



## OCONEE JOINT REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY

### Commission Meeting

June 2, 2025

The Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority Commission meeting was held at the Coneross Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Commissioners that were present:

- Seat 8 (Westminster): Kevin Bronson, Board Chair
- Seat 3 (Seneca): Scott McLane
- Seat 4 (Seneca At-Large): Marty McKee
- Seat 5 (Walhalla): Celia Myers
- Seat 6 (Walhalla): Laramie Hinkle
- Seat 7 (Westminster): Scott Parris
- Seat 9 (Walhalla-Westminster At-Large): David Dial

Commissioners that were not present:

- Seat 1 (Seneca): Bob Faires, III, Board Vice-Chair
- Seat 2 (Seneca): Scott Moulder

OJRSA appointments and staff present were:

- Lynn Stephens, Secretary/Treasurer to the Board and Office Manager
- Chris Eleazer, Executive Director
- Kyle Lindsay, OJRSA Operations Director

Others present were:

- Norm Cannada, The Journal
- Robert Royer, AQD
- Kenneth Marshall, AQD

**A) Call to Order** – Mr. Bronson called the meeting to order at 3:59 p.m.

**B) Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance** – By Mr. Hinkle.

### C) Special Recognition Action Items

1. **Approve OJRSA Resolution 2025-03 Appreciation for the OJRSA Ad Hoc Sewer Feasibility Implementation Committee (Exhibit A)** – Mr. Bronson read a portion of the resolution to the board and highlighted the members on the committee and those involved with the work of the committee. Mr. Bronson also thanked the members of the OJRSA board who also were members of the Ad Hoc Committee.

***Mr. McLane made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dial, to approve OJRSA Resolution 2025-03 as presented. The motion carried.***

2. **Approve OJRSA Resolution 2025-04 Recognition Honoring the Service of Commissioner Bob Faires (Exhibit B)** – Mr. Bronson read a portion of the resolution to board members and stated that he appreciated Mr. Faires' commitment to the board. He asked Mr. Eleazer how long Mr. Faires was on the OJRSA Board; Mr. Eleazer said he became a board member in November 2011.

Mr. Bronson said he wanted it entered into the minutes that while it may be questionable that Mr. Faires is a scholar, the OJRSA board does believe he is a gentleman. (Everyone laughed.) Mr. Bronson said the OJRSA appreciates his service, not just to the board, but the City of Seneca and Oconee County as well.

*Ms. Myers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dial, to approve OJRSA Resolution 2025-04 as presented. The motion carried.*

D) Public Session – None.

E) Approval of Minutes:

- Board of Commissioners Meeting of May 5, 2025

*Mr. McLane made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dial, to approve the May 5, 2025 Board Meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried.*

F) Committee and Other Meeting Reports:

- Sewer Feasibility Implementation Ad Hoc Committee Meeting of April 10, 2025 – Ms. Stephens presented the report to the Commission. *\*See attached minutes.*

*Ms. Myers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Parris, to accept the April 10, 2025 Sewer Feasibility Implementation Ad Hoc Committee Meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried.*

- Operations & Planning Committee Meeting of May 21, 2025 – Mr. Dial presented the report to the Commission. *\*See attached minutes.*

*Mr. Parris made a motion, seconded by Mr. McLane, to approve the May 21, 2025 Operations & Planning Meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried.*

- Finance & Administration Committee Meeting of May 27, 2025 – Ms. Myers presented the report to the Commission. *\*See attached minutes*

*Ms. Myers made a motion, seconded by Mr. McKee, to approve the May 27, 2025 Finance & Administration Meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried.*

G) Secretary/Treasurer's Report (Exhibit A) – Ms. Stephens presented the Secretary/Treasurer's Report to the board.

*Mr. Dial made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hinkle, to approve the Secretary/Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion carried.*

H) Presentation and Discussion Items – None.

I) Action Items:

1. Public Hearing Regarding Resolution 2025-05 Adoption of Fiscal Year 2026 Comprehensive Budget and Fee Schedule (Exhibits D and E) – Mr. Bronson stated this was to open public discussion about the new fiscal year budget.

*Ms. Myers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hinkle, to open a public hearing to discuss Resolution 2025-05 Adoption of Fiscal Year 2026 Comprehensive Budget and Fee Schedule (Exhibits D and E). The motion carried.*

*There were no public comments.*

*Mr. Parris made a motion, seconded by Mr. McLane, to close the public hearing. The motion carried.*

2. Approve Resolution 2025-05 Adoption of Fiscal Year 2026 Comprehensive Budget and Fee Schedule (Exhibits D and E) – Mr. Bronson thanked the Finance & Administration Committee for vetting the budget and thanked Mr. Eleazer for doing a good job putting the budget together with the memo explaining it.

*Mr. Hinkle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dial, to approve Resolution 2025-05 as presented. The motion carried.*

- 3. Consider Appointing Scott McLane as Interim Chair of the Operations & Planning Committee, Which Will Also Include Serving as a Representative on the Executive Committee** – Mr. Bronson asked the Executive Director if this had to be done by vote. Mr. Eleazer replied that the Board Chair had the ability to appoint this. Mr. Eleazer added that Mr. Faires suggested Mr. McLane in order to keep the committee with equal representation from each of the Member Cities.

Mr. Bronson declared that Mr. McLane serve as the Operations and Planning Committee Chair, which includes serving as a representative on the Executive Committee.

- 4. Consider Canceling the July 7, 2025 Board of Commissioners Meeting** – Mr. Eleazer explained how he is requesting this, as he and his wife are celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in July and want to do something special. He added that July board meetings are generally slow.

***Ms. Myers made a motion, seconded by Mr. McLane, to cancel the July 7, 2025 board meeting. The motion carried.***

**J) Executive Director's Discussion and Compliance Matters** – Mr. Eleazer reported on the following:

**1. Environmental and Regulatory Compliance Matters:**

Perkins Creek Force Main Break – The OJRSA had a break on the Perkins Creek force main. Approximately 145,000 gallons were spilled. The OJRSA observed the typical protocol, including public notice and a water quality advisory. The OJRSA Operations Director, Mr. Kyle Lindsay, worked with Ms. Amy Towe of the SC Department of Environmental Services (SCDES) to make sure their protocol was followed; Ms. Towe even visited the site afterwards.

Mr. Eleazer added there is still some cleanup to do involving backfilling the excavation which had been postponed due to the ground being so wet. Mr. Lindsay added that the contractor was there today and took a couple of loads; however, the ground is still very wet, so they will return on Wednesday to try again.

Mr. Eleazer said he looked back in the records and found out that this is the first break on this force main. He said this is amazing being that the pipe is as large and old as it is, but also with the issues in the sewer system in other areas due to corrosive soils affecting the ductile iron pipes. The OJRSA is trying to figure out what happened here to cause this break.

Speeds Creek Force Main Break – On the Friday before Memorial Day Weekend, at 4:00 p.m., the OJRSA received a call from Mr. Chris Morgan from Seneca Light & Water that there was another break on the Speeds Creek force main. The OJRSA got the flow diverted to the Martin Creek emergency holding tank. The spill was limited to an estimated 4,000 gallons, and some made it to the waterway. SCDES was notified on this spill as well.

Mr. Eleazer stated that the budget the board just approved today includes the engineering and easement portion for the replacement of this Speeds Creek force main.

Odor Issues – Mr. Eleazer said he believes everyone on the board knows about the odor complaints from the homeowners in the Cross Creek Subdivision and that some of the board members may have gotten contacted personally. The OJRSA believes the odor stemmed from the waste being received from the Love's Truck Stop treatment plant, because the OJRSA has not received a complaint since the day after the OJRSA stopped accepting the waste (approximately 4 weeks ago).

Mr. Eleazer said he investigated the OJRSA's response to the complaints, and he believes everyone but one was called back. He stated one call was received while OJRSA Records Clerk, Ms. Amanda Kelley, was on the other phone line with another odor complaint call for the same area. This one caller did not ask to receive a call back but just wanted to ensure the situation was being looked into.

Mr. Dial asked how long of a section of the pipe was broken and Mr. Lindsay said three (3) feet. Mr. Dial then asked if the easement was in place before the golf course was put in; Mr. Eleazer said yes. Mr. Dial asked if the right-of-way takes precedence over everything, because it belongs to the Sewer Authority and Oconee County. Mr. Eleazer replied that the OJRSA has the legal means to access it, but the property itself still belongs to the owner. If the line becomes abandoned, the



OJRSA can abandon the easement as well. The Director added that the area of the spill was in the easement located in the woods and several hundred yards away from the golf course.

NPDES Permit Update – The OJRSA received a draft copy of the permit. The OJRSA provided comments back to SCDES in the middle of the month and asked for consideration for the peracetic acid feed to replace chlorine. This is still being considered, but it is unknown the timeline to receive their comments back.

Miscellaneous (If Any) – Mr. Dial asked if the Speeds Creek Force Main was on the priority list; Mr. Eleazer said yes.

Mr. Bronson asked Mr. Lindsay if there were any other projects, other than the Speeds Creek force main, that he would like to highlight that will be done as a priority next year. Mr. Lindsay replied there is work to be done at the plant to return it to its full treatment capacity of 7.8 million gallons per day, including gate and pump replacements. Mr. Eleazer added that, including the SCIP money, the OJRSA is looking at putting \$4,900,000 into the treatment plant in FY2026.

Mr. Dial made a comment about the OJRSA losing staff due to pay wages. Mr. Eleazer stated that operators have left the OJRSA to work in Greenville and make seven dollars (\$7.00) more an hour doing the exact same job.

K) Commissioners' Discussion – None.

L) Upcoming Meetings:

1. Sewer Feasibility Implementation Ad Hoc Committee – Monday, June 16, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
2. Operations & Planning Committee – Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at 8:30 a.m.
3. Finance & Administration Committee – Tuesday, June 24, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
4. Board of Commissioners – Monday, July 7, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. *(if not canceled at today's meeting)*

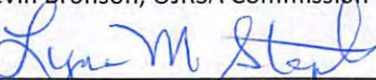
NOTE: The July 7, 2025 board meeting was cancelled earlier in the meeting.

M) Adjourn – Mr. Bronson adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.


Approved By:

  
Kevin Bronson, OJRSA Commission Chair

Approved By:

  
Lynn M. Stephens, OJRSA Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By:

  
Christopher R. Eleazer, OJRSA Executive Director

Notification of the meeting was distributed on May 9, 2025 to *Upstate Today*, *Anderson Independent-Mail*, *Westminster News*, *Keowee Courier*, WGOG Radio, WSNW Radio, City of Seneca Council, City of Walhalla Council, City of Westminster Council, Oconee County Council, SC DHEC, [www.ojrsa.org](http://www.ojrsa.org), and posted at the OJRSA Administration Building.

**\*ATTACHMENTS STARTING NEXT PAGE**





**Board of Commissioners Meeting**  
OJRSA Operations & Administration Building  
Lamar Bailes Board Room  
June 2, 2025 at 4:00 PM

OJRSA commission and committee meetings may be attended in person at the address listed above. The OJRSA will also broadcast meetings live on its YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/@OconeeJRSA](http://www.youtube.com/@OconeeJRSA) (if there is a technical issue preventing the livestreaming of the meeting, then a recording will be published on the channel as soon as possible). For those not able to attend in person, then the OJRSA Board or Committee Chair will accept public comments by mail (623 Return Church Rd, Seneca, SC 29678) or at [info@ojrsa.org](mailto:info@ojrsa.org). Comments must comply with the public session instructions as stated on the meeting agenda and will be received up until one hour prior to the scheduled meeting. If there is not a public session scheduled for a meeting, then comments shall not be accepted.

**Agenda**

- A. Call to Order** – Kevin Bronson, Board Chair
- B. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance** – Led by Commissioner Laramie Hinkle
- C. Special Recognition Action Items** – Kevin Bronson, Board Chair
  - 1. Approve OJRSA Resolution 2025-03 Appreciation for the OJRSA Ad Hoc Sewer Feasibility Implementation Committee (Exhibit A)
  - 2. Approve OJRSA Resolution 2025-04 Recognition Honoring the Service of Commissioner Bob Faires (Exhibit B)
- D. Public Session** – *THERE WILL BE A DEDICATED PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE FY 2026 COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET AND UPDATE TO THE SCHEDULE OF FEES – SEE AGENDA ITEM I.1*  
Receive comments relating to topics that may or may not be on this agenda. Session is limited to a maximum of 30 minutes with no more than 5 minutes per speaker.
- E. Approval of Minutes**
  - Board of Commissioners Meeting of May 5, 2025
- F. Committee and Other Meeting Reports**
  - Sewer Feasibility Implementation Ad Hoc Committee Meeting of April 10, 2025 – Lynn Stephens, Secretary/Treasurer *Minutes were approved by the ad hoc committee at the May 8, 2025 meeting*
  - Operations & Planning Committee Meeting of May 21, 2025 – David Dial, Committee Member
  - Finance & Administration Committee Meeting of May 27, 2025 – Celia Myers, Committee Chair
- G. Secretary/Treasurer's Report** (Exhibit C) – Lynn Stephens, Secretary/Treasurer
- H. Presentation and Discussion Items** [May include vote and/or action on matters brought up for discussion]
  - None
- I. Action Items**
  - 1. Public hearing regarding Resolution 2025-05 Adoption of Fiscal Year 2026 Comprehensive Budget and Fee Schedule (Exhibits D and E) – Led by Kevin Bronson, Board Chair
  - 2. Approve Resolution 2025-05 Adoption of Fiscal Year 2026 Comprehensive Budget and Fee Schedule (Exhibits D and E) – Kevin Bronson, Board Chair
  - 3. Consider appointing Scott McLane as interim chair of the Operations & Planning Committee, which will also include serving as a representative on the Executive Committee – Kevin Bronson, Board Chair
  - 4. Consider canceling the July 7, 2025 Board of Commissioners meeting – Chris Eleazer, Director
- J. Executive Director's Discussion and Compliance Matters** – Chris Eleazer, Director
  - 1. Environmental and regulatory compliance matters
  - 2. Miscellaneous (if any)
- K. Commissioners' Discussion** – Led by Kevin Bronson, Board Chair  
Discussion can be related to matters addressed in this meeting or for future consideration by the Board or Committee. Voting is not permitted during this session.
- L. Upcoming Meetings** All meetings to be held in the OJRSA Lamar Bailes Board Room unless noted otherwise.

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**M. Adjourn**







## **RESOLUTION 2025-03**

### **Appreciation for the OJRSA Ad Hoc Sewer Feasibility Implementation Committee**

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE AD HOC SEWER FEASIBILITY IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE AND VARIOUS PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS AND ADVISORS FOR THEIR WORK TOWARD THE PLANNED RECONSTITUTION OF THE OCONEE JOINT REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY.**

**WHEREAS**, the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority, South Carolina (the “Authority”) was created in 2007 by the Cities of Seneca, Walhalla, and Westminster under the South Carolina Joint Authority Water and Sewer Systems Act to manage and facilitate regional wastewater services within Oconee County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority recognizes the importance of continuously evaluating its governance structure, operational capabilities, and long-term sustainability to ensure the efficient delivery of services to its member municipalities and their citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ad-Hoc Sewer Feasibility Implementation Committee (the “Committee”) was formed to provide thoughtful and expert guidance on the reconstitution of the Authority, with the goal of enhancing regional coordination, governance, and service delivery; and

**WHEREAS**, the Committee, consisting of Joel Jones, Graham Rich, Amanda Brock, Chris Eleazer, Scott McLane, Celia Myers, Scott Parris, Sue Schneider, Rivers Stilwell, and Scott Willett, worked diligently and collaboratively over an extended period, contributing their knowledge, experience, and vision to this vital effort; and

**WHEREAS**, the Committee was ably supported and advised by representatives from the Appalachian Council of Governments (Chip Bentley), WK Dickson & Co., Inc. (Angie Mettlen), Bolton & Menk, Inc. (Katherine Amidon), and Pope Flynn, LLC (Lawrence Flynn), whose technical, planning, and legal expertise proved invaluable; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority deeply appreciates the Committee’s and advisors’ contributions and acknowledges that the future success of the Authority will be directly attributable to the dedication, hard work, and professionalism of this team; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority intends to fully utilize the work product of the Committee as it embarks upon the next phase of the reconstitution process - the successful implementation of the recommendations and strategies identified in the Committee’s report.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority, as follows:

1. The Authority hereby expresses its sincere and profound gratitude to each member of the Committee and their supporting advisors for their extraordinary service, expertise, and commitment to the future of regional wastewater management in Oconee County.
2. The Authority affirms its intention to carry forward the work of the Committee by undertaking the implementation of the report’s recommendations, and remains committed to transparency, collaboration, and effectiveness as it enters this new chapter.

