

## Groundwater Management Plan Stakeholder Workgroup Western Capacity Use Area

Meeting 1: March 21, 2019

South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control Healthy People. Healthy Communities.

### The Need for a Groundwater Management Plan

- After notice and public hearing, the department shall coordinate the affected governing bodies and groundwater withdrawers to develop a groundwater management plan to achieve goals and objectives stated in Section 49-5-20.
- In those areas where the affected governing bodies and withdrawers are unable to develop a plan, the department shall take action to develop the plan.
- The plan must be approved by the board before the department may issue groundwater withdrawal permits for the area.

SC Code §49-5-60 (B)







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Spring 2019

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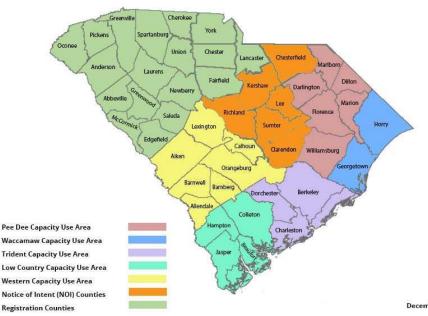
Begin Stakeholder Outreach & Information sharing	Convene Stakeholder Workgroup  Develop Draft Groundwater  Management Plan		Finalize Plan & Submit to DHEC Board
Capacity Use Workshops	<ul> <li>6 meetings on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month</li> <li>Input from stakeholders on the draft Groundwater Management Plan</li> </ul>		Additional public hearing prior to Board vote
Public Information Meeting			
	Written comments from public shared with workgroup	Open House/Public Meeting on Draft Plan: August	Review & issue permits consistent with the plan



# Groundwater Management Plan Stakeholder Workgroup

- Balanced representation of groundwater users & stakeholders
- Geographic representation
- Different expertise & perspectives
- Connect to broader stakeholder groups

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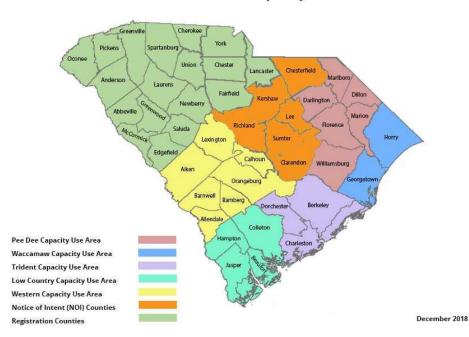


December 2018

## Workgroup Values

- Commitment
- Transparency
- Mutual respect
- Active participation
- Dialogue & listening
- Solution-focused
- Strive for consensus
- Focus on the region

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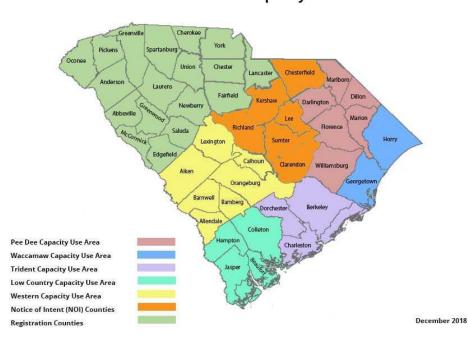




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- Attend meetings & contribute to discussion
- Share information about the process & opportunities to comment
- Communicate about the draft plan & encourage public input

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#### Inform

#### Consult

#### Involve

#### Collaborate

#### Empower

- Provide information to stakeholders
- Assist in understanding the process, issues, alternatives, opportunities and/or decisions being made
- Obtain feedback from stakeholders on process, analysis, alternatives and/or proposed implementation
- Listen and acknowledge concerns and comments
- Work directly with stakeholders to ensure issues and concerns are understood and considered
- Use stakeholder feedback in the process and decision-making
- Partner with stakeholders in all aspects of decisionmaking
- Seek advice, ideas, recommendations and decisions
- Stakeholders identify and develop preferred solutions

- Full engagement in all stages
- Final decisionmaking and implementation authority.

**Public Participation Spectrum Worksheet** 

Adapted from Public Participation Spectrum, International Association of Public Participation, 2000-2006



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- 3. What ideas do you have to both conserve water resources and plan for future growth?



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