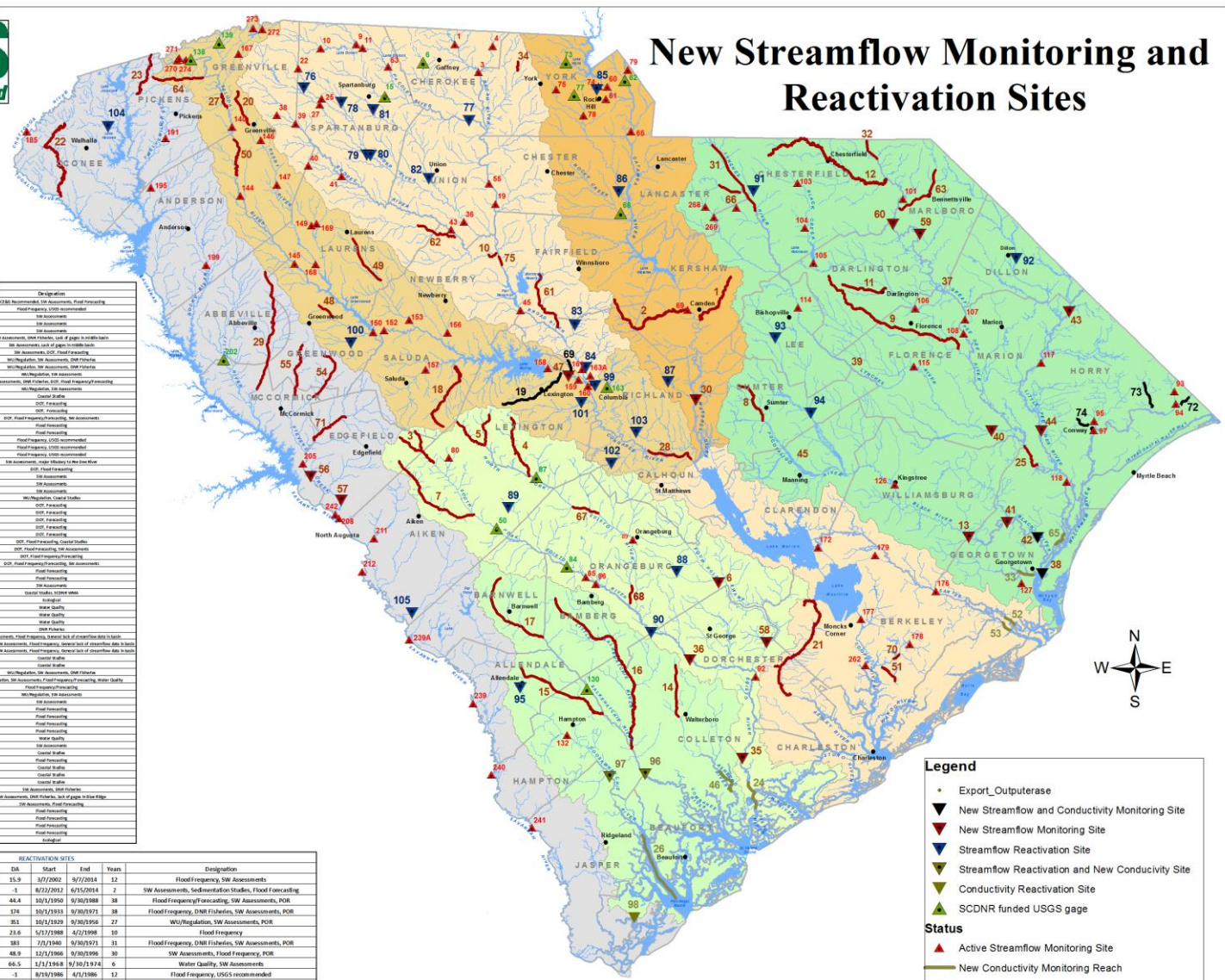
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Basin