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Feasibility Implementation Committee**  
June 2, 2025

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3. A copy of this Resolution shall be provided to each member and advisor in recognition of their essential role in supporting the continued advancement of the Authority's mission.

**Done and adopted** by the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority Board of Commissioners, Seneca, South Carolina on this 2nd day of June 2025.

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**Kevin Bronson, Chairman**  
OJRSA Board of Commissioners

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

**Lynn Stephens, Secretary/Treasurer**  
OJRSA Board of Commissioners -and-  
OJRSA Office Manager

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## **RESOLUTION 2025-03**

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**Done and adopted** by the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority Board of Commissioners, Seneca, South Carolina on this 2nd day of June 2025.



**Kevin Bronson, Chairman**  
OJRSA Board of Commissioners

Attest:



**Lynn Stephens, Secretary/Treasurer**  
OJRSA Board of Commissioners -and-  
OJRSA Office Manager

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**RESOLUTION 2025-04****Recognition Honoring the Service of Commissioner Bob Faires****A RESOLUTION OF THE OCONEE JOINT REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY OF SENECA, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO HONOR THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE OF COMMISSIONER BOB FAIRES.**

The Board of Commissioners of the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority does hereby resolve as follows:

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Robert (“Bob”) William Faires III sought to provide a higher quality of life by protecting the natural resources that God has bestowed upon Oconee County while supporting commercial and industrial growth through the creation of better jobs and economic development opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Faires served as a representative for the City of Seneca on the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority’s Board of Commissioners since November 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Faires also served his community by leading Seneca Light & Water through numerous improvements during his tenure, which included the expansion and modernization of the water treatment plant and the extension of sewer service to Oconee Nuclear Station and the Village of Newry; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Faires assisted in leading the efforts for the City of Seneca and Seneca Light & Water’s recovery from the devastation caused by numerous natural disasters during his time as the City’s Director of Utilities, including the April 2020 EF3 tornado and Hurricane Helene in September 2024;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE OCONEE JOINT REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** that we hereby honor and commend Commissioner Bob Faires for his thirteen and a half years of faithful service to the Authority and extend our best wishes that he may enjoy many happy, healthful, and rewarding years in his richly merited retirement from Seneca Light & Water; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be memorialized in the minutes of the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority Board of Commissioner Meeting Minutes.

Passed and adopted by the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority Board of Commissioners, Seneca, South Carolina on this 2nd day of June 2025.

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**Kevin Bronson, Chairman**

OJRSA Board of Commissioners

Attest:

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**Lynn Stephens, Secretary/Treasurer**

OJRSA Board of Commissioners -and-  
OJRSA Office Manager





## RESOLUTION 2025-04

### Recognition Honoring the Service of Commissioner Bob Faires

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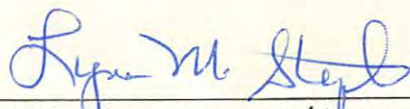
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Kevin Bronson, Chairman  
OJRSA Board of Commissioners

Attest:   
Lynn Stephens, Secretary/Treasurer  
OJRSA Board of Commissioners -and-  
OJRSA Office Manager







## Secretary/Treasurer's Report for Board of Commissioners

Prepared for the June 2, 2025 OJRSA Board of Commissioners Meeting

Cash and investment information stated herein come from bank and other financial records as of: May 29, 2025

### UNRESTRICTED FUNDS CASH AND INVESTMENTS SUMMARY

Account/Fund Name	Cash (\$)	Investments (\$)	Total (\$)
Wholesale Operations & Maintenance (O&M)	359,412	2,940,000	3,299,412
Retail Operations & Maintenance (RO&M)	3,352,140	245,000	3,597,140
<b>TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</b>	<b>3,711,552</b>	<b>3,185,000</b>	<b>6,896,552</b>

### RESTRICTED FUNDS CASH AND INVESTMENTS SUMMARY

Account/Fund Name	Cash (\$)	Investments (\$)	Total (\$)
Projects and Contingency (PCF)	465,697		465,697
Wholesale Impact Fund (WIF)	361,050	5,327,000	5,688,050
Retail Impact Fund (RIF)	3,400		3,400
<b>TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS</b>	<b>830,147</b>	<b>5,327,000</b>	<b>6,157,147</b>

### Combined Total for All Funds

Cash 4,541,699 Investments 8,512,000 Combined 13,053,699

#### Account Notes:

### DAYS CASH ON HAND

Financial & Accounting Policy Section 2.10(H) states the minimum balances established for OJRSA Wholesale O&M and Retail O&M funds are 120 Days Operating Cash on Hand.

$$\text{Formula for Cash on Hand} = \frac{\text{Cash} + \text{Cash Equivalents}}{(\text{Annual Operating Expense} - \text{Depreciation}) \div 365 \text{ Days}}$$

	Cash on Hand (Days)	Annual Operating Expense minus Depreciation (\$)	Budget Amended During Fiscal Year?
O&M Fund	180.9	6,657,488	X NO YES
RO&M Fund	98.1	13,390,177	X NO YES

### INDEPENDENT RECONCILIATION OF ACCOUNTS

All transactions for all funds have been satisfactorily reconciled by an independent accounting firm for the month of April 2025 (mark with an "X" on appropriate line): X YES NO See attached document(s) from accountant.

#### Reconciliation Notes:

Waiting on reconciliation letter from Susan Stamey for March and April 2025 reconciliations.

*See next page for more information*

INVESTMENTS UPDATE

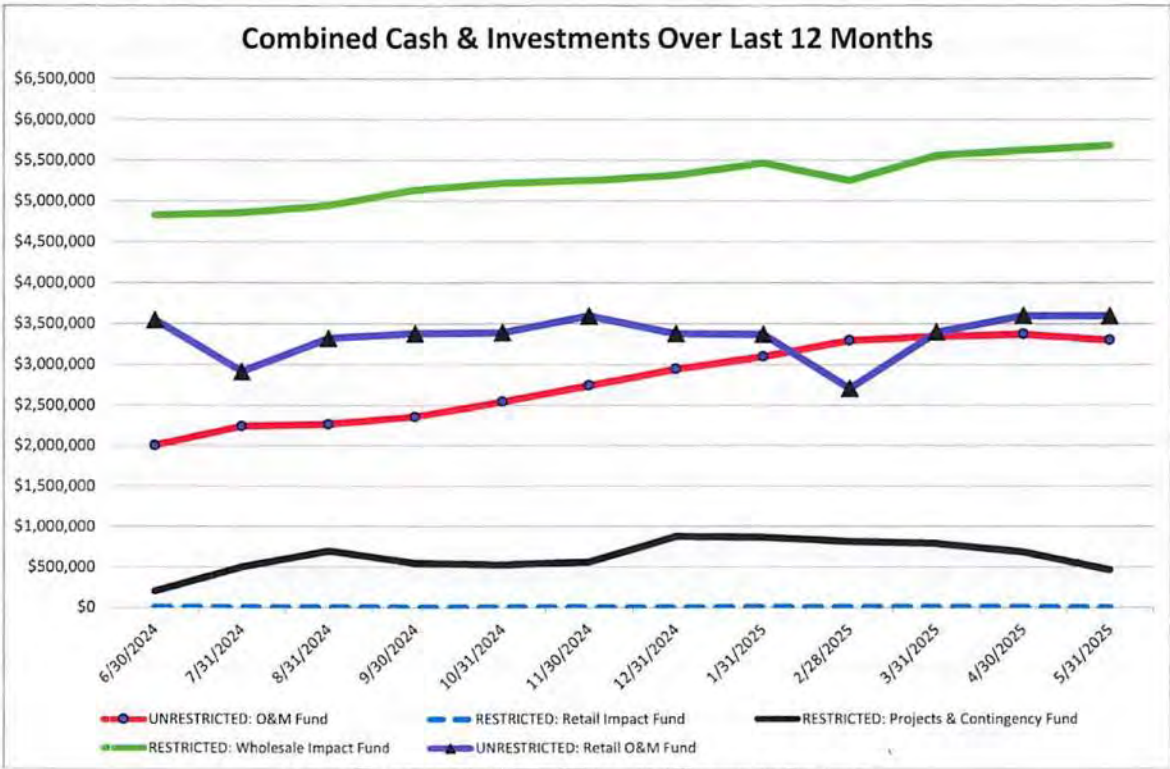
Maturing Investment	%age Rate	Fund Code	Maturity Date	Amount (\$)	To Be Reinvested?	
					YES	NO
Nothing maturing until July					YES	NO
					YES	NO
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					YES	NO
					YES	NO
					YES	NO
					YES	NO
					YES	NO
					YES	NO
					YES	NO
					YES	NO
					YES	NO

Investment Notes:

See additional sheets for investment information and trends

By my signature, to the best of my knowledge, I certify this report is accurate.

  
Lynn Stephens  
OJRSA Secretary/Treasurer





## RESOLUTION 2025-05

### Adoption of Fiscal Year 2026 Comprehensive Budget and Fee Schedule

#### A RESOLUTION OF THE OCONEE JOINT REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY COMMISSION TO ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

**WHEREAS**, the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority, South Carolina (the “Authority”) was established pursuant to Title 6, Chapter 25 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, by its three member-municipalities: the City of Seneca, the City of Walhalla, and the City of Westminster under the terms of an Intergovernmental Agreement dated October 31, 2007.

**WHEREAS**, the staff of the Authority has prepared a budget (the “Budget”) for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2026 (“Fiscal Year 2026”), the provisions of which establish annual budgets for the Authority’s general fund, projects and contingency fund, wholesale impact fund, retail operations and maintenance fund and retail impact fund.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the requirements of Sections 6-1-80 and 6-1-330 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended (“SC Code”), a public hearing before the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority Commission, as the governing body of the Authority (the “Commission”), was conducted on June 2, 2025 (the “Public Hearing”) on the matter of the adoption of the Budget (as proposed).

**WHEREAS**, the Budget has been presented for the approval of the Commission.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be resolved by the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority Commission in meeting duly assembled, finds as follows:

SECTION 1: It is hereby appropriated from the Wholesale Operations & Maintenance Fund (General Fund), Projects & Contingency Fund, Wholesale Impact Fund, Retail Operations & Maintenance Fund, and Retail Impact Fund, the following amounts of money for the following respective purposes for and during Fiscal Year 2026, to wit:

#### **WHOLESALE OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE FUND (GENERAL FUND)**

##### **Appropriations – Budgeted O&M Revenues**

User Fees	\$6,128,172
Other Revenues	631,254
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b><u>\$6,759,426</u></b>

##### **Appropriations – Budgeted O&M Expenditures**

Administration	\$3,775,898
Conveyance System	964,406
Water Reclamation Facility	1,702,295
Pretreatment	158,565
Laboratory	58,830
Contract Operations	19,432
O&M Capital Improvement Projects	<u>80,000</u>



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<b>Total Budgeted Expenditures</b>	<b><u>\$6,759,426</u></b>
<b>Increase (Decrease) to Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**PROJECTS & CONTINGENCY FUND (RESTRICTED)**

<b>Appropriations – Budgeted P&amp;C Fund Revenues</b>	
Transfers	\$453,060
Other Revenues	7,773,098
Carryforward Revenues	330,000
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b><u>\$8,556,158</u></b>
<b>Appropriations – Budgeted P&amp;C Fund Expenditures</b>	
Projects & Contingency Expenses	\$8,556,158
<b>Total Budgeted Expenditures</b>	<b><u>\$8,556,158</u></b>
<b>Increase (Decrease) to Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**WHOLESALE IMPACT FUND (RESTRICTED)**

<b>Appropriations – Budgeted Wholesale Impact Fund Revenues</b>	
Fees	\$800,000
Other	176,000
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b><u>\$976,000</u></b>
<b>Appropriations – Budgeted Wholesale Impact Fund Expenditures</b>	
Expansion Project Expenses	\$0
<b>Total Budgeted Expenditures</b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>
<b>Increase (Decrease) to Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$976,000</b>

**RETAIL OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE FUND (UNRESTRICTED)**

<b>Appropriations – Budgeted Retail O&amp;M Fund Revenues</b>	
User Fees	\$269
Intergovernmental Reimbursement	105,534
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b><u>\$105,802</u></b>
<b>Appropriations – Budgeted Retail O&amp;M Fund Expenditures</b>	
General	\$105,802
<b>Total Budgeted Expenditures</b>	<b><u>\$105,802</u></b>
<b>Increase (Decrease) to Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$0</b>

SECTION 2: The appropriations described in Section 1 above represent a summary of the anticipated revenues and expenditures for each of the Authority's major funds – Wholesale Operations & Maintenance Fund (General Fund), Projects & Contingency Fund, Wholesale Impact Fund, Retail Operations & Maintenance Fund, and Retail Impact Fund. The full Budget, with particular details and provisos, is fully described in the document entitled the "FY 2026 Comprehensive Budget" (the "Budget Plan"), which is hereby incorporated by reference as part of this Resolution as if fully set forth herein, is hereby adopted.

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SECTION 3: As necessary, the Executive Director of the Authority (including any interim, acting, or temporary Executive Director, as applicable) (the "Executive Director") or the Executive Director's designee shall administer the Budget Plan and may authorize the transfer of appropriated funds within and between departments as necessary to achieve the goals of the Budget; however, no funds may be transferred between any fund without action being taken by the Commission, acting by Resolution.

SECTION 4: All of the Authority's fund balance reserves (both encumbered and unencumbered funds) as of June 30, 2025, shall be added into the Budget for Fiscal Year 2026 and applied under the Budget Plan. These designated monies may be properly invested pending any planned expenditure as set forth in the Budget Plan.

SECTION 5: (a) Monies received from governmental grants shall accrue only to the appropriate fund as set forth in the Budget Plan. Should grant funds be applied for or received after the beginning of Fiscal Year 2026 and thereby not be recited in the Budget Plan, then, by passage of any approval resolution of the Commission or other action item of the Commission authorizing the grant application and expenditures, the necessary funds may be created or supplemented, as necessary, to provide a mechanism for the receipt and expenditure of these monies. However, any such funding shall be specifically limited to the purposes for which the grant was awarded.

(b) The Budget appropriates sufficient revenues to fund the Authority's capital program. The capital program may be funded from the issuance of debt and other sources made available for pay-as-you-go financing by the Authority.

SECTION 6: (a) The Executive Director is authorized to enter into contracts if the total contract amount is less than or equal to the budget line item or project budget as approved by Commission under the terms of the Budget.

(b) Contracts necessary to expend monies appropriated in the Budget, when not specifically permitted by the Budget Plan, are hereby authorized upon the approval of such contract by a resolution of the Commission.

SECTION 7: The foregoing Authority operation appropriations have been detailed by the Commission into line-item accounts for each department. The detailed appropriation by account and budget narrative contained separately is hereby enacted as part of this Resolution.

SECTION 8: (a) Encumbrances in each fund at June 30, 2025, representing obligations made against 2024-2025 appropriations (the "Fiscal Year 2025 Comprehensive Budget" or "Fiscal Year 2025 Budget") outstanding as of that date, are hereby reappropriated and the appropriations shall be distributed to the budgetary accounts under which the expenditures will be charged during the Fiscal Year 2026 budget year as such obligations are satisfied, provided that such encumbrances, when taken together with the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget expenditures, do not cause any fund to exceed its budgetary authorization for the year ended June 30, 2025.

(b) For each fund in which a reappropriation occurs, the amount of funds appropriated hereunder shall be established in that fund as "Carryforward from Previous Year."

(c) For each fund in which the Budget includes the use of fund balance; the amount of the fund balance so used shall be identified as "Fund Transfer In."

