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SCDES Update

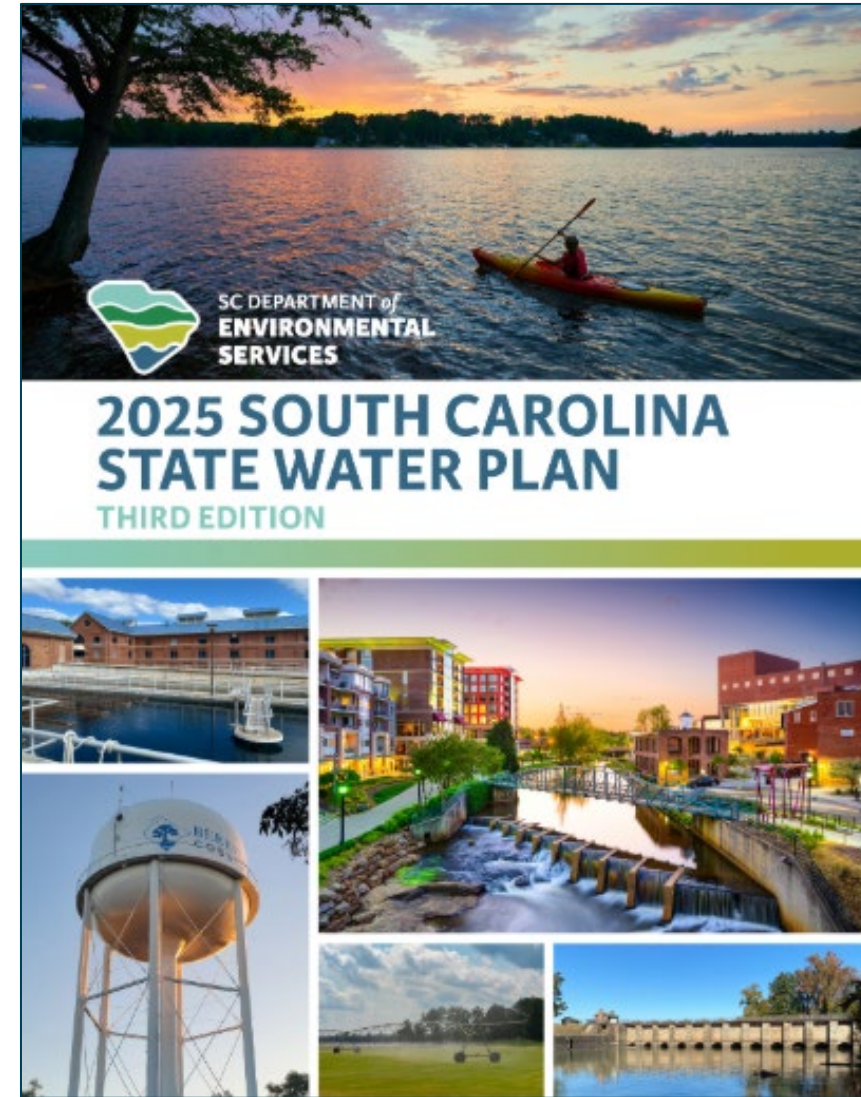
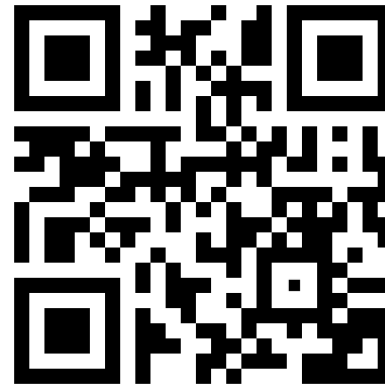
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Interbasin River Council Meeting
Broad, Saluda, and Upper Savannah Basins
March 11th, 2026



Events/Activities

- State Water Plan published in Dec 2025
- WaterSC meeting held in Feb 2026
- SCDES has presented at or participated in several stakeholder meetings in 2026:
 - Sustain SC
 - Georgia's Savannah-Ogeechee Regional Water Planning Meeting
 - Small Fruit Growers Association
 - Clemson Graduate Seminar
 - SC Manufacturers and Commerce
 - CWWMG's Water For All Summit
 - SCEC



WaterSC

- WaterSC will continue as a water planning committee under the authority of SCDES
- Last meeting held in Feb 2026
- Meeting topics included:
 - Defining the roles of SCDES, RBCs, and WaterSC
 - SCDES priorities for 2026
- Bi-monthly to quarterly meetings
- Next meeting planned for April