- Broad
- Catawba
- Edisto
- PeeDee
- Saluda
- Santee
- Savannah



New Streamflow Monitoring and Reactivation Sites



NEW MONITORING REACH SITE			
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REACTIVATION SITES						
ID	Site No.	Site Name	Basin	Start	End	Years
67	255490	Beaverdam Creek above Greer, SC	Broad	3/7/2002	9/7/2014	12
77	255470	Piedmont River near Saratol, SC	Broad	8/22/2012	6/15/2014	2
78	255300	North Tiger River near Fairmont, SC	Broad	10/1/1990	9/30/1998	8
79	255000	South Catfish Creek near Rowlett, SC	Broad	10/1/1990	9/30/1998	8
80	255600	Tiger River near Woodruff, SC	Broad	10/1/1990	9/30/1998	8
81	255810	Fairforest Creek below Spartanburg, SC	Broad	2/16/1988	4/2/1998	10
82	256000	Falstaff Creek near Union, SC	Broad	7/7/1990	9/30/1991	11
83	256110	Golden Creek near Bluffton, SC	Broad	1/2/1986	9/30/1996	10
84	256280	Cramer Creek of Columbia, SC	Broad	2/1/1988	8/30/1994	6
85	256480	Little Dutchman Creek Trib at Rock Hill, SC	Catawba	8/29/1986	4/1/1986	12
86	254703	Fishing Creek below Fort Lawn, SC	Catawba	2/15/2001	10/1/2001	2
87	254800	Colberts Creek near Lumburg, SC	Catawba	9/3/1996	10/21/2007	11
88	254750	South Catfish Creek near Rowlett, SC	Edisto	2/14/1990	2/24/2011	21
89	257460	Dean Swampy Creek near Salley, SC	Edisto	10/1/1980	9/30/2000	20
90	2574000	Edisto River near Branchville, SC	Edisto	10/1/1945	9/30/1996	51
91	253130	Fork Creek at Jefferson, SC	Pee Dee	2/4/1976	9/30/1997	21
92	252500	Little Rock River near Dillon, SC	Pee Dee	4/2/1990	9/30/1991	12
93	252600	Scope the Swamp near Millerville, SC	Pee Dee	7/26/1968	9/30/2001	33
94	253500	Black River near Gable, SC	Pee Dee	4/1/1951	9/30/1992	41
95	257680	Timberly to Conasahechee at Abbeville, SC	Salkahatchie	1/5/1973	11/21/2005	32
96	257400	Catawba River near Tompkins, SC	Salkahatchie	4/3/1991	9/30/1991	8
97	257617	Conasahechee River near Early Branch, SC	Salkahatchie	10/1/1996	9/30/1998	3
98	256905	Roddy Branch at Pickens St, at Columbia, SC	Saluda	6/7/1985	6/8/2004	20
99	256970	Ninety six Creek near Ninety six, SC	Saluda	17/4/1980	9/30/2001	21
100	256950	Congaree Creek at Cayce, SC	Saluda	10/1/1950	9/30/1980	30
101	256940	Big River Creek near St. Matthews, SC	Saluda	9/9/1966	9/30/1991	25
102	256970	Cedar Creek below Myers Creek near Hopkins, SC	Saluda	6/6/1980	9/30/1985	5
103	257620	May River near Bluffton, SC	Savannah	6/6/2002	6/9/2004	2
104	258500	Little River near Walhalla, SC	Savannah	3/4/1967	9/30/2001	34
105	259715	Upper Three Runs at Road 4 (SAS), SC	Savannah	6/8/1974	9/30/2001	27

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Legend

- Export Outfall
- New Streamflow and Conductivity Monitoring Site
- New Streamflow Monitoring Site
- Streamflow Reactivation Site
- Streamflow Reactivation and New Conductivity Site
- Conductivity Reactivation Site
- SCDNR funded USGS gage