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(d) Appropriations for grants, the authorization for which extends beyond the end of Fiscal Year 2025 Budget, shall not lapse at the end on June 30, 2025. Any such grant authorizations remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall be reappropriated pursuant to the conditions of the respective grant agreements and utilized in Fiscal Year 2026 in accordance with their respective terms.

(e) Appropriations for active projects resulting in restrictions or commitments of fund balances shall be identified by appropriate titles in the financial statements of the affected funds.

SECTION 9: The Executive Director was authorized and made public advertisement of the Public Hearing prior to the passage of this Resolution. The notice of Public Hearing, in the form and format required by Sections 6-1-80 and 6-1-330 of the SC Code, as applicable, was timely published in *The Journal*, which is a newspaper of general circulation in Oconee County. All interested parties were given an opportunity to speak in favor of or against this Resolution.

SECTION 10: A full schedule of the rates and fees ("Schedule of Fees") applicable to the Authority, including impact and capacity fees, special treatment fees, and other applicable fees, is detailed in the Schedule of Fees attached hereto as Exhibit A, the entirety of which is included herein by reference and has been projected in revenues for purposes of the Budget.

SECTION 11: All actions of the Executive Director and other Authority staff regarding the Public Hearing and drafting, execution, and delivery of the Budget Plan are ratified, approved, and confirmed. Further, the Executive Director and Authority staff shall be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the provisions of the Budget Plan.

SECTION 12: If for any reason any provision of this Resolution, or its applications to any circumstance, is invalidated by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining portions of this Resolution shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 13: All resolutions or parts of resolutions inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict or inconsistency.

**DONE AND ADOPTED AT A MEETING DULY HELD THIS 2ND DAY OF JUNE 2025.**

OCONEE JOINT REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY,  
SOUTH CAROLINA

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**Kevin Bronson, Chair**  
OJRSA Board of Commissioners

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Lynn Stephens, Secretary/Treasurer**  
OJRSA Board of Commissioners -and-  
OJRSA Office Manager

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**Exhibit A**

*Attached beginning on following page*





# SCHEDULE OF FEES

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**Adoption and Approval as Policy****Adoption**

The *OJRSA Schedule of Fees* (Policy) shall become effective on July 1, 2025 in accordance with *OJRSA Resolution 2025-05*.

These fees shall be in full force and effect from and after passage, approval, and publication, as provided by law.

**Non-substantive Changes to Policy**

Certain portions of this Policy, such as additions and/or corrections to internet addresses and links, illustrations, referenced forms, and as noted elsewhere within may be updated as necessary by the OJRSA Executive Director without being considered a substantive change to this Policy. Non-substantive changes shall not be documented in the Revision History table.

**Definitions, Acronyms, and Format**

This section of the *OJRSA Schedule of Fees* contains definitions, acronyms, abbreviations, and formatting that are specific to this document.

**Definitions**

Administrative Fee shall mean a fee that covers employee time spent on a task, time researching a project, meetings with consultants, preparing invoices or records, travel, basic postage and copies, etc. *Note: This fee is separate from the Administrative Pretreatment Fee.*

Administrative Pretreatment Fee shall mean a fee that covers general labor and incidental costs incurred by OJRSA, including those serving in agency's pretreatment program and other OJRSA staff as necessary, as well as general use materials used by the program (e.g., fuel for vehicles, general office supplies, electricity and other utilities for program, etc.). If specific industries require substantial time by other OJRSA staff, then the industries the work is performed for shall be billed for this time based on the median hourly wages of the lowest pay classification staff member(s) who have the necessary skills and training to perform the tasks along with all other costs associated with the task.

Board shall mean the OJRSA Board of Commissioners.

Calendar Day shall mean all days, including weekends and holidays.

Capacity Permit shall mean a Permit for OJRSA Wastewater System Capacity (or other document that serves this purpose) issued to a User or facility after January 1, 1990.

Commercial shall mean a company or organization occupied with or engaged in commerce or work intended for commerce. Examples include food service establishments, grocery stores, banks, hotels, office space, retail shops, multi-family developments, etc.

Customer shall mean a User who, according to the records of a Member City, Town of West Union, Oconee County, or the OJRSA, receives wastewater service at a site that is directly or indirectly served by the OJRSA via a sewer service connection.

Domestic Wastewater shall mean wastewater that originates from activities such as restroom usage, bathing, food preparation, laundry, etc.

Equivalent Residential Unit shall mean unit of measure used to express the amount of wastewater discharged by a typical fulltime single family residence. The OJRSA considers one ERU to equal the current gallons per day for residences (or single family residence or equivalent thereof) as listed in the current version of *South Carolina Regulation 61-67 Appendix A Unit Contributory Loadings to All Domestic Wastewater Treatment Facilities*.

Fiscal Year shall mean the accounting period for which the OJRSA operates, which is July 1 through June 30.

FOG Control Device shall mean FOG interceptors, FOG traps, or other OJRSA approved means of removing fats, oils, and grease from the wastewater conveyance and treatment system.

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FOG Generator shall mean facilities that generate fats, oils, and grease.

Hauled Waste shall mean transported waste materials and products including, but not limited to waste from vessels, chemical and/or portable toilets, campers, trailers, septic tanks, FOG interceptors, FOG traps, and vacuum pump tank trucks.

Illegal Tap shall mean any tap or connection made on an OJRSA pipe, manhole, or other facility without written authorization from the OJRSA is considered an illegal tap. The property owner as identified by Oconee County tax records as of the date the connection was discovered is responsible for these costs. Deficiencies are defined as any methods and/or materials that are not approved by the OJRSA in its current version of the *OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation*, *OJRSA Development Policy*, or other OJRSA policy. Illegal connections are also subject to South Carolina Code of Law Title 6 Section 11-280 and others as appropriate.

Impact Fee shall mean the initial charge for the allocation of wastewater treatment and transportation capacity based upon the greater of the user's permitted or projected volume of wastewater discharge or contribution to the system. The collection and use of these fees are governed by the *OJRSA Impact Fee Policy*.

Industrial User (or Industrial) shall mean a user that introduces pollutants from any non-domestic wastewater source as regulated by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (also known as the Clean Water Act), Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and/or applicable state/local laws and regulations.

Institution (or Institutional) shall mean an organization that provides services to the public or a specific sector of the public. Examples include schools, places of worship, medical facilities, prisons, etc.

Landfill Leachate shall mean a liquid that is formed when fluid from any source (e.g., rain, groundwater, wet paint, etc.) filters through wastes placed in a landfill. When this fluid comes in contact with buried wastes, it leaches, or draws out, chemicals or constituents from those wastes.

May is permissive. Shall is mandatory and requires compliance.

Master Meter shall mean a water meter that serves multiple tenants. This practice is often utilized in conjunction with multi-family developments (e.g., apartments, condominiums, etc.), subdivisions, and mobile home parks but can include other types of users.

Member Cities shall mean the cities of Seneca, Walhalla, and Westminster and others as defined by legally binding Intergovernmental Agreement(s).

Multi-Family Development shall mean a structure or complex of buildings intended for multiple families to reside in for extended periods of time. Examples include apartments, townhomes, condominiums, duplexes/multiplexes, etc. *Multi-family developments where each residential unit is served by its own water meter is considered a Residential User.*

Non-Domestic Wastewater shall mean wastewater from the production, manufacturing, or processing operations of certain Nonresidential Users, the discharge of which exceeds normal domestic wastewater maximum allowable concentration limits.

Nonresidential User (or Nonresidential) shall mean any use other than a Residential User, which may include, but is not limited to: Food Service Establishments, Industrial Users, health care facilities, religious establishments, educational facilities, assisted living facilities, office facilities, and other commercial establishments. *It shall also include apartments, condominiums, and other multi-unit housing complexes served by a Master Meter and/or with a common sewer service lateral or system serving multiple units prior to connecting with a public sewer.*

Nonroutine Work shall mean any work performed that is not defined as Routine Work, including work performed outside of normal business hours and emergency underground utility locates. *Complaint investigations are considered Nonroutine Work.*

Oconee County Sewer Commission shall mean an autonomous commission of Oconee County government and predecessor of the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority.

Residential User (or Residential) shall mean an independent residential structure that sits on its own land and is intended to be used as a single unit with unshared utilities. Includes traditional detached homes, mobile homes, Multi-Family Developments (*if units have individual sewer plumbing that is not combined prior to connection to the public sewer system*), and recreational vehicle ("RV")/camper site with an individual water meter and sewer connection. It shall not include those served by a Master Meter or those defined as a Nonresidential User.

Retail Service Area shall mean the area where the OJRSA provides the following services for customers within this area: wastewater collection, trunk conveyance, and treatment. These services may be provided on systems which the OJRSA



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owns or operates as a contractor for a separate owner. These areas are not owned, operated, nor maintained by a Member City. See Figure 1 (page 4) for more information.

Routine Work shall mean all work performed regularly, repeatedly, and according to a standard procedure. This work is (or can be) scheduled and is performed during normal business hours and includes, but is not limited to: general site inspections, preventative maintenance of equipment, maintenance or replenishment of chemical feed systems, grounds and rights-of-way cutting or herbicide application, nonemergency underground utility locates, nonemergency fueling of generators, and transporting trailers used for bar screen operations. Similar work that is performed outside of normal business hours, if necessary, shall be considered Nonroutine Work. Complaint investigations are considered Nonroutine Work.

Shall is mandatory and requires compliance. May is permissive.

South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (SCDES) shall mean the government agency, or its successor agency, responsible for protecting the State of South Carolina's air, land, and water resources as authorized under multiple state and federal laws. Prior to July 1, 2024, the agency responsible for these functions was the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control.

Special Pretreatment Device shall mean equipment used to reduce, remove, or alter the nature of pollutants in wastewater prior to entering the Public Sewer (as defined in the *OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation*). Such devices include, but are not limited to: FOG Control Devices, Oil/Water Interceptors, Sand/Oil Interceptors, Hair Trap/Interceptors, Lint Interceptors, Plaster Interceptors, Pretreatment Systems, and others as necessary to protect the conveyance system, treatment facility, and/or to comply with NPDES permit requirements.

Surcharge shall mean a charge for sewer service and treatment service for wastes having characteristics different from sanitary wastes and for which additional charges must be assessed in order to compensate for additional expenses and impacts incurred.

User shall mean any person or entity who directly or indirectly discharges, causes, or permits the discharge of domestic or nonresidential wastewater to any wastewater conveyance system directly or indirectly connected to an OJRSA facility. Users consist of Residential and Nonresidential Users as defined herein. A User can have water and/or sewer service provided by a Member City, OJRSA, or can be a Well Customer.

Well Customer shall mean a Customer that utilizes sewer service that receives potable or non-potable water from any hole that is drilled, dug, or excavated. Such Customers shall be classified as Residential or Nonresidential Users.

Wholesale Service Area shall mean the area where the retail wastewater and drinking water services are owned, operated, and maintained by a Member City. The OJRSA provides trunk wastewater conveyance and treatment services only in this area. See Figure 1 (page 4) for more information.

## Acronyms and Abbreviations

e.g.: Exempli Gratia, Latin for "for example"

ERU: Equivalent Residential Unit

FEMA: Federal Emergency Management Agency or any successor agency

FOG: Fats, Oils, and Grease

FOIA: Freedom of Information Act

FY: Fiscal Year

gal: Gallons (unit of volume)

GIS: Geographic Information System

gpd: Gallons per Day (unit of flow)

gpm: Gallons per Month (unit of volume)

GSA: United States General Services Administration or any successor agency

IU: Industrial User

lb: Pound (unit of mass)

mg/L: Milligrams per Liter (unit of concentration)

O&P: Operations & Planning

OCSC: Oconee Count Sewer Commission

OJRSA: Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority

POV: Privately Owned Vehicle

SCDES: South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (or successor agency)

SUR: *OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation*

TKN: Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen

## Document Format

This document contains fonts and styles that have certain meaning, such as a reference to other sections or materials. Below is a list of the text formats used within and what they represent in the *OJRSA Schedule of Fees*.

**BOLD CAPITAL LETTERS** Important point of emphasis

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*Italics* Title of books, manuals, and other documents

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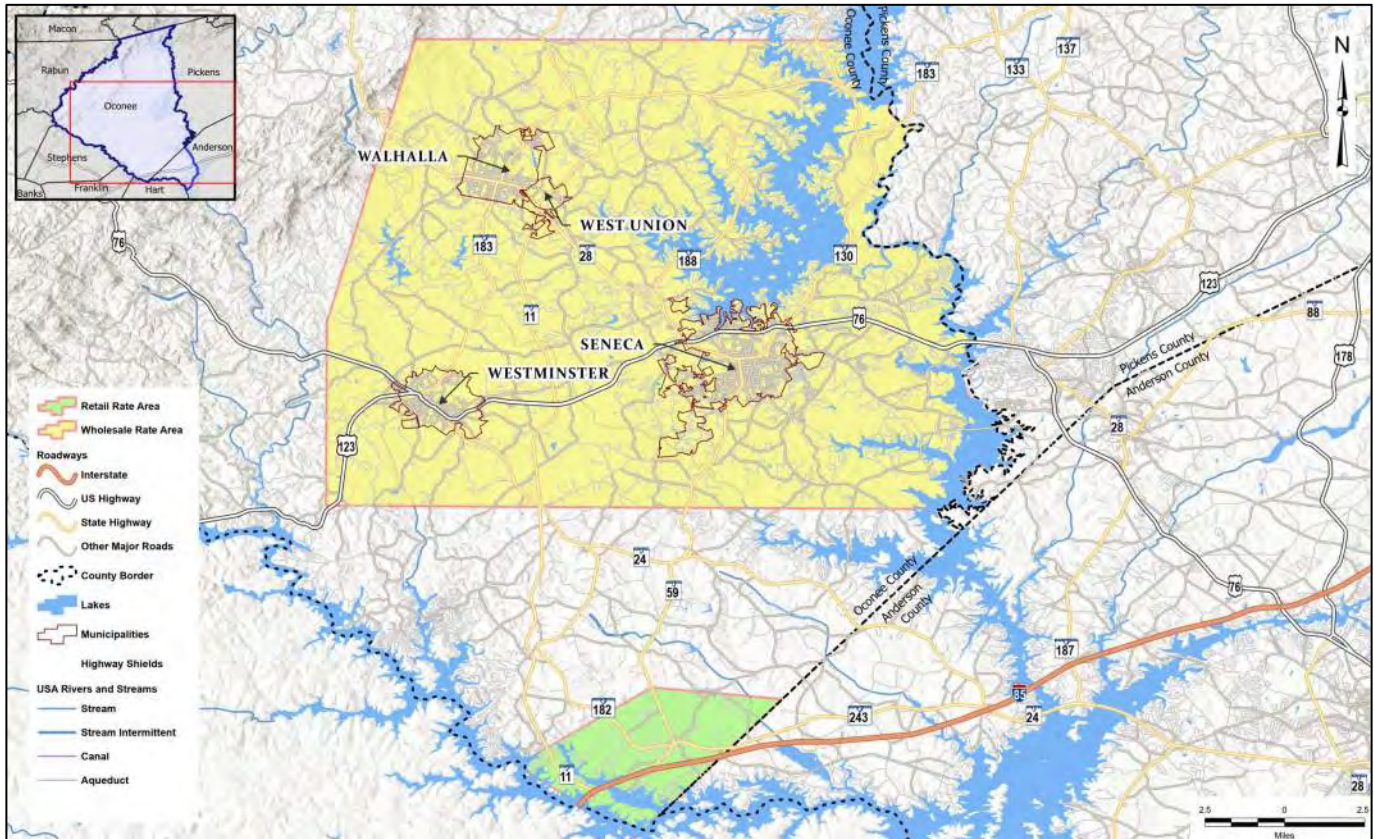
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**Service Area Map**

Figure 1: General map of the Wholesale and Retail service areas

**Section 1 Residential User Rates**

Residential Users are subject to fees as listed this section. See the map (Figure 1) on page 4 for more information regarding the Wholesale and Retail Service Areas. Fees for the Wholesale Service Area are based on the pro rata budgeted amount for FY 2023 that was converted to a base plus volumetric charge and approved by the Board on June 5, 2023 for FY 2024. The Retail Service Rates were recommended by Willdan Financial Services and approved by the Board on March 4, 2024.