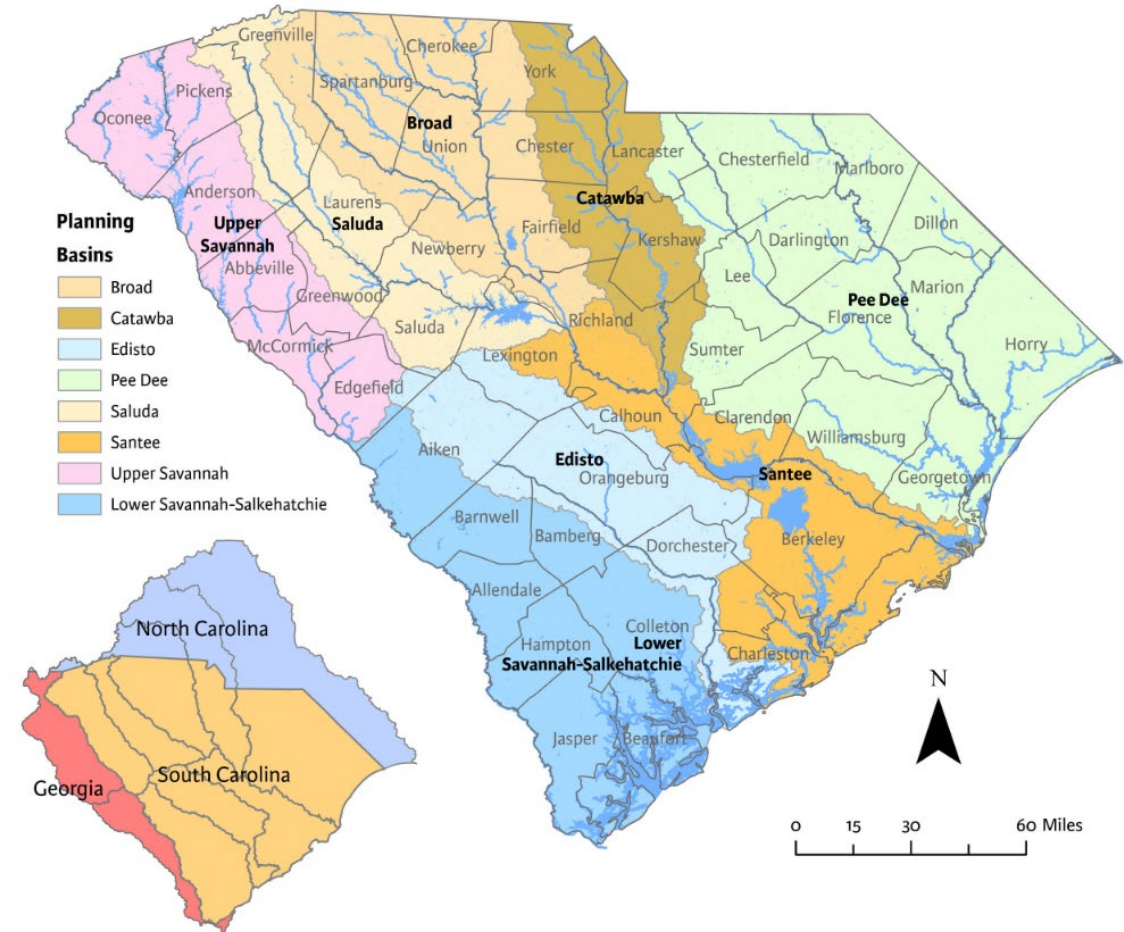
SCDES Priority Areas (2026)

1. Interstate Coordination with Georgia and North Carolina
 - Environmental Council of States Spring Meeting, March 29 – April 1, Savannah Ga
2. Intentional Education and Outreach
 - Water Summit scheduled for May 19th in Columbia
3. Enhanced Data Collection and Modeling
4. Incorporate Water Quality
 - How do we incorporate water quality into planning?
 - Educating RBCs on SCDES programs will be initial focus

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River Basin Plan Implementation

- SCDES will:
 - Initiate RBC meetings in 2026 for all planning basins
 - Confirm RBC membership rolls and seek to fill vacancies as needed.
- Frequency of meetings may vary by RBC but 2-4 meetings/year is anticipated
- Educate RBCs on water quality topics and current SCDES water quality programs
- SCDES will gather information on RBC priorities





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