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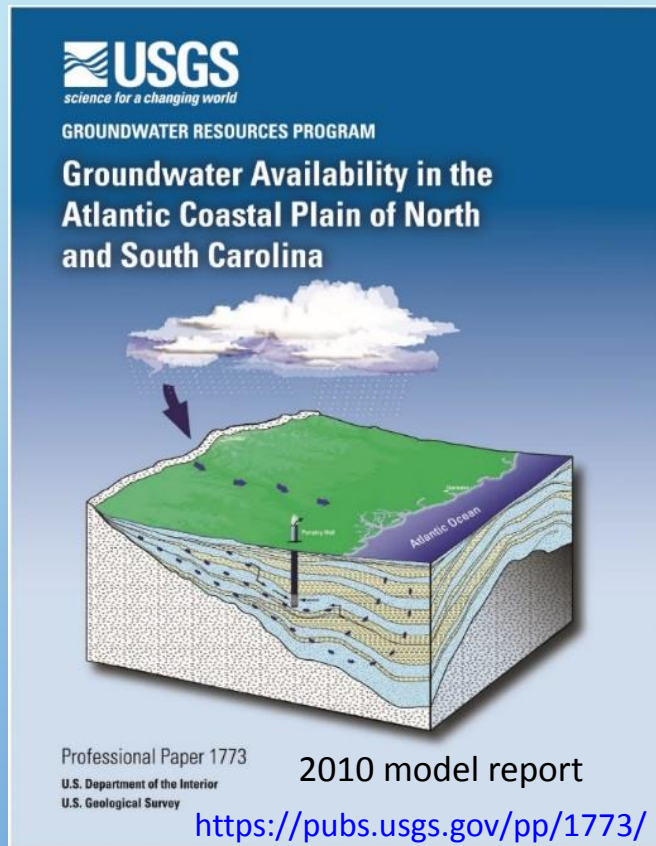
- Active Streamflow Monitoring Site
- New Conductivity Monitoring Reach
- New Streamflow Monitoring Reach
- New Streamflow and Water Quality Monitoring Reach

Basin

- Broad
- Catawba
- Edisto
- Pee Dee
- Salkahatchie
- Saluda
- Santee
- Savannah

Step 2. Groundwater Availability Assessment

Purpose: Update the 2010 groundwater flow model of the Coastal Plain.



The model will be used to:

- Determine groundwater availability.
- Evaluate the impacts that pumping has on groundwater and surface water resources and on other groundwater users.
- Evaluate future withdrawal scenarios to maximize groundwater use and minimize undesirable effects of pumping.

Model update is scheduled to be completed by June 2019.



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Groundwater Stakeholder Meetings

- Two stakeholder meetings were held:
 - North Charleston (November 28, 2017)
 - West Columbia (December 14, 2017)
- Two additional stakeholder meetings are planned for the future (TBD).
- Meetings are being facilitated by Clemson University.



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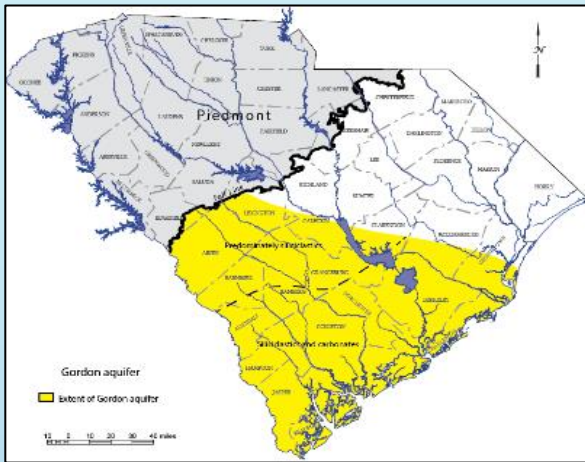
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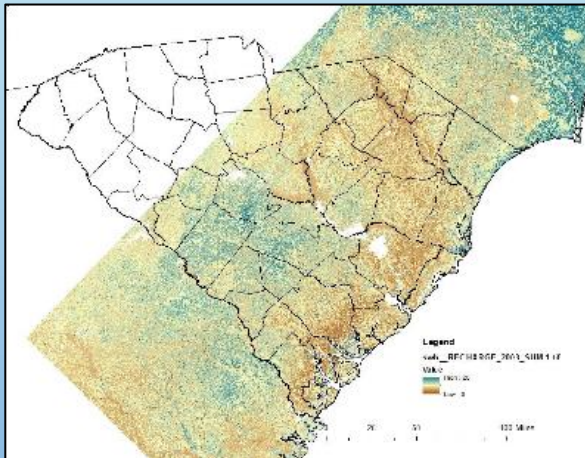
1. Hydrogeologic Framework

Developing maps of the aquifers and confining units.