Table 1: Residential User fees

Residential User monthly sewer fees	<p><b>WHOLESALE SERVICE AREA:</b> Base rate of \$10.00 per month per water meter plus \$5.66 volumetric rate per 1,000 gallons used (rounded in accordance with water provider policy)</p> <p><b>RETAIL SERVICE AREA:</b> Base rate in accordance with meter size as shown below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5/8-inch or 3/4-inch \$20.00 per month</li> <li>• 1-inch \$50.00 per month</li> <li>• 1.5-inch \$100.00 per month</li> <li>• 2-inch \$160.00 per month</li> <li>• 3-inch \$320.00 per month</li> <li>• 4-inch \$500.00 per month</li> <li>• 6-inch \$1,000.00 per month</li> <li>• 8-inch \$1,600.00 per month</li> </ul>
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	plus the per month Administration Fee imposed by the water provider plus \$6.70 volumetric rate per 1,000 gallons used (rounded in accordance with water provider policy)
Residential Well Customer monthly sewer fees (no retail sewer/water provider, no water or sewer meter)	<b>WHOLESALE SERVICE AREA:</b> Base rate of \$10.00 per well per month plus flat volumetric rate of \$25.47 <sup>1</sup> per well per month (Total of \$35.47 per month)  <b>RETAIL SERVICE AREA:</b> Base rate of \$20.00 per well per month plus flat volumetric rate of \$30.15 <sup>2</sup> plus the per month Administration Fee imposed by the water provider (Total of \$50.15 per month)
Impact Fees	As detailed in SECTION 3

**Section 2 Nonresidential User Rates**

Nonresidential Users, which include Commercial, Industrial, Institutional, and Master Meter Multi-Family Developments, are subject to fees as listed this section. See map (Figure 1) on page 4 for more information regarding the Wholesale and Retail Service Areas. Fees for the Wholesale Service Area are based on the pro rata budgeted amount for FY 2023 that was converted to a base plus volumetric charge and approved by the Board on June 5, 2023 for FY 2024. The Retail Service Rates were recommended by Willdan Financial Services and approved by the Board on March 4, 2024.

**2.1 General Nonresidential User Fees**

Table 2: General Nonresidential User fees

Nonresidential User monthly sewer fees	<b>WHOLESALE SERVICE AREA:</b> Base rate of \$15.00 per month per water meter plus \$7.74 volumetric rate per 1,000 gallons used (rounded in accordance with water provider policy)  <b>RETAIL SERVICE AREA:</b> Base rate in accordance with meter size as shown below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5/8-inch or 3/4-inch \$20.00 per month</li> <li>• 1-inch \$50.00 per month</li> <li>• 1.5-inch \$100.00 per month</li> <li>• 2-inch \$160.00 per month</li> <li>• 3-inch \$320.00 per month</li> <li>• 4-inch \$500.00 per month</li> <li>• 6-inch \$1,000.00 per month</li> <li>• 8-inch \$1,600.00 per month</li> </ul> plus the per month Administration Fee imposed by the water provider plus \$6.70 volumetric rate per 1,000 gallons used (rounded in accordance with water provider policy)
Nonresidential Well Customer monthly sewer fees (No Retail Sewer/Water Provider, no water meter)	<b>WHOLESALE SERVICE AREA:</b> Base rate of \$15.00 per well per month plus volumetric rate to be determined on a case-by-case basis, possibly by use of a sewer meter <sup>3</sup>  <b>RETAIL SERVICE AREA:</b> To be determined on a case-by-case basis. All fees shall include an applicable base fee, volumetric fee (possibly determined by use of a sewer meter <sup>3</sup> ), and per month Administration Fee imposed by the water provider.
Impact Fees	As detailed in SECTION 3

**2.2 Special Pretreatment Fees**

Generators requiring Special Pretreatment Devices (as defined in the *OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation*) shall pay as listed in this section.



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Table 3: Special pretreatment fees

Special Pretreatment Device User Permit Application review and processing	No fee
Special Pretreatment Device User Permit renewal	No fee
Routine and follow-up compliance inspections and administrative tasks	No fee
All laboratory analyses fees associated with a facility that is regulated by the OJRSA	Actual analysis costs incurred by OJRSA (including those if an outside laboratory is used) + 15% Administrative Fee (only if outside laboratory is used)
Special Pretreatment Device design and specifications review and approval fee for new, replacement, or modification	\$20.00 per device (one-time fee covers any future reviews necessary)
New, replacement, or modification inspection of a Special Pretreatment Device	Charged per hour with a one (1) hour minimum. Based on the hourly wage of the lowest pay classification of the Technical Services staff member(s) who has the necessary skills and training to perform the task. The rate used shall be the midpoint of the current FY pay range + benefits costs at 34% of wage + small SUV according to current <a href="#">FEMA Rate Schedule</a> (or <a href="#">GSA mileage rate for POV</a> , if applicable).
Variance inspections for a Special Pretreatment Device	Same as fee for Section 2.2 "New, replacement, or modification inspection of a Special Pretreatment Device"

**2.3 Industrial and Other Nonresidential User Fees**

Including other Nonresidential User fees, Industrial Users are subject to fees as listed this section. Fees based on April 18, 2025 recommendation from Goldie Associates (consultant) after evaluation of program and/or treatment costs at facility(ies).

Table 4: Other Industrial and Nonresidential User fees

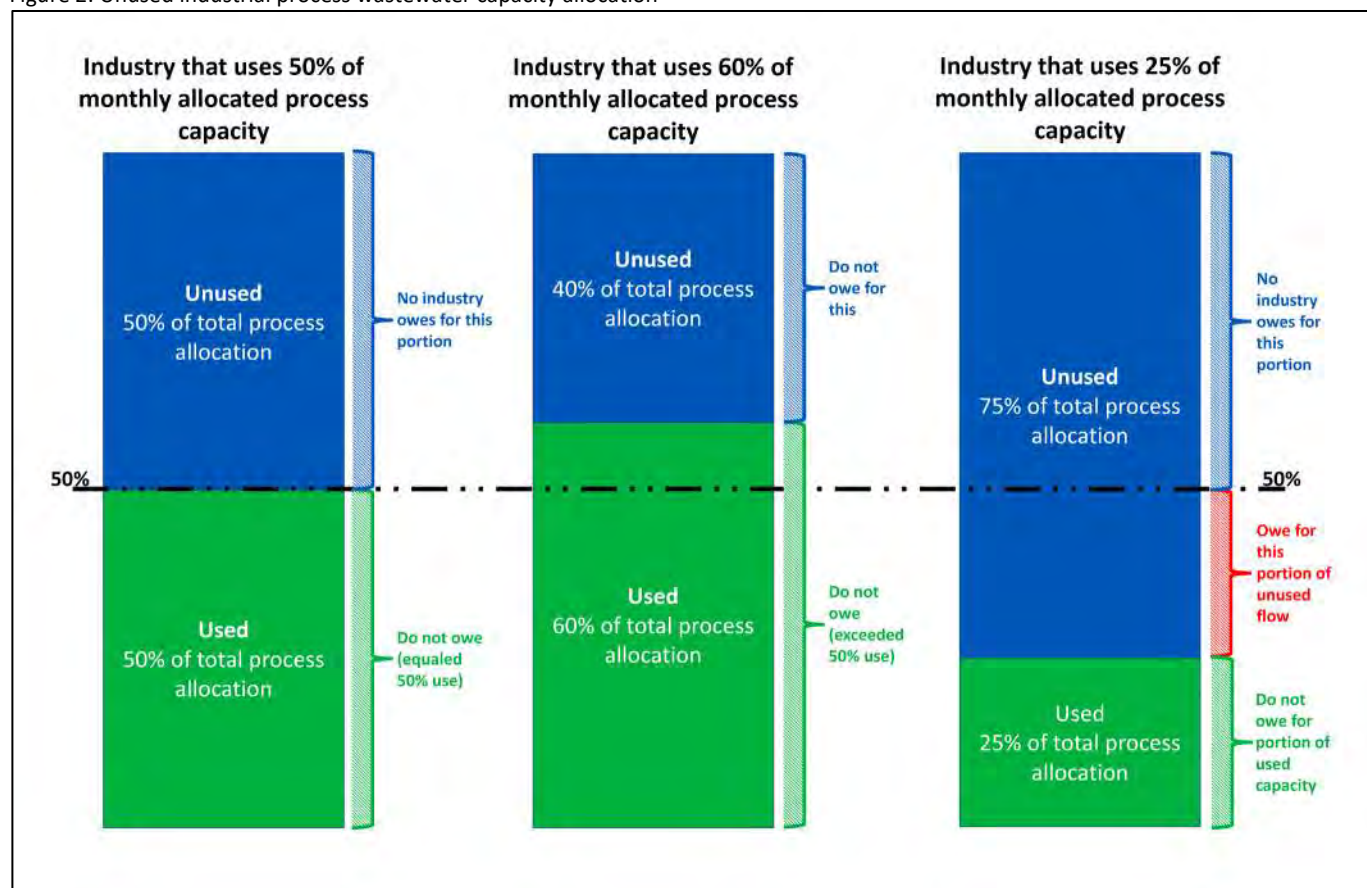
Industrial Pretreatment Permit Application Processing	No fee
Industrial Pretreatment Permit Renewal	No fee
Nonsignificant Source Wastewater Discharge Permit Application	No fee
Nonsignificant Source Wastewater Discharge Permit	No fee
Other permits not explicitly listed in this Schedule of Fees	No fee
Calculation of Surcharges	\$30.00 per quarter for periods when calculations are necessary
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) Surcharge	\$0.00 for concentration of 0-250 mg/L \$0.30 per pound above 250 mg/L <sup>4,5</sup>
Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) Surcharge	\$0.00 for concentration of 0-750 mg/L \$0.30 per pound above 750 mg/L <sup>4,5</sup>
Phosphorus (P) Surcharge	\$0.00 for concentration of 0-7 mg/L \$0.40 per pound above 7 mg/L <sup>4</sup>
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN) <sup>6</sup> Surcharge	\$0.00 for concentration of 0-30 mg/L \$0.40 per pound above 30 mg/L <sup>4</sup>
Total Suspended Solids (TSS) Surcharge	\$0.00 for concentration of 0-250 mg/L \$0.50 per pound above 250 mg/L <sup>4</sup>
Flow (gpd) Surcharge	Same volumetric rate as stated in SECTION 2.1 Nonresidential User Monthly Fees Wholesale Service Area per 1,000 gallons above permitted limit (rounded up to the next 1,000 gallons)
Late Discharge Monitoring Report from low volume dischargers and Industrial Users	\$100.00 the first day late and \$50.00 per business day thereafter until report is received and Notice of Violation or other enforcement action as required by the <i>OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation</i> .
Unused capacity fee for Industrial Users <u>See illustration in Figure 2 for general information</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Average monthly discharge of 50% or more (<math>\geq 50\%</math>) of their capacity as stated on the industry's current <i>Significant Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit</i> as issued by OJRSA -</li> </ul>

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	<p>\$0.00 per month when the facility's total flow discharged for the month is at least 50% of their total monthly allocated flow.<sup>7,8</sup></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Average monthly discharge of less than 50% (&lt; 50%) of their capacity as stated on the industry's current <i>Significant Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit</i> as issued by OJRSA.</li> <li>- \$2.00 per 1,000 gallons of not utilized by the industry between the industry's actual total monthly discharge and 50% of their permitted monthly discharge. [NOTE: The permitted industry is only paying for unused process wastewater capacity for the volume range of 0% to 50% of the amount as listed on their OJRSA-issued Significant Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit.]<sup>7,8</sup></li> </ul>
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Figure 2: Unused industrial process wastewater capacity allocation

**2.4 Industrial Pretreatment Billing Expense Billing**

Industries subject to OJRSA industrial pretreatment requirements must pay program fees using the following methodology:

**A. Quarterly billing:**

- Base fee:  $1/x$  (where  $x$  is equal to the number of Industrial Users that have a *Significant Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit* during that quarter) of the salary and benefits expensed for the designated Pretreatment Coordinator (and additional dedicated department staff, if applicable);
- Items related to materials or services procured for the industry, such as: licenses/certifications/memberships; seminars/workshops/training; legal; public relations and advertising; mailing/shipping; office supplies; supplies/tools; technology (phones/internet/ television); professional and service contracts; and rolling stock and equipment;
- Hours and benefits that other OJRSA employees spend working on items associated with the industry;
- Surcharge fees for flow and particular chemical exceedances as stated in SECTION 2.3 Table 4;
- Unused monthly capacity fees as stated in SECTION 2.3 Table 4; and

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6. Twenty percent (20%) administration fee on SECTION 2.4 Paragraphs A.1, A.2, and A.3 only.<sup>9</sup>
- B. A 10% late fee is added every 30 days the invoice has not been paid.
- C. Penalties and fines associated with enforcement action are to be paid invoiced at the time expense is incurred.

**2.5 Hauled Waste Program Fees**

Fees are supportive of the *OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation* and other requirements and are subject to the OJRSA's acceptance of any or all products as stated within the Regulation and/or availability to accept at the Water Reclamation Facility for treatment or disposal. Fees based on April 18, 2025 recommendation from Goldie Associates (consultant) after evaluation of program and/or treatment costs at facility(ies).

Table 5: Hauled waste program fees

Hauled Waste Disposal Permit	\$120.00 per year (prorated based on the permit effective date) <sup>10,11</sup>
Sanitary sewage from septic tank	\$200.00 per 1,000 gallons (rounded up to the next 1,000 gallons; if the OJRSA can meter the discharge, then the fee will be \$0.185 per gallon) <sup>12</sup>
Hauled liquid treatment plant waste (e.g., sludge from package treatment plant)	\$200.00 per 1,000 gallons (rounded up to the next 1,000 gallons; if the OJRSA can meter the discharge, then the fee will be \$0.185 per gallon) <sup>12</sup>
Portable toilet waste	\$75.00 per 1,000 gallons (rounded up to the next 1,000 gallons; if the OJRSA can meter the discharge, then the fee will be \$0.066 per gallon). <sup>12</sup>
Hauled waste solids	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current tipping fee (in tons or pounds, rounded up to next ton or billable weight/volume as charged by the landfill or final disposal site) + current transportation costs (as charged by third-party waste hauler) + 25% Administrative Fee. <u>Since this fee can change with little to no notice by the landfill or hauler, it is suggested to call 864-972-3900 and request the current fee prior to delivery of hauled waste solids to OJRSA.</u></li> <li>If solids can be weighed by certified scale either independently owned or owned by OJRSA, then OJRSA will bill based on partial weight of load using the same calculation as above but with actual weight instead of rounded.</li> </ul>
Landfill leachate	Same volumetric rate as stated in SECTION 2.1 Nonresidential User monthly sewer fees per 1,000 gallons (rounded up to the next 1,000 gallons) + Calculation of Surcharge fee (as stated in SECTION 2.3 + Surcharge rates (as stated in SECTION 2.3)
Grease	Per <i>OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation</i> , the OJRSA no longer accepts grease as of October 1, 2023
Afterhours acceptance fee as stated in SECTION 10.2(A)(2) of the <i>OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation</i>	\$150.00 <u>per delivery</u> + other disposal costs based on product received as stated within SECTION 2.5 Table 5
Sampling and analysis of hauled waste	\$25.00 per analysis + applicable contract lab costs
Failure to clean OJRSA manual bar screen at hauled waste discharge locations	\$50.00 per delivery for first offense, \$100 for second offense, and \$500 for third and subsequent offenses <sup>12</sup>

**Section 3 Impact Fees**

- A. Fees established in this Policy are based Weston & Sampson April 3, 2025 memorandum titled "Impact Fee Analysis – SCDES Contributory Loadings".
- B. This Policy applies when a developer requests water and/or sewer service with the retail utility provider. The OJRSA will not approve the establishment of water or sewer service nor the issuance of a building permit until all fees are paid.
- C. Impact Fees are based on the *OJRSA Schedule of Fees* at the time an Application for Capacity in the OJRSA Sewer System form is completed by the owner/developer.
- Impact Fees are in Table 6.