Joe Gellici



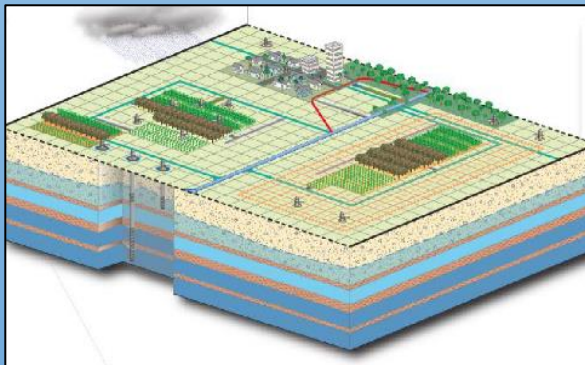
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2. Groundwater Recharge Model

Developing a model to estimate groundwater recharge.

Alex Butler



3. Groundwater Flow Model

Developing a model to simulate groundwater flow.

Bruce Campbell



Status of Groundwater Assessment

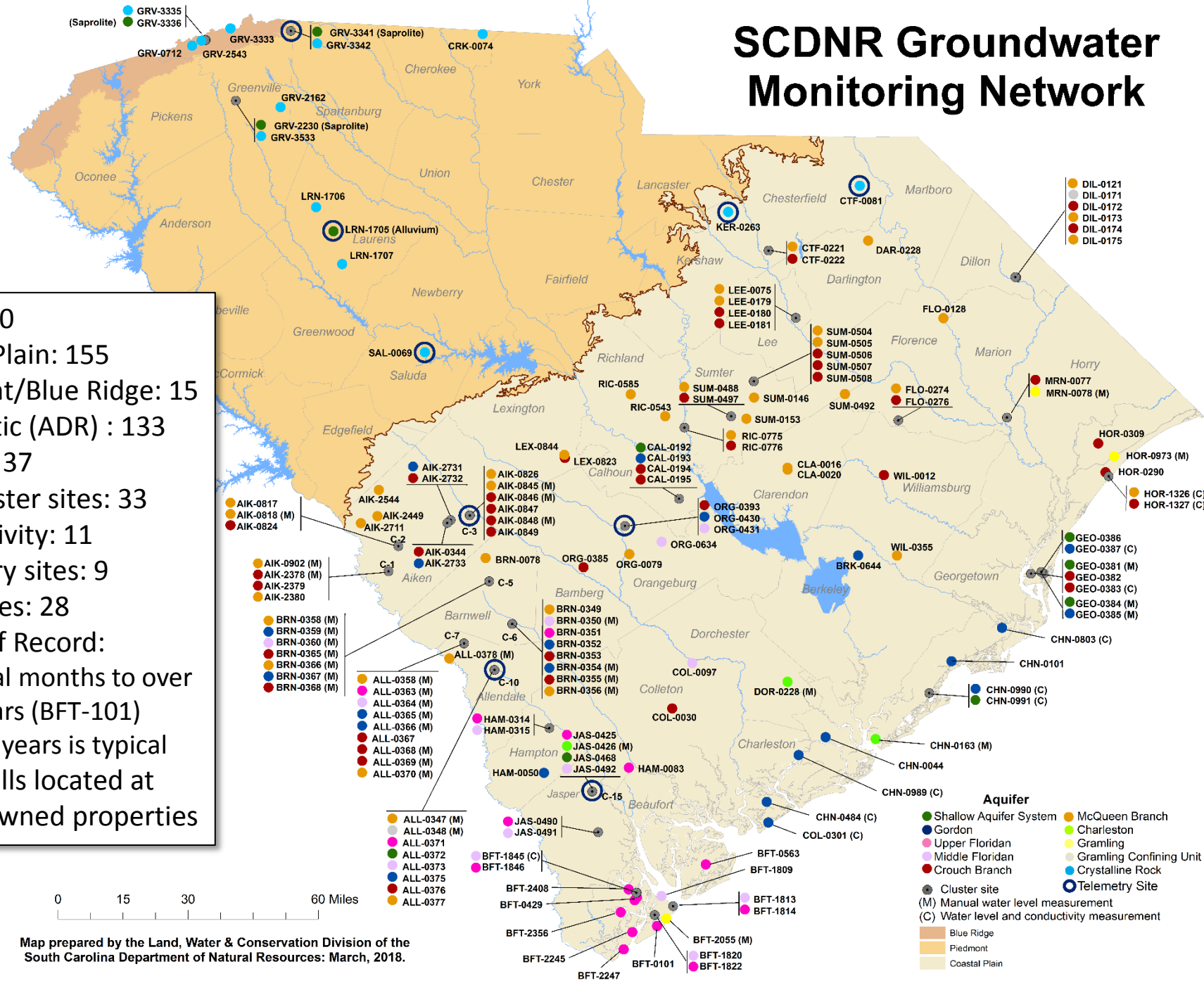
- Hydrogeologic framework
 - Eight aquifers and seven confining units have been delineated and mapped.
 - Framework report scheduled to be completed by June 2019.
- Groundwater recharge model
 - Annual recharge maps for years 1979-2015 have been completed.
 - Recharge data have been input into the groundwater model.
 - Work on future projections of groundwater recharge are underway (will include models of future changing land use and land cover).
- Groundwater flow model
 - Aquifer picks for calibration wells have been adjusted per DNR reviews.
 - Review of aquifer assignments for water-use and pumping test wells underway.
 - Model calibration will continue based on these new inputs.
 - Model scheduled to be completed by June 2019.

SCDNR Groundwater Monitoring Network

Total: 170
Coastal Plain: 155
Piedmont/Blue Ridge: 15
Automatic (ADR) : 133
Manual: 37
Well-cluster sites: 33
Conductivity: 11
Telemetry sites: 9
Core holes: 28
Period of Record:

- Several months to over 50 years (BFT-101)
- 10-15 years is typical

Most wells located at state-owned properties



Map prepared by the Land, Water & Conservation Division of the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources: March, 2018.

Step 3. Water-Demand Forecasts

Purpose: Develop water-demand forecasts for each of the 8 basins.

SCDNR is working with the USACE (Charleston) and Clemson to develop water-demand forecasts for each basin.

Forecasts from 2015-2065 in 5- and 10-year intervals for:

1. Public supply
2. Domestic supply
3. Agriculture
4. Industry
5. Power
6. Golf Course

Have recently met with these groups:

- Water Works Association, SC Utility Council
- SC Chamber of Commerce, Environmental Committee
- SC Farm Bureau, Water Committee
- SC Water Quality Association



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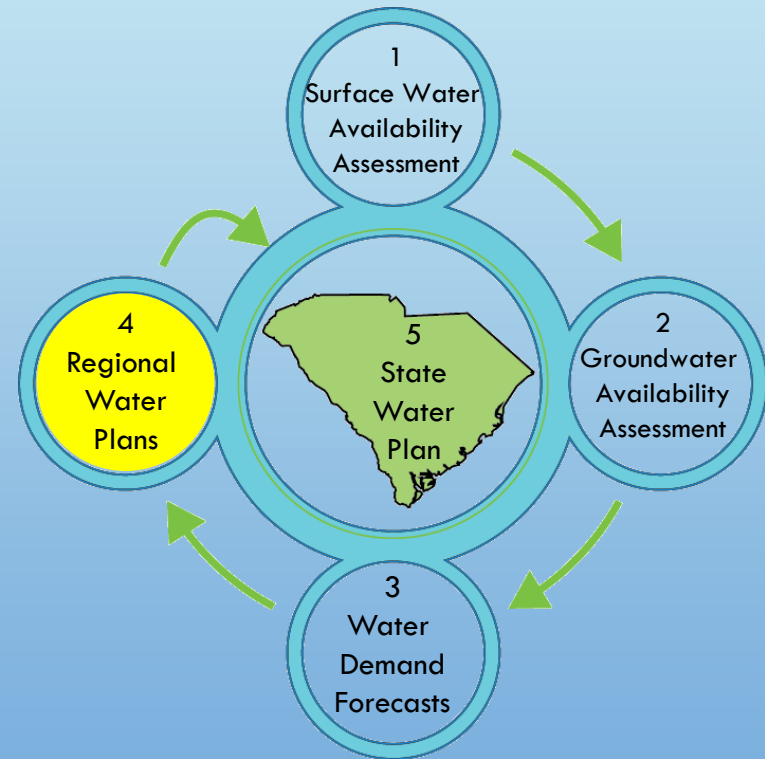
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Step 4. Regional (Basinwide) Water Plans