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2. If there is a Board-approved change to Impact Fees within twenty (20) calendar days of when OJRSA has notified the developer of their Impact Fees that are due and that submitted plans have already been approved by OJRSA, then the developer has ten (10) calendar days beyond the date the fees change (inclusive of the first day of the change) to pay the Impact Fees that were presented; otherwise the new Impact Fee rates shall apply.
- D. Impact Fees collected are held in a restricted fund and are to be used only for specific projects and purposes allowed by law and OJRSA policy. (See the *OJRSA Impact Fee Policy* and *OJRSA Financial and Accounting Policy*).
- E. Fees shall be based on SECTION 7 TABLE 24 of *OJRSA Development Policy* as approved by the OJRSA Board of Commissioners.
- F. Subdivisions
1. For Subdivisions Constructed Prior to July 1, 2021 – Homes constructed within these subdivisions will be responsible for paying a singular Impact Fee based on one residence or subdivision lot as stated in Table 6.
  2. For Subdivisions Planned or Constructed After July 1, 2021 – Prior to the OJRSA issuing a Willingness & Ability to Serve, Commitment to Own, Commitment to Own & Operate, or other such letter required by the South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (SCDES) that is necessary for the permitting of a wastewater collection system extension serving a development, the owner/developer shall pay Impact Fees for all lots within the subdivision. These fees shall be based on the number of lots multiplied by the fee for one residence or subdivision lot as stated in Table 6.
- G. Customers Using Unmetered Connections or Groundwater Wells
1. Unmetered Residential Connections – Residential Users directly or indirectly connected to a OJRSA wastewater conveyance system or treatment facility that use wells or other unmetered connections for their water supply shall be charged an Impact Fee for each well that is connected to the sewer system at the same rate as one residence or subdivision lot as listed in Table 6.
  2. Unmetered Nonresidential Customers – Nonresidential customers directly or indirectly connected to the OJRSA wastewater conveyance system or treatment facility that use wells or other unmetered connections for their water supply shall be charged an Impact Fee for each well that is connected to the sewer system. An engineer of the OJRSA's choosing will determine the appropriate Impact Fee for each customer. Such fees made by the OJRSA's consultant shall not establish precedence for similar circumstances that may occur in the future.
- H. Circumstances Not Addressed in this Policy – Unusual situations and conditions not addressed in this Policy will be considered in consultation with the OJRSA's engineer on a case-by-case basis. Such decisions made by the OJRSA shall not establish precedence for similar circumstances that may occur in the future.

Table 6: Impact fees

Type of Use	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Impact Fee for one residence or subdivision lot as per Item CC in SECTION 7 TABLE 24 of <i>OJRSA Development Policy</i> , <u>which shall be referred to as one Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU). This includes residences or subdivision lots that are connected to sewer but are served by a well for water.</u>	\$4,100 for one ERU	\$5,005 for one ERU	\$7,720 for one ERU
Impact Fee for other uses as listed in SECTION 7 TABLE 24 of <i>OJRSA Development Policy</i>	\$13.66/gallon	\$19.70/gallon	\$25.73/gallon
Process wastewater as listed on Industrial User Permit issued by OJRSA <u>(per acquisition of new or additional capacity, not per renewal of IU Permit)</u>	\$13.66/gallon	\$19.70/gallon	\$25.73/gallon
Other circumstances not addressed in this Policy or as defined in the <i>OJRSA Impact Fee Policy</i>	\$13.66/gallon	\$19.70/gallon	\$25.73/gallon

**Section 4 Engineering, Connection, and Inspection Fees**

The OJRSA shall charge the fees as listed in Table 7 for engineering, plan reviews, inspection, taps/connections, and other such services. Fees based on May 22, 2025 recommendation from Weston & Sampson (consultant) after evaluation of program costs and OJRSA determination of inspection and service fees.

Table 7: Engineering and inspection fees

Hydraulic modeling analysis for downstream impact caused by potential or proposed new or upsized development that will increase flow by at least 10,000	Actual consultant's fee + 25% Administrative Fee. This fee will be updated on the <u>Downstream Wastewater Modeling Analysis Request</u> form as stated at <a href="http://www.ojrsa.org">www.ojrsa.org</a> .
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<p>gpd or for areas of concern within the sewer system as identified in the current version of the OJRSA hydraulic model or known of areas of concerns. <u><i>This is to be based on This is to be based on SCDES Regulation 61-67 Appendix A Unit Contributory Loadings to All Domestic Wastewater Treatment Facilities.</i></u></p>	
<p>Other developer costs not covered elsewhere in the <i>OJRSA Schedule of Fees</i> (includes studies or additional work performed by OJRSA and/or its consultants for a project)</p>	<p>For each task required, the developer shall compensate the OJRSA for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>IF WORK PERFORMED SOLELY BY OJRSA STAFF:</b> The rate used shall be the midpoint of the current year FY pay range for all staff positions involved + benefits costs at 34% of wages + equipment costs according to current <a href="#">FEMA Rate Schedule, GSA mileage rate for POV</a>, and/or equipment/material purchase and/or rental fees as applicable.</li> <li>• <b>IF WORK TO BE PERFORMED SOLELY BY A CONSULTANT:</b> The fee shall be the actual consultant's fee + 25% Administration Fee.</li> <li>• <b>IF WORK IS TO BE A COMBINATION OF OJRSA STAFF AND A CONSULTANT:</b> The fee shall be based on the actual consultant's fee + the midpoint of the current year FY pay range for all staff positions involved + benefits costs at 34% of wages + costs of equipment used according to current <a href="#">FEMA Rate Schedule, GSA mileage rate for POV</a>, and/or equipment/material purchase and/or rental fees as applicable.</li> </ul>
<p>Plans and specifications review<sup>13</sup> <u><i>(unless otherwise noted, these fees are for each review, including resubmittals)</i></u></p>	<p><u><i>Single Family Homes</i></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On individual lot not located in a subdivision (unless there is a grinder pump, then only the grinder pump fee listed below is applicable) – \$0.00<sup>14,15,16</sup></li> <li>• To be located in a subdivision/planned development that requires gravity sewer and/or force mains installation – \$0.07 per linear foot of pipe</li> <li>• Pump station addition to serve development – \$300.00 per station (one review fee covers initial review of each plus resubmittals)</li> <li>• Grinder pumps for individual units – \$2.00 per pump</li> </ul> <p><u><i>Multi-Family Development</i></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No amenities (pool, clubhouse, etc.) – \$1.85 per residential living unit</li> <li>• If includes amenities – \$3.10 per residential living unit</li> <li>• Gravity sewer and/or force main extension – \$0.07 per linear foot of pipe</li> <li>• Pump station addition to serve development – \$300.00 per station (one review fee covers initial review of each plus resubmittals)</li> <li>• Grinder pumps for individual units – \$2.00 per pump</li> <li>• Buildings other than residential living units and those that provide amenities (pool, clubhouse, etc.) shall be calculated</li> </ul>

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	<p>as a Commercial, Industrial, and/or Institutional Facility as stated below.</p> <p><u>Commercial, Industrial, and/or Institutional Facility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building space – \$0.04 per square foot of building space served by water and/or sewer</li> <li>• Gravity sewer and/or force main extension – \$0.07 per linear foot of pipe</li> <li>• Pump station addition to serve development – \$300.00 per station (one review fee covers initial review of each plus resubmittals)</li> <li>• Grinder pumps for individual units – \$2.00 per pump</li> </ul> <p><u>Special Pretreatment Devices</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See Section 2.2</li> </ul>
General inspection fees (for inspections other than new, replacement, or modification inspection of a Special Pretreatment Device)	<p>Charged per hour with a two (2) hour minimum. Based on the hourly wage of the lowest pay classification of the staff member(s) who has the necessary skills and training to perform the task. The rate used shall be the midpoint of the current year FY pay range + benefits costs at 34% of wage + ½-ton truck according to current <a href="#">FEMA Rate Schedule</a> (or <a href="#">GSA mileage rate for POV</a>, if applicable).</p> <p>For inspection fees associated with Special Pretreatment Devices, see Section 2.2.</p>
<p>GIS and system mapping fees<sup>17</sup> <u>This is applicable to developments installing infrastructure that requires a SCDES Construction Permit (or equivalent) and/or for onsite privately-owned wastewater infrastructure that is greater than or equal to 8-inches in diameter and/or has a privately-owned pump station and force main.</u></p> <p>This fee applies to any portion of the system served directly or indirectly by OJRSA.</p>	<p>\$250.00 Base Fee for up to 1,000 linear feet of gravity sewer and/or force main pipe + \$0.25 per additional linear foot of pipe. There is not a fee associated with pump station construction.<sup>18</sup></p> <p><u>Note: The minimum fee due is the Base Fee.</u></p>
Tap and tap maintenance fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In addition to Impact Fees, all new connections that physically connect directly with the OJRSA wastewater conveyance system must pay the costs to install each tap plus 30% to fund future maintenance of connection. Actual costs are for labor, equipment, and materials and may be performed by either OJRSA or a contractor for OJRSA.</li> <li>• If a contractor makes connection (or installs manhole with precast service connection(s)) and they are paid directly by the developer, then the developer shall be required to pay \$200 per diameter inch of the connection to OJRSA's system for future maintenance. The contractor will not have to pay a construction tap fee to the OJRSA as the OJRSA did not incur any costs.<sup>19</sup></li> </ul>
Disconnection from sewer system	\$400.00
Reconnection to sewer system	\$400.00

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## **Section 5 Contract Services Provided for Non-Wholesale OJRSA Wastewater Systems (including Retail Sewer System)**

The OJRSA shall charge the fees as stated in this section for Routine and Nonroutine Work performed for other utility owners on a contractual basis.

### **5.1 Routine Work**

Table 8: Routine Work fees

Routine Work (as stated in the DEFINITIONS section)	\$6,500 per calendar quarter
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### **5.2 Nonroutine Work**

Nonroutine Work shall be billed in accordance with the fees listed in Table 9.

Table 9: Nonroutine Work fees

OJRSA Personnel	<p><u>Exempt Staff</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work performed during normal business hours (charged in 1/10 hour increments) – Midpoint of hourly wage of position classification(s) performing task x hours worked in 1/10 hour increment + benefits costs at 34% of wage<sup>20</sup></li> <li>• Work performed during non-business hours – (Midpoint of hourly wage of position classification(s) performing task x hours worked in 1/10 hour increment) x 1.5 (to convert wage to overtime pay) + benefits costs at 34% of wage<sup>20</sup></li> </ul> <p><u>Non-Exempt Staff</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work performed during normal business hours – Midpoint of hourly wage of position classification(s) performing task x hours worked in 1/10 hour increment + benefits costs at 34% of wage<sup>20</sup></li> <li>• Work performed during non-business hours – Midpoint of hourly wage of position classification(s) performing task x hours worked in 1/10 hour increment + benefits costs at 34% of wage<sup>20</sup></li> </ul> <p><u>Other Items</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General accounting – Midpoint of hourly wage of position tasked with accounts payable/receivable x 0.4 hours + benefits costs at 34% of wage<sup>20</sup></li> <li>• Industrial pretreatment program – Midpoint of hourly wage of position tasked with pretreatment program oversight x hours worked in 1/4 hour increment + benefits costs at 34% of wage<sup>20</sup></li> <li>• Engineering – Midpoint of hourly wage of position tasked with engineering or program management x hours worked in 1/4 hour increment + benefits costs at 34% of wage<sup>20</sup></li> </ul>
Vehicles and Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transportation of staff only (no work to be performed that requires tools other than those necessary for SC811 locates)</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <a href="#">GSA mileage rate for POV</a> x total mileage driven + 25% Administrative Fee</li> <li>• Vehicles used for performing work (other than SC811 locates) – <a href="#">FEMA Rate Schedule</a> x total hours used (or miles mileage driven, if applicable) + 25% Administrative Fee</li> <li>• OJRSA vehicles or equipment not listed in <a href="#">FEMA Rate Schedule</a> – Cost to rent comparable vehicle or unit of equipment + 25% Administrative Fee</li> <li>• Rental vehicles or equipment – Actual rental cost + 25% Administrative Fee</li> </ul>
Materials and services (including use of non-OJRSA personnel)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Materials– Actual unit cost + 25% Administrative Fee</li> <li>• Services provided by others – Actual cost of services + 25% Administrative Fee</li> <li>• Utilities paid by OJRSA – Actual cost + 25% Administrative Fee</li> </ul>

**Section 6 Other Fees and Fines****6.1 Financial and Late Fees**

Table 10: Financial and late fees

Credit or debit card processing	Customer to pay actual transaction fee charged by processing company
Late payments	All payments not received within 30 days of the issuance of the invoice will be charged a 10% late fee for every 30 days the payment is outstanding
Returned check (NSF) fee	\$30.00 per returned check

**6.2 Freedom of Information Act Fees**

Table 11: FOIA fees

Minutes of the meetings of the public body for the preceding six (6) months	No fee per SC Law §30-4-30(D)
Documents produced by the public body or its agent that were distributed to or reviewed by a member of the public body during a public meeting for the preceding six (6) months	No fee per SC Law §30-4-30(D)
Cumulative research and retrieval time if less than 10 minutes <u>and</u> the total number of documents requested by the FOIA requestor is 10 pages or less	No fee
Documents are in electronic format at the time a request is received	No fee for electronic files per SC Law §30-40-30(B); however, applicable research fees shall still apply. Documents will be provided for distribution once any necessary research fees have been paid.
Scanning documents to electronic format	Actual costs + contract services costs, if applicable. Fifteen percent (15%) Administrative Fee will be added to contract services costs.
Staff research, search, retrieval, redaction, and copying	Prorating of fees shall be based on increments of one-tenth (1/10) of an hour and will not exceed the prorated hourly wage of lowest pay classification of the staff member(s) who has the necessary skills and training to fulfill the request.

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Distribution of records methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pick-up at OJRSA Administrative Complex – No fee<sup>21</sup></li> <li>• U.S. First Class Mail – Actual cost of postage<sup>21</sup></li> <li>• Filesharing website or email – No fee<sup>21</sup></li> <li>• Flash drive – Actual cost of flash drive<sup>21,22</sup></li> </ul>
Copies	<p><u>Black &amp; white</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8.5 x 11 and 8.5 x 14 – Other applicable fees + \$0.10 per page</li> <li>• 11 x 17 – Other applicable fees + \$0.25 per page</li> <li>• Larger than 11 x 17 – Other applicable fees + \$0.50 per square foot or contract service costs + 15% Administrative Fee</li> </ul> <p><u>Color</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8.5 x 11 and 8.5 x 14 – Other applicable fees + \$0.15 per page</li> <li>• 11 x 17 – Other applicable fees + \$0.50 per page</li> <li>• Larger than 11 x 17 – Other applicable fees + \$0.50 per square foot or contract service costs + 15% Administrative Fee</li> </ul>
Other reproduction services	Other applicable fees + actual costs + 15% Administrative Fee

**6.3 Penalties and Fines**

Table 12: Penalties and fines

Illegal Taps or other illegal connections	\$2,000.00 penalty + Applicable Impact Fee(s) + Tap Fee(s) + Cost of Repairs and/or Cleaning to System + General Inspection Fees + Applicable Legal Fees
Users who violate the provisions of the <i>OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation</i> or fail to abide by any rules, requirements, or procedures that OJRSA implements in support of the Regulation	As stated in SECTION 8 of the <i>OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation</i>

**END OF FEES****Section 7 Appeal of Fees**

- A. Items as stated within the *OJRSA Schedule of Fees* can be appealed to the OJRSA Board of Commissioners via the agency's standing Operations & Planning (O&P) Committee by requesting that OJRSA Administration add the matter to an O&P Committee meeting agenda. Dates of the meetings can be found on the OJRSA website ([www.ojrsa.org](http://www.ojrsa.org)) but it is recommended that the requestor filing for appeal contact the OJRSA office by phone at 864-972-3900 to confirm meeting dates and times. Requestors asking for a variance of this Policy shall attend all meetings to present their case for appeal and address questions and concerns from OJRSA Commissioners and staff; however, attending the meetings is not a substitute for submitting a written appeal as stated above.
- B. Requests for appeals must be received no less than five (5) business days prior to the upcoming meeting and must be in writing to:
- Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority  
ATTN: Executive Director  
623 Return Church Road  
Seneca, South Carolina 29678  
[info@ojrsa.org](mailto:info@ojrsa.org)
- C. If the request for variance is approved by the O&P Committee, then it will proceed to the OJRSA Board of Commissioners at the next scheduled meeting for consideration. The decision made by the Board of Commissioners shall be final.

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**Endnotes (Comments, Examples, and Fee Justification)**

- <sup>1</sup> Wholesale Residential Well Customer rate is based on estimated wastewater discharge of 150 gallons per day x 30 days per month = 4,500 gallons per month ÷ 1,000 = 4.5 thousand gallons per month x \$5.66 per 1,000 gallons per month = \$25.47.
- <sup>2</sup> Retail Residential Well Customer rate is based on estimated wastewater discharge of 150 gallons per day x 30 days per month = 4,500 gallons per month ÷ 1,000 = 4.5 thousand gallons per month x \$6.70 per 1,000 gallons per month = \$30.15.
- <sup>3</sup> To be determined by a special meter to measure water discharged to sewer ("sewer meter") or other means as recommended by a qualified engineering and/or rate consultant and approved by OJRSA Administration.
- <sup>4</sup> The formula for calculating surcharges is: (Monthly Concentration Average for Monitoring Parameter minus Surcharge Concentration Threshold for Same Parameter) x 8.34 conversion factor x (Total Flow for the Month in Gallons ÷ 1,000,000 Gallons) x Surcharge Rate = Surcharge Amount Due in Dollars NOTE: If an industry samples less frequently than monthly (i.e., quarterly), then the monthly average calculation will continue each month until the next month the parameter is sampled.  
 The following calculation uses fictitious fees for demonstration purposes only (This example uses fees for BOD; however, the same formula applies for all monitored parameters. Fee calculations shall use those listed in the current OJRSA Schedule of Fees) – An industry has a monthly BOD average concentration of 500 mg/L. The total flow for the month is 310,000 gallons and the threshold limit for BOD is 250 mg/L. The BOD surcharge rate is \$0.30/lb of BOD.  
 Step 1: (500 mg/L - 250 mg/L) x 8.34 x (310,000 gal/month ÷ 1,000,000 gal) x \$0.30/lb of BOD = BOD Surcharge Fee  
 Step 2: 250 mg/L x 8.34 x 0.310 million gal/month x \$0.30/lb of BOD = BOD Surcharge Fee  
 BOD Surcharge Fee Due = \$193.91
- <sup>5</sup> An industry will not be charged both BOD and COD, the surcharge will be calculated for both BOD and COD and the industry will be charged the higher rate.
- <sup>6</sup> The sum of organic nitrogen, ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>), and ammonium (NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>) in wastewater. TKN does not include Nitrate (NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>) and Nitrite (NO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>).
- <sup>7</sup> Total Industrial User capacity per month is equal to the facility's Permitted Allocated Capacity per day multiplied by the number of days for each month individually (e.g., 31 days for January, 28 days for February, etc.).  
 The following calculation uses fictitious fees for demonstration purposes only (Fee calculations shall use those listed in the current OJRSA Schedule of Fees) – An industry is permitted for a maximum allocation of 20,000 gpd of process wastewater discharge. In January (31 days in the month), they discharge a total of 176,700 gallons. The Unused Capacity threshold is 50% (meaning if they do not average greater than or equal to 50% of their allocated maximum discharge as stated on the permit, then they are subject to paying an unused capacity fee for that month for the unused volume between their actual monthly discharge and 50% of their permitted volume). The rate is \$1.50/1,000 gallons, which is prorated (not rounded to nearest 1,000 gallons).  
 Step 1: Determine if the industry is subject to an unused process wastewater allocation capacity fee. Is the facility's monthly discharge at least 50% of their allocation of 20,000 gpd?  
 20,000 gpd x 31 days = 620,000 gal per month of maximum permitted discharge  
 176,700 gal actually discharged in January ÷ 620,000 gal max allowed x 100 = 28.5% usage of capacity  
This facility DID NOT meet or exceed 50% of their discharge, so they will owe an unused capacity fee. (They would have needed to discharge at least 310,000 gallons in January to reach the 50% threshold.)  
 Step 2: Determine the amount of fee owed.  
 ((Total Capacity Per Month x Allowed Percentage) – Total Monthly Discharge) ÷ 1,000 gal x \$1.50/1,000 gal = Fee Owed for Month  
 ((620,000 gpd x 50%) – 176,700 gpd) ÷ 1,000 gal x \$1.50/1,000 gal = \$199.95 owed for January
- <sup>8</sup> Unused Industrial User capacity fees are collected for the purpose of treatment and conveyance system expansion and are held in the restricted Impact Fee Fund in accordance with the *OJRSA Impact Fee Policy* and *OJRSA Financial and Accounting Policy* for the Wholesale or Retail Service Area, as appropriate, to be used in accordance with the *OJRSA Impact Fee Policy*.
- <sup>9</sup> Industrial pretreatment expense billing Administrative Fee covers incidentals and general labor spent by other OJRSA staff that are involved in the pretreatment program as necessary, as well as general use materials used by the program collectively (e.g., fuel used for vehicle, general office supplies, electricity and other utilities for program, etc.). If specific industries require substantial time by other OJRSA staff, then the industries that the work is performed for shall be billed for this time based on the hourly wages of the lowest pay classification staff member(s) who have the necessary skills and training to perform the tasks.
- <sup>10</sup> Hauled Waste Disposal Permit fee is based on the calendar year (January through December), not the Fiscal Year. If waste hauler is issued a Hauled Waste Disposal Permit (HWDP), then they must pay for the entire month the HWDP is applied for. Providing the waste hauler is in good standing with the OJRSA, the HWDP will remain valid through December 31 of that year. Amount owed if HWDP is obtained anytime during that month (e.g., if they apply for the HWDP on May 31, they must pay the amount for May as shown in the list within this footnote):

**OJRSA Schedule of Fees**

July 1, 2025

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January = \$120.00	May = \$80.00	September = \$40.00
February = \$110.00	June = \$70.00	October = \$30.00
March = \$100.00	July = \$60.00	November = \$20.00
April \$90.00	August = \$50.00	December = \$10.00

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- <sup>11</sup> There are no refunds issued on Hauled Waste Disposal Permits.
- <sup>12</sup> Waste hauler also subject to other enforcement actions as stated in the *OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation* and other applicable regulations and policies.
- <sup>13</sup> Plan reviews based on average time and labor costs for an OJRSA staff member and/or third-party consultant employed by OJRSA to perform such functions.
- <sup>14</sup> For each review, including resubmittals. If the owner/developer changes the plans after the initial review or corrections must be made per the *OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation*, *OJRSA Development Policy*, other OJRSA policy, or requirements imposed by a Member City or other governmental agency, the fee must be paid for each review thereafter.
- <sup>15</sup> There are no fees for projects that are designed and installed by a Member City when they are paying for the installation themselves, such as if a city is installing a main line extension entirely at their own expense and is not funded by a developer or other party. In most cases, the projects that meet this exemption are when a Member City is installing infrastructure to replace or rehabilitate existing facilities or when they are extending their own system at their own expense (and not as a pay-in-advance or reimbursement project by third-party(ies)). Appeals can be made by the Member City to the OJRSA Board of Commissioners in accordance with the process stated within SECTION 7 of the *OJRSA Schedule of Fees* to determine if this fee should be waived for other projects.
- <sup>16</sup> Or in a subdivision that received a Permit for OJRSA Wastewater System Capacity (or equivalent) prior to January 1, 2020. These were considered at the time the original subdivision plans were reviewed.
- <sup>17</sup> This fee is used for the OJRSA to incorporate data from the record drawings and other supporting documents (e.g., GPS devices, surveys, etc.) into its Geographic Information System map, which is used for hydraulic modeling, manage and track work orders, asset management, planning, etc.
- <sup>18</sup> The following calculation uses fictitious fees for demonstration purposes only (*Fee calculations shall use those listed in the current OJRSA Schedule of Fees*) – A project has been designed that has a 900 linear feet of gravity sewer pipe, 400 feet of force main pipe, and one (1) pump station. The Base Fee for the first 1,000 linear feet of total pipe is \$200.00 and the fee per additional linear foot of pipe is \$0.25/foot. There is no cost for the pump station.
- Step 1: 900 feet of gravity + 400 feet of force main = 1,300 total linear feet of pipe for project
- Step 2: 1,300 total linear feet – 1,000 linear feet for base rate = 300 linear feet above the base
- Step 3: \$200.00 Base Fee + (300 linear feet x \$0.25/foot) + (1 pump station x \$0.00) = GIS fee due
- Step 4: \$200 + \$75 + \$0 = GIS fee due
- GIS Fee Due = \$275.00
- <sup>19</sup> Fee to pay for future maintenance of connection. The following calculation uses fictitious fees for demonstration purposes only (*Fee calculations shall use those listed in the current OJRSA Schedule of Fees*) – A contractor will bore into an existing OJRSA manhole to make one (1) 4-inch pipe diameter service connection. The Tap Maintenance Fee Due at the time is \$200/inch diameter. (OR contractor shall set a doghouse manhole on existing OJRSA pipeline with one (1) 4-inch pipe diameter service connection.)
- Step 1: \$200/inch diameter x 4-inch pipe diameter = Tap Maintenance Fee Due
- Step 2: \$800 = Tap Maintenance Fee Due
- <sup>20</sup> “Benefits fee” is a general term that covers employer costs for South Carolina Retirement System expenses, Social Security, Medicare, insurance, etc.
- <sup>21</sup> All copying, staff time, and other applicable fees must be paid prior to distribution of requested materials.
- <sup>22</sup> Device must be provided by the OJRSA to avoid risk of potential viruses that may be on flash drives belonging to the requester.



**OJRSA Schedule of Fees**

July 1, 2025

**Revision History**

As this document is an extension of the *OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation*, previous editions must be maintained in accordance with the *OJRSA Records Retention Policy*.

Revision Number	Effective Date	Description of Changes
0000	02/18/1980	Initial sewer user fees developed and approved by OCSC Board.
0001	08/04/1980	Hauled waste disposal fee modified.
0002	06/19/1984	Sewer use fees increased.
0003	01/01/1985	Revised sewer treatment fees developed and approved by OCSC Board via resolution approved on 01/07/1985.
0004	07/01/1985	Resolution approved on 01/07/1985 expired and rate structure changed.
0005	08/28/1989	Approved annual industry permitting fee on 08/28/1989.
0006	01/01/1990	Oconee County Ordinance [19]89-6 established Impact Fee for treatment capacity for future renovation, modernization, and expansion. OCSC approved on 08/28/1989.
0007	09/10/1990	Approved 2% late fee.
0008	10/07/1996	Approved increase of septic tank waste disposal and treatment fees.
0009	04/07/1997	Approved industrial surcharge fees.
0010	06/05/2000	Hauled waste fee increase approved.
0011	07/03/2006	Approved increase to Impact Fees and established a tap fee.
0012	04/01/2008	Approved addition of a "Transportation and Trunk Line Impact Fee."
0013	05/05/2008	Hauled waste fees increase based on percent increase on Member City fees.
0014	02/02/2009	Approved 20% Administrative Fee for permitted Industrial Users.
0015	10/03/2011	<i>OJRSA Schedule of Fees</i> updated.
0016	10/05/2015	Impact Fee calculation method changed.
0017	12/04/2017	Added fee for acceptance of portable toilet waste.
0018	11/06/2018	Inclusion of additional fees for credit card transactions, returned check, fats oils and grease program, engineering services, and FOIA. Approved by OJRSA Board on 11/05/2018.
0019	02/04/2019	Approved industrial facility flow surcharge and revised biosolids disposal fees.
0020	04/09/2021	Revised hauled waste program fees per <i>OJRSA Resolution 2021-11 Hauled Waste Policy Update</i> .
0021	07/01/2021	Revised Impact Fees per <i>OJRSA Resolution 2021-12 Impact Fee Policy Update</i> .
0022	10/01/2021	Approved comprehensive fee update on 09/13/2021.
0023	07/01/2022	Established unused capacity fee for Industrial Users. Includes other minor modifications.
0024	07/01/2023	Eliminated pro rata share model for user fees and established base plus volumetric model for Residential and Nonresidential Users.
0025	01/01/2024	Revised Impact Fees per <i>OJRSA Resolution 2024-04</i> .
0026	03/04/2024	Board approved newly established Retail Service Area rates.
0027	05/06/2024	Board approved updated fees per <i>OJRSA Resolution 2024-10</i> .
0028	06/02/2025	Board approved updated fees per <i>OJRSA Resolution 2025-05</i> .

**END OF REVISIONS**

# OJRSA Fiscal Year 2026 Comprehensive Budget Request

May 14, 2025

This budget request includes funding for operations, capital improvements, and other requirements necessary to comply with federal and state laws, regulations, and operating permits for the existing wastewater trunk sewer and treatment system, as well as the I-85 Corridor (“Sewer South”) retail system. The budgets and funds as described herein are as established by the *OJRSA Financial and Accounting Policy* and other applicable policies as adopted by the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority (“OJRSA”) Board of Commissioners (“Board”).

This draft budget is to be presented to the OJRSA Finance & Administration Committee at their May 28, 2025 meeting for consideration.

As requested by the Board, changes to the rates and fees assessed by the OJRSA are included in this request and all revenues associated with the FY 2026 Budget include these proposed rates. If these rates and fees are modified by the Board as part of the budget consideration process, then the annual budget will also need to be modified to reflect these changes.

Unlike previous years, the OJRSA will not include specific budgeted costs for items and/or services which are to be competitively bid, thus not disclosing these projections to perspective bidders. This practice has been approved by Pope Flynn LLC, the attorneys that developed the current *OJRSA Procurement and Property Disposal Policy* and is meant to allow the OJRSA to get the best possible prices.

Fiscal Year 2026 for the OJRSA begins July 1, 2025 and ends June 30, 2026.

## **ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGETS (UNRESTRICTED FUND)**

The purpose of the two (2) Operations & Maintenance (O&M) budgets is to pay for operating expenses associated with the OJRSA’s wholesale and retail wastewater conveyance and treatment systems. In accordance with intergovernmental agreements between Oconee County and other entities, neither of these funds can subsidize the O&M of the other.

The OJRSA maintains two (2) unrestricted funds for O&M—one for the wholesale sewer system that serves the Member Cities and one that is for the retail system often referred to as the “I-85 Corridor Sewer System, also known as “Sewer South.”

### **Wholesale Operations & Maintenance Fund**

The proposed Wholesale O&M (“WO&M”) Budget is balanced and anticipated revenues equal expenses (\$6,759,426 revenues<sup>1</sup> vs. \$6,759,426 expenses<sup>2</sup>).

#### **Wholesale Operations & Maintenance Fund Revenues**

Anticipated total revenue for WO&M without carryforward (\$110,714) and net position transfer in (\$0) is \$6,648,712, which is an increase of \$315,831 (5.0%) from FY 2025.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Includes Carryforward from Previous Year (\$110,714). No net position (“fund balance”, “retained earnings”, or “savings”) funds, American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) funds, or other monies are used to supplement the FY 2026 WO&M Fund budget.

<sup>2</sup> Includes transfers to other funds (\$469,338) but not depreciation (\$1,238,863). Including depreciation, WO&M expenses are \$7,998,289.

<sup>3</sup> FY 2025 WO&M budget included \$26,500 in carryforward funds and \$0 in net position transfer in funds, thus the total FY 2025 WO&M budget without these inclusions was \$6,332,882.

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User Fees

Customer user fees are the primary source of all OJRSA WO&M revenue. Including a proposed 5% increase, user fees are conservatively projected to increase by \$411,144 (+7.2%) during FY 2026.<sup>4</sup>

A breakdown of the proposed user rates is included in Table 1 below. There is a 5% proposed increase to the volumetric rate user fees for FY 2026; however, it has been advised by the rate consultant performing the Regional Sewer Feasibility Planning Study that the OJRSA increase rates considerably in the coming years in order to fulfill operation and maintenance obligations, complete necessary improvements, and expansion projects over the next 10 years.<sup>5</sup>

It should be noted that the OJRSA does not receive *ad valorem*<sup>6</sup> funding from the cities or county, nor can the OJRSA legally impose such a tax to fund operations or capital improvements. The agency may occasionally receive grants or other in-kind capital contributions from local, state, or federal agencies or other parties. If such funding is received (or anticipated to be received), then it will be identified within this summary and the proposed budget.