Using the assessments and forecasts, and with oversight from State agencies, stakeholders will begin the process of developing regional water plans for each basin.

This step includes:

- The formation of basin advisory councils
- An evaluation of future water availability:
 - A gap-analysis to determine where and when shortages will occur
 - Reservoir safe yield studies
- An assessment of management strategies to meet the future demands or to plan for potential changes in water availability:
 - Demand side (Water conservation measures, drought management plans)
 - Supply side (new water sources)



Planning Process Advisory Committee (PPAC)

Develop a guidance document for the regional water plans. Some of the subject matters addressed in the document will include:

- Vision and goals
- Process of designating members to the Basin Advisory Councils
- Roles and responsibilities of the Basin Advisory Councils
- Roles and responsibilities of the State agencies
- Council bylaws/operating charter for Basin Advisory Councils
- Regional water plan format and contents
- Public and stakeholder participation
- Financing of regional water plans
- Implementation of regional water plans
- Outline how the regional water plans fit into the State Water Plan
- Administrative rules

First 2 meetings held on March 29th and May 24th, 2018

Next meeting scheduled for June 28th, 2018

PPAC Committee Members

Jeffery Allen - Clemson University, South Carolina Water Resources Center

David Baize - WEASC/SCAWWA

John Baker - International Paper

David Bereskin - Greenville Water

Jesse Cannon - Santee Cooper

Fred Castles, III - Catawba-Wateree Management Group

Clay Duffie - Mount Pleasant Waterworks

J.J. Jowers, Jr - Edisto Engineers and Surveyors, Inc.

Eric Krueger - The Nature Conservancy

Jeff Lineberger - Duke Energy

Jill Miller - South Carolina Rural Water Association

Dean Moss, Jr – Citizen, Formerly of Beaufort-Jasper Water and Sewer Authority

Heather Nix - Upstate Forever

Myra Reece - South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC)

Ken Rentiers - South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR)

Bill Stangler - Congaree Riverkeeper

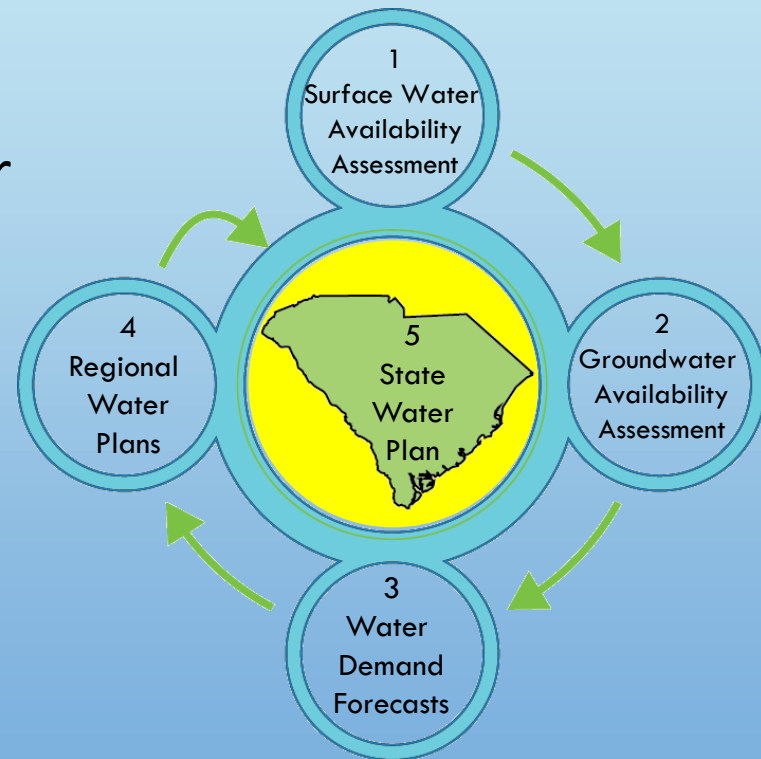
Scott Willett - Anderson Regional Joint Water System