Table 1: User fees and anticipated revenues

	Per Sewer Customer	Anticipated Annual Revenue
<b>Residential User Fees</b>		
Base Rate (per water meter)	\$10.00/month	\$962,157
Volumetric Rate	\$5.66/1,000 gallons	\$2,102,122
<b>Nonresidential User Fees</b>		
Base Rate (per water meter)	\$15.00/month	\$273,913
Volumetric Rate	\$7.74/1,000 gallons	\$2,789,556
<b>Other User Fees (Well Users, etc.)</b>		
Res Base Rate (per well)	\$10.00/month	\$120
Res Flat Rate	\$25.42/month	\$305
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,128,172</b>

Other Revenues Worth Noting

- Hauled Waste Services is anticipated to remain about the same as FY 2025.
- Net Position Transfer In – The OJRSA does not plan to use net position (also known as “fund balance”, “retained earnings”, or “savings”) during FY 2026.
- Carryforward Expenditures – \$110,714 in FY 2025 budgeted expenses will carry over into FY 2026. Included in this is \$80,000 for the Fountain Residential Partners LLC reimbursement for the force main replacement engineering administration and inspection and \$30,714 insurance payment for MV-26 wreck. These “revenues” are to be offset by expenses in the proposed WO&M Budget.

**Wholesale Operations & Maintenance Fund Expenses**

Anticipated expenses for the WO&M Budget are \$6,759,426, which is an increase of \$481,859 (+7.7%) from FY 2025.<sup>7</sup> When coupled with inflation<sup>8</sup>, workforce shortages (both internally and externally of the agency), and limited revenue, the OJRSA must be selective as to what tasks and projects to perform, meaning we are

<sup>4</sup> 5% increase on volumetric (per gallon) fees only as discussed at May 5, 2025 board meeting. “Conservatively projected” means that it is assumed that residential usage will decrease by 0.25% (equal to a reduction of 2.5 gal/account) and nonresidential usage will decrease by 0.50% (5 gal/account) during the budget year. This approach considers a reduction of usage for reasons such as active or passive conservation efforts by the users and/or water meters underreporting usage, among other causes.

<sup>5</sup> Willdan Financial Services presented this to the Commissioners on March 6, 2025. In sum, the OJRSA should consider 74% increases for FYs 2026 and 2027 due to complete the highest priority capital considerations using pay-as-you-go (“paygo”) funding. The issuance of debt would reduce the amount of increase needed. See the meeting minutes for more information.

<sup>6</sup> Taxes imposed on real or personal property, such as vehicles and homes.

<sup>7</sup> Includes transfers to other funds totaling \$469,338. If these are not included, the WO&M expenses are \$6,290,088. All fund transfers proposed in this year’s budget request are to be spent on capital projects and/or equipment replacement.

<sup>8</sup> Consumer Price Index rose [2.96% for the United States](#) and [2.97% for the Southeast](#) during calendar year 2024.

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continuing to conduct business from a reactionary position. The FY 2026 Budget was prepared conservatively with a small contingency to account for price increases included in some estimates<sup>9</sup>; however, the agency will continue to prioritize work associated with the 2021 DHEC Consent Order instead of growth-related projects.

Administration (Total: \$3,306,560, not including depreciation or fund transfers out)<sup>10</sup>

Including transfers to other funds, the Administration department budget increased by \$987,580 (+35.4%) from FY 2025. Department line items of emphasis:

- There are several line items that have been combined to make coding easier on staff. The budgets for the ones that have absorbed others will show what may appear to be a considerable increase; however, these have been offset by the line items that have been removed—note that some of these may have been in other department budgets during FY 2025. Combined items include:
  - 501-02210 Temporary Employee moved to 501-01300 Payroll: Salaries
  - 501-02230 Unemployment Insurance and 501-02240 Workers' Compensation moved to 501-02250 Insurance-Property/General
  - 501-02270 Uniforms moved to 501-02260 Employee Uniforms & Wellness
  - 501-02880 Travel & POV Mileage moved to 501-02530 R&M: Vehicles, Trailers, & Equipment
  - 501-02290 Agency Memberships and 501-02310 Seminars/Workshops & Training moved to 501-02300 Licenses/Certifications/Memberships
  - 501-02340 Public Relations & Advertising and 501-02360 Mailing/Shipping moved to 501-02420 Administration Services
  - 501-/601-/701-02520 Fuel: Vehicles & Equipment moved to 501-02530 R&M Vehicles, Trailers, & Equipment
- Salaries and benefits costs:
  - The OJRSA continues to utilize a merit-only system of compensation increases instead of an across-the-board cost of living adjustments equally given to all staff. At the recommendation of Priority Performance Group (Bob DiAntonio in 2018-2019) and Find Great People (Carrie Cavanaugh, 2021-current), the Board decided to make market adjustments for all positions, which accounts for inflation and what others are paying similar positions, every three-to-four years through updated compensation studies. The last such assessment was completed in May 2023 and implemented at the beginning of FY 2024. **Due to the turnover of seven key water reclamation facility ("WRF") operators, maintenance technicians, and conveyance system technicians for more compensation in the public and private sector since July 1, 2024,** the OJRSA is recommending an update to this study be performed during the spring of FY 2026 and implemented at the beginning of FY 2027, which is in line with the market adjustment recommendation of three years as stated by the consultants. *The OJRSA is addressing this by utilizing more contractor services for treatment plant operation and pump station maintenance.*
  - Payroll: Salaries increased by \$177,747 (+15.4%) to include the hiring of three additional staff members—Engineer/Project Manager, Conveyance System Technician, and Maintenance Technician. These additional staff will also cause increases to other employee-related costs, such as FICA, Medicare, retirement, workers' compensation, health insurance, and employee wellness.
- Safety increased by \$17,305 (+52.4%) due to the need to perform the arc flash assessment as defined in NFPA 70E Standard for Electrical Safety in the Workplace. These studies, which must be conducted every five years (max), will be performed at the Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) and all pump stations as required by OSHA per 29 CFR 1910.303, 1910.335, and others.

<sup>9</sup> OJRSA practice is to receive as many cost estimates from vendors as possible when developing the budget, but some of these may have been received many months earlier. The contingency included accounts for these increases and is typically in the range of 2-3%.

<sup>10</sup> Fund transfers out include \$225,000 be transferred to the Projects & Contingency Fund. Depreciation expense is \$1,222,487. If these are to be included, the department expense would be \$3,789,878.



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- Office Supplies increased \$218,966 (+274.3%) to purchase and implement an integrated work order, asset management, financial, and accounting software solution—collectively referred to as computerized maintenance management system or “CMMS”—as recommended by the CMOM audit and OJRSA staff.
- Administrative Services are anticipated to increase by approximately \$42,591 (+17.9%), which includes assistance with legal fees to assist with the sewer feasibility implementation project, increased efforts to perform the annual audit for the combined wholesale and retail sewer systems, and integrating and updating the new CMMS (in lieu of onboarding additional staff to perform this).
- R&M: Vehicles, Trailers, & Equipment is expected to increase to perform maintenance on generators and heavy equipment. The substantial change in this line item is the inclusion of generator maintenance at the WRF and pump stations. Please note this is one of the line items that was combined with several others.
- Rolling Stock & Equipment includes the purchase of two compact 4-wheel drive trucks, one for the Engineer/Project Manager and the other to replace MV-26, which was totaled in a February 2025 wreck. (OJRSA was not at fault.)
- Because there are many unpredicted mechanical and electrical issues experienced with aging wastewater conveyance and treatment assets, O&M Contingency increased by \$100,000 to cover these unexpected expenses. This will allow the Operations Director and his leadership to address unexpected repairs and replacement of equipment without having to “sacrifice” other budgeted repairs/replacement projects. Contingency funds not used during the budget year will be retained for future projects and contingency or other purchases as approved by the Board.

Fund Transfer to Projects & Contingency Fund

There is a budgeted transfer of \$469,338 to the Projects & Contingency Fund to pay for the following projects, all of which are associated with the DHEC Consent Order:

1. Engineering MH1A-29 CCTV-MH Review
2. Manhole Flood Resilience Plan: Engineering (grant funding assistance, design, permitting, etc.)
3. Speeds Creek Force Main Replacement design and easements

Conveyance System (Total: \$964,406)

The Conveyance System department budget decreased by \$549,118 (-36.3%) from FY 2025. Department line items of emphasis:

- Supplies/Tools is projected to increase by \$42,342 (+282.3%) with the largest additions being to purchase new NASSCO CCTV software, replacement parts for Hach FL902 flow meters, and additional equipment to monitor inflow and infiltration (“I/I”).
- Professional & Contract Services has substantially decreased by \$333,554 (-70.1%) from FY 2025. OJRSA leadership staff determined that there was not a need to fund additional CCTV and cleaning during FY 2026 because funds were not yet available to perform the design and construction to rehabilitate the conveyance system for the portions of the sewer that were inspected during FY 2025 (entire OJRSA basin upstream of Martin Creek PS and the Southern Westminster Trunk Sewer).
- The price of sodium hypochlorite has decreased, leading to a \$9,773 (-27.3%) reduction in anticipated costs for the coming year.
- Equipment Rentals will increase by \$3,000 (+25%) due to the anticipated rental cost of an excavator to perform streambank stabilization projects and other repairs.
- R&M: Gravity & Force Mains increases by \$15,000 (+11.5%) to purchase additional rings, covers, risers, and other materials to rehabilitate manholes, air release valves, and other components of the conveyance system.
- Rolling Stock & Equipment requests include:
  - Inline hydrogen sulfide (“H<sub>2</sub>S”) meters that can report conditions in near-real time to the

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- New utility trailer for the utility terrain vehicle (“UTV”)
- Brush cutter for skid steer
- R&M: Flow Meter Stations is projected to decrease by \$16,500 (-100%) as there are no anticipated projects associated with these facilities.
- R&M: Pump Stations is expected to decrease by approximately \$16,040 (-6.6%). Besides general maintenance costs, it includes the following special purchases and projects:
  - Rotating Assemblies for Pumps #4 and #5 at Coneross Creek PS
  - Pump motor for Choestoea PS
  - Replace motor base with new restraint system at Martin Creek PS

Water Reclamation Facility (Total: \$1,702,295)

The Water Reclamation Facility department budget increased by \$130,755 (+8.3%) from FY 2025.

Department line items of emphasis:

- Professional & Contract Services has decreased by \$2,352 (-13%) because the NPDES Permit renewal process should be complete by that time. The budget does include construction administration and permitting work to be performed on the chlorine replacement project (conversion to peracetic acid, or “PAA”). The next NPDES Permit renewal will likely begin during FY 2028 or 2029.
- Line items for both chlorine/PAA and sodium bisulfite (used for chlorine neutralization) will collectively increase due to higher costs for chemicals and usage; however, sometime during FY 2026, the OJRSA anticipates converting to PAA, at which time it is possible to actually reduce costs as chlorine neutralization will no longer be necessary.
- Biosolids Disposal is expected to decrease by \$133,900 (-41.9%) because the agency is not planning any largescale tank cleaning projects during FY 2026.
- Buildings & Grounds will decrease by \$65,500 (-78.5%) because two large projects funded during FY 2025 will be completed by that time: paving around solids storage pad/solids building and painting/replacing handrails.
- Rolling Stock & Equipment requests include:
  - Replacement of utility cart
  - New zero-turn lawn mower
- R&M: Water Reclamation Facility is projected to increase by \$300,469 (+48.5%) as the agency has several projects planned that address either Capital Improvement Project (“CIP”) items or facility needs to continue operations within the confines of all applicable permits. These include:
  - CIP Priority 1A Item: Replace aeration system gates
  - CIP Priority 1A Item: Aeration motor repair/replacement
  - CIP Priority 1A Item: Replace Primary Clarifier sludge pump (swing pump)
  - CIP Priority 1A Item: Wired connection for portable generator (including engineering)
  - CIP Priority 2 Item: Replace Scum Pump
  - Installation of a flow pulse and channel sensor at Headworks
  - Install flow meter on Secondary Clarifier return activated sludge (“RAS”) line
  - Replace aerobic zone mixer motor at Biological Reactor Basin
  - Install check valves at Secondary Clarifier RAS line
  - Install Secondary Clarifier return activated sludge motor
  - Replace one utility water pump

Pretreatment (Total: \$158,859)

The Pretreatment department budget increased slightly by \$12,856 (+8.8%) from FY 2025. It is worth noting that all expenses incurred by the OJRSA that are associated with the industrial pretreatment program are reimbursable by those facilities operating under the requirements of an OJRSA-issued Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit.

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Laboratory (Total: \$58,830)

The Laboratory department budget is expected to decrease by \$25,547 (-30.3%) from FY 2025.

Department line items of emphasis:

- Professional & Contract Services are reduced by \$26,147 (-35.6%) because of savings associated with contract laboratory sampling.

Contract Operations (Total: \$19,432)

These expenses are for work performed by OJRSA staff associated with operating and maintaining Oconee County's Golden Corner Commerce Park Pump Station and force mains. All costs are reimbursable by the County, including routine labor expenses (non-emergency/afterhours) at a flat rate of \$26,000 per year, which is new for FY 2026 and is included as a revenue item only. In the past the OJRSA billed the county based on actual time spent performing work during the year and was included as an OJRSA expense; for FY 2025, this amount was estimated to be \$12,399.

Capital Improvement Projects (Total: \$80,000)

The Capital Improvement Projects (O&M funded) budget will be used to pay for the remainder of the inspection and construction administration services for the Seneca Creek Pump Station force main installation project. These expenses are to be paid for using budgeted carryover funds from FY 2025.

NOTE: This to be reimbursed by Fountain Residential Partners, LLC (or as assigned), thus is also counted as a revenue to offset this expense.

**Retail Operations & Maintenance Fund**

There is currently not a separate capital fund for the retail sewer system and all capital expenditures are paid from this fund.

The Retail Operations & Maintenance ("RO&M") account is to fund the construction and operation of the I-85 Corridor/Fair Play retail sewer system ("Sewer South"). Since Oconee County government is subsidizing the operation of this system, all revenues collected from this system must remain in this fund and cannot intermingle with other OJRSA funds except as necessary for operating shared assets, such as the Coneross Creek Water Reclamation Facility. If revenues do not equal or exceed expenses, then Oconee County is responsible for "making the budget whole" per various intergovernmental agreements because the Member Cities and their customers cannot subsidize this enterprise.

**Retail Operations & Maintenance Fund Revenues**

Anticipated revenues for RO&M, without net position transfer in (\$0) and carryforward (\$0), is \$105,802. The majority of this revenue is to be paid through reimbursement from Oconee County as it is not anticipated that the user fees collected will exceed the expenses associated with this system.<sup>11</sup>

**Retail Operations & Maintenance Fund Expenses**

FY 2026 expenses for the fund are estimated to be \$105,802, which is a decrease of \$3,607,229 (-97.2%) from the previous year. Since the construction phase of the project previously referred to as "Sewer South Phase II" is now complete, most of the costs are to be what the OJRSA believes to be the first year operational expenses for the retail sewer system. The only expenses that are anticipated beyond normal O&M are for the portion of the financial audit that is necessary with this system and engineering associated with streambank stabilization and the design of a potable waterline that will serve the Welcome Center Pump Station.<sup>12</sup>

**RESTRICTED FUNDS**

Per the *OJRSA Financial and Accounting Policy* and legal counsel's advice, funds in restricted accounts must be used for specific purposes for which they were obtained.

<sup>11</sup> These revenues received from Oconee County are in addition to those collected in the WO&M Fund.

<sup>12</sup> Engineering costs have already been approved by Oconee County.

## **Projects & Contingency Fund**

The Projects & Contingency Fund (“P&CF”) is primarily used for the purpose of performing capital projects and restoring or replacing depreciated or obsolete units of the system.