Charles Wingard - Walter P. Rawl & Sons, Inc.

Step 5. Update the State Water Plan

Upon completion of the regional water plans, the State Water Plan will be updated by DNR.

- Assess the overall condition of water resources in the State
- Evaluate statewide trends in water use and availability
- Offer water-resource policy and program recommendations
- Introduce innovative practices



SC Drought Tabletop Exercise

WHAT

80 participants met to review the plans and procedures that govern state-, basin-, and local-level responses to drought and water shortages.

WHY

- 1) Identify and understand the strengths and breaking points in the [SC Drought Response Act](#), [SC Drought Regulations](#), [SC Emergency Response Plan Drought Annex](#), and local drought plans and procedures
- 2) Improve awareness of local, state, and federal players in South Carolina's drought response
- 3) Identify key mission areas for each State Emergency Support Function
- 4) Collect ideas and strategies for future exercises

WHEN

September 27, 2017

WHERE

South Carolina Emergency Operations Center
West Columbia, SC

ORGANIZERS



Additional Information and

SOUTH CAROLINA DROUGHT & WATER SHORTAGE TABLETOP EXERCISE

About South Carolina Drought Response

Drought is a complex natural hazard that can cover large territories and last for months or years. Drought can have severe effects on water resources and water-dependent sectors. The South Carolina State Climatology Office, Department of Natural Resources, and Drought Response Committee routinely monitor conditions, evaluate impacts, and provide information to the public so that water managers and users can respond effectively.

The SC Drought Response Act and Regulations guide state actions during different stages of drought. The Drought Annex of the State's Emergency Operations Plan can be activated when drought threatens public health, safety, or welfare. The tabletop exercise allowed different agencies and water managers to walk through and discuss the effectiveness of drought response plans and procedures.



KEY NEEDS & ACTION ITEMS IDENTIFIED AT THE EXERCISE

1) PLANS AND PROCEDURES

Identified Need: Better coordinated and timely drought response

Proposed Action Items:

- » Fill Drought Response Committee vacancies
- » Review and update state and local plans and ordinances, including the Drought Response Act, Drought Regulations, and Drought Annex of the Emergency Operations Plan

2) COMMUNICATIONS

Identified Need: Improved information sharing across agencies and with the public

Proposed Action Items:

- » Formalize processes to promote information sharing, enhance awareness of regional and local issues, and facilitate better working relationships across different agencies
- » Develop clear, consistent water conservation messaging for different stages of drought

3) EDUCATION & AWARENESS

Identified Need: Greater agency familiarity with the Drought Response Program and their role in drought response and mitigation

Proposed Action Items:

- » Develop education and training modules for Emergency Managers and others to learn more about drought
- » Conduct future exercises at the regional and watershed level

4) DATA & INFORMATION

Identified Need: More information to build common understanding of drought risks

Proposed Action Items:

- » Identify and develop information that could enhance drought response and planning, such as - rainfall, weather and climate monitoring tools; water system intakes and interconnections; sector-specific impacts; resources for response and mitigation

[http://www.cisa.sc.edu/PDFs/2017 SC Drought Tabletop Exercise/Drought Tabletop 2 Pager.pdf](http://www.cisa.sc.edu/PDFs/2017%20SC%20Drought%20Tabletop%20Exercise/Drought%20Tabletop%20Pager.pdf)