### **Projects & Contingency Fund Revenue**

Anticipated revenues for P&CF, without net position transfer in (\$0) and carryforward (\$330,000), is \$8,226,158. The sources of revenue include SCIP grants (\$7,773,098) and transfers from the WO&M Fund (\$453,060). The carryforward expenditures are for engineering associated with the two SCIP projects (Consent Order Conveyance System Rehab and Dewatering Equipment Replacement).

### **Projects & Contingency Fund Expenses**

Budgeted expenses totaling \$8,556,158 include:

#### Planning and Studies

- None

#### Gravity Sewer Projects

- CIP Priority 1A Item: Engineering – Review of MH1A-MH29 CCTV
- Consent Order Item: Engineering – Manhole resilience plan to make OJRSA manholes within the 100 year floodplain less vulnerable to the impacts of flooding
- Consent Order Item: Construction and Engineering – Continue SCIP-funded Consent Order Conveyance System Rehab project (estimated completion is August or September 2025)

#### Pump Station Projects

- None

#### Force Main Projects

- CIP Priority 1A Item: Engineering – Design and easement work associated with replacing the Speeds Creek Pump Station force main

#### WRF Projects

- Construction and Engineering – Continue SCIP-funded Dewatering Equipment Replacement project (estimated completion is May 2026)

## **Wholesale Impact Fund**

The Wholesale Impact Fund (“WIF”) Budget as presented includes revenue of \$976,000 from the collection of impact fees, industrial unused capacity fees, and interest earned on investments.

There are no WIF projects planned for FY 2026.

## **Retail Impact Fund**

The Retail Impact Fund (“RIF”) Budget as presented includes revenue of \$5,000 from the collection of impact fees, industrial unused capacity fees, and interest earned on investments.

There are no RIF projects planned for FY 2026.

## **Capital Projects**

Table 2 on the following pages include a list of projects as identified by OJRSA staff and Consent Order consultants as well as in the [Oconee County & Western Anderson County Sewer Master Plan \(July 2024\)](#)<sup>13</sup>, which serves as a guide for potential needs over the next 20 years at the Coneross Creek Water Reclamation Facility and the wholesale and retail conveyance systems. It is important to note that the list is not comprehensive as the extent

<sup>13</sup> Presented to the OJRSA board on July 1, 2024 by Weston & Sampson/Bolton & Menk.



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of some projects is not yet known.

The projects identified in the table are listed by priority based on Consent Order needs, criticality, equipment lifecycle, and growth. When initially developed, there were three priorities; however, when performing the rate/financial cost of service study, Willdan Financial Services recommended that it would be best to break this down further into either four or five priority levels. OJRSA staff determined it would be best to use four but to break the highest priority items—Priority 1—into two subcategories, Priority 1A and Priority 1B, with the primary difference being that growth would also be a considerable factor.<sup>14</sup>

*[SEE FOLLOWING PAGE FOR TABLES]*

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<sup>14</sup> One other exception is the Martin Creek Pump Station hydrogen sulfide control system, which is listed as a Priority 1B project. The OJRSA has sustained numerous breaks on the force main associated with this facility as well as considerable odor complaints from those in the area of the force main discharge near the intersection of Wells Highway and Friendship Road. Although this project is important, it was deemed slightly less so than those in the Priority 1A list because the OJRSA has installed a temporary sodium hypochlorite chemical feed at the station to address the odor issue.

Table 2: Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority 20-Year Capital Improvement Plan & Rehabilitation Plan as included in Willdan Financial Services rate/cost of service study as presented to the OJRSA Board of Commissioners on March 6, 2025..Priorities: 1A-Critical O&M/Consent Order with No Growth (with a few exceptions to address include largescale equipment replacement, such as at the WRF) 1B-Critical O&M/Consent Order with Growth 2-Approaching End of Life with No Growth 3- Approaching End of Life with Growth 4- Growth Only

Priority	Project	Included in FY 2026 Budget?	Fiscal Year(s) to Perform	Location	Driver(s)	Likely Funding Source(s)	Consent Order Project?	Significant O&M Cost?
1A	Systemwide Improvements (Rehab 100% of System Plus Misc. Gravity Sewer Improvements)	NO	ALL FYs	Conveyance	O&M	Primary Debt	YES	No
	CCTV/Cleaning	NO	ALL FYs	Conveyance	O&M	Annual (O&M)	YES	YES
	Engineering/Flow Metering	YES	ALL FYs	Conveyance	O&M	Annual (O&M)	YES	YES
	GIS/Mapping	YES	ALL FYs	Conveyance	O&M	Annual (O&M)	YES	YES
	Coneross Influent PS Replace Soft Starts	NO	FY2026	WRF	O&M	Annual (O&M)	No	No
	Primary Clarifiers: Prim Clarifier Sludge #3 Pump Replacement	YES	FY2026	WRF	O&M	Annual (O&M)	No	No
	Choestoea Creek PS Replacement	NO	FY2026-FY2027	Conveyance	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	YES	No
	Pelham Creek PS Replacement CAN BE ELIMINATED BY DAVIS CREEK SEWER PROJECT	NO	FY2026-FY2027	Conveyance	Growth/O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Speeds Creek Force Main Replacement	DESIGN - YES	FY2026-FY2027	Conveyance	Growth/O&M	Cash &/or Debt	YES	No
	Aeration: Gate Replacements	YES	FY2026-FY2027	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Aeration: Motor Repair / Replacement	YES	FY2026-FY2027	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Biological Reactor Basin: Valve / Gate Replacements	NO	FY2026-FY2027	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Digesters / Sludge Holding Tanks: Mixer Replacement for #1	NO	FY2026-FY2027	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Digesters / Sludge Holding Tanks: Replace Blowers	NO	FY2026-FY2027	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Electrical: Backup Power - Portable Generator Connection (inc. Engineering)	YES	FY2026-FY2027	WRF	Growth/O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Flow Equalization & Storage: Day Tank Mixing and Control Equipment	NO	FY2026-FY2027	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Secondary Clarifiers: Rebuild / Replace Mechanical Equipment	NO	FY2026-FY2027	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Coneross Influent PS Flood Protection	NO	FY2027-FY2028	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Digesters / Sludge Holding Tanks: Repair Decanter System	NO	FY2029-FY2030	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	ISS PS Replacement	NO	FY2033-FY2034	Conveyance	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
1B	Martin Creek H2S Control	NO	FY2026-FY2027	Conveyance	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	YES
	Millbrook PS Upgrade CAN BE ELIMINATED BY DAVIS CREEK SEWER PROJECT	NO	FY2026-FY2027	Conveyance	Growth/O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	YES
	Perkins Creek PS Replacement	NO	FY2026-FY2027	Conveyance	Growth/O&M	Primary Debt	YES	No
	Seneca Creek PS Upgrade POSSIBLE ELIMINATION BY DAVIS CREEK SEWER PROJECT	NO	FY2026-FY2027	Conveyance	Growth/O&M	Primary Debt	No	YES
	Coneross Creek WRF Upgrade Phase 1 (Upgrade to 10.4 mgd)	NO	FY2027-FY2032	WRF	Growth	Primary Debt	No	YES
	Martin Creek Pump Station & Force Main	NO	FY2034-FY2035	Conveyance	Growth/O&M	Primary Debt	YES	No
2	Septage Receiving Station: Rehabilitation	NO	FY2026	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Digesters / Sludge Holding Tanks: Blower Room Repairs	NO	FY2026-FY2027	WRF	O&M	Annual (O&M)	No	No
	Primary Clarifiers: Scum Pump #2 Replacement	YES	FY2026-FY2027	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Secondary Clarifiers: Replace RAS Valves and Check Valves	NO	FY2026-FY2027	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Primary Clarifiers: Rehabilitate Distribution Box	NO	FY2027-FY2028	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Cane Creek PS Upgrade	NO	FY2031-FY2032	Conveyance	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Cryovac PS Upgrade	NO	FY2032-FY2033	Conveyance	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Speeds Creek PS Replacement	NO	FY2034-FY2035	Conveyance	Growth/O&M	Primary Debt	No	No
	Wexford PS Replacement	NO	FY2034-FY2035	Conveyance	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
3	US 123 / 76 West Seneca RR Bridge Crossing / Bottleneck	NO	FY2026-FY2027	Conveyance	Growth/O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Davis Creek Road Gravity Sewer / PS Elimination	NO	FY2026-FY2028	Conveyance	Growth/O&M	Primary Debt	No	No
4	Davis Creek Road No. 1 Pump Station & Force Main (Newry Area development)	NO	FY2026-FY2028	Conveyance	Growth	Primary Debt	No	YES
	Martin Creek Gravity Sewer (needed to serve Newry Area development)	NO	FY2026-FY2028	Conveyance	Growth	Primary Debt	No	No
	Newry Area Pump Station & Force Main	NO	FY2026-FY2029	Conveyance	Growth	Primary Debt	No	YES

	Richland Creek Trunk Sewer Extension	NO	FY2026-FY2029	Conveyance	Growth	Primary Debt	No	No
	Richland Road Gravity Sewer	NO	FY2027-FY2028	Conveyance	Growth	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Primary Clarifiers: Alkalinity Control	NO	FY2029-FY2030	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	YES
	West Perkins Creek Gravity Sewer	NO	FY2032-FY2034	Conveyance	Growth	Primary Debt	No	No
	Lower Westminster Gravity Sewer	NO	FY2036-FY2038	Conveyance	Growth	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Shiloh Road Gravity Sewer	NO	FY2036-FY2037	Conveyance	Growth	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Flat Rock Downstream Gravity Sewer	NO	FY2040-FY2042	Conveyance	Growth	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Coneross Creek WRF Upgrade Phase 2 (Upgrade to 13.0 mgd)	NO	FY2040-FY2045	WRF	Growth	Primary Debt	No	YES
	Lower Seneca Creek Sewer Improvements	NO	FY2041-FY2043	Conveyance	Growth	Primary Debt	No	YES
	Choestoea Creek Gravity Sewer	NO	FY2042-FY2044	Conveyance	Growth	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	West Oak Sewer Extension	NO	FY2042-FY2044	Conveyance	Growth	Primary Debt	No	YES
	Valley View Sewer Improvements	NO	FY2043-FY2045	Conveyance	Growth	Primary Debt	No	YES
N/A	I-85 Region Sewer OCONEE COUNTY FUNDED (2022 Dollars: \$16,000,000)	NO	TBD	Conveyance	Growth	Oconee Co	No	YES

**O&M REVENUES**

		FY 2026	FY 2025	Δ\$ from FY 2025 Final	Δ% from FY 2025 Final
401-01910	User Fees	6,128,172	5,717,028	411,144	7.2%
401-01770	Connection (Tap) Fees	0	0	0	0.0%
401-01790	Unrestricted Interest	25,000	25,000	0	0.0%
401-01800	Sale of Assets	0	0	0	0.0%
401-01810	Fair Market Adjustment	0	0	0	0.0%
401-01820	Grants - Non-Retail Sewer	0	0	0	0.0%
401-01840	Other Revenue	41,269	158,622	(117,353)	-74.0%
401-01920	Contributed Capital	0	0	0	0.0%
501-01830	Hauled Waste Services	213,502	213,308	194	0.1%
801-01850	Industry Reimbursement	190,278	174,852	15,427	8.8%
1201-01900	Intergov. Reimbursement - Contract Operations & Retail Sewer	50,491	44,072	6,419	14.6%
	Net Position Transfer In <i>Use of fund balance to balance budget</i>	0	0	0	0.0%
From Previous Year	Carryforward Expenditures <i>Carryover from Previous Year for Budgeted Items</i>	110,714	26,500	84,214	317.8%
<b>TOTAL O&amp;M REVENUES</b>		<b>6,759,426</b>	<b>6,359,382</b>	<b>400,044</b>	<b>6.3%</b>

**O&M EXPENSES****ADMINISTRATION**

		3,775,898	2,788,318	987,580	35.4%
501-01140	Depreciation <i>Not included in budget request but must be accounted for</i>	1,238,863	1,222,487	16,376	1.3%
501-01300	Payroll: Salaries <i>Does not include Pretreatment</i>	1,331,852	1,154,105	177,747	15.4%
501-01310	Overtime	35,892	41,194	(5,302)	-12.9%
501-01350	Payroll: FICA 6.2% / Medicare 1.45% <i>Includes Pretreatment</i>	110,941	97,367	13,574	13.9%
501-01380	Payroll: Retirement 18.56% <i>Does not include Pretreatment</i>	253,853	221,848	32,006	14.4%
501-02200	Commissioner Expenses	13,140	13,680	(540)	-3.9%
501-02210	Temporary Employee <i>moved to Payroll: Salaries FY 2026</i>	0	0	0	0.0%
501-02220	Group Health Insurance <i>Does not include Pretreatment</i>	264,245	215,280	48,965	22.7%
501-02230	Unemployment Insurance <i>moved to Insurance - Property/Gen FY 20</i>	0	0	0	0.0%
501-02240	Workers' Compensation <i>moved to Insurance - Property/Gen FY 2026</i>	0	20,791	(20,791)	-100.0%
501-02250	Insurance - Property/General	109,186	81,363	27,824	34.2%
501-02260	Employee Uniforms & Wellness	34,987	2,600	32,387	1,245.6%
501-02270	Uniforms <i>moved to Employee Uniforms &amp; Wellness FY 2026</i>	0	31,475	(31,475)	-100.0%
501-02280	Travel & POV Mileage <i>moved to R&amp;M: Vehicles, Equipment, &amp; Fuel FY 2026</i>	0	8,650	(8,650)	-100.0%
501-02290	Agency Memberships <i>moved to Licenses/Certs/Memberships FY 2026</i>	0	11,715	(11,715)	-100.0%
501-02300	Licenses/Certifications/Memberships	47,668	4,563	43,105	944.7%
501-02310	Seminars/Workshops & Training <i>moved to Licenses/Certs/Memberships FY 2026</i>	0	42,020	(42,020)	-100.0%
501-02320	Events & Meeting Expenses	4,400	4,300	100	2.3%
501-02340	Public Relations & Advertising <i>moved to Admin Services FY 2026</i>	0	16,250	(16,250)	-100.0%
501-02360	Mailing/Shipping <i>moved to Admin Services FY 2026</i>	0	750	(750)	-100.0%
501-02370	Safety	50,355	33,050	17,305	52.4%
501-02380	Office Supplies and Software	298,788	79,822	218,966	274.3%
501-02410	Technology: Phones/Internet/TV	16,500	14,436	2,064	14.3%
501-02420	Administration Services	280,413	237,823	42,591	17.9%
501-02520	Fuel: Vehicles & Equipment <i>Moved to R&amp;M: Vehicles, Trailers, &amp; Equipment FY2026</i>	0	37,250	(37,250)	-100.0%
501-02530	R&M: Vehicles, Trailers, & Equipment	116,000	38,500	77,500	201.3%
501-02560	Fees & Penalties	4,339	4,487	(148)	-3.3%
501-02580	Grants/Loans Matching <i>(to Member Cities)</i>	0	0	0	0.0%
501-02590	Rolling Stock & Equipment	84,000	0	84,000	0.0%
501-02440	O&M Contingency	250,000	150,000	100,000	66.7%
501-99991	Transfer to Retail Impact Fund	0	0	0	0.0%
501-99992	Transfer to Wholesale Impact Fund	0	0	0	0.0%
501-99993	Transfer to Retail O&M Fund (I-85 Corridor Sewer)	0	0	0	0.0%
501-99994	Fund Transfer to Projects & Contingency Fund	469,338	225,000	244,338	108.6%
<b>CONVEYANCE SYSTEM</b>		<b>964,406</b>	<b>1,513,524</b>	<b>(549,118)</b>	<b>-36.3%</b>
601-02400	Supplies/Tools	57,342	15,000	42,342	282.3%
601-02411	Technology: SCADA	22,043	22,100	(58)	-0.3%
601-02430	Professional & Contract Services	142,556	476,110	(333,554)	-70.1%
601-02450	Chemicals: Sodium Hypochlorite <i>Odor and corrosion control</i>	26,061	35,834	(9,773)	-27.3%
601-02455	Chemicals: Herbicides & Pesticides	2,000	1,500	500	33.3%
601-02457	Chemicals: Other	0	0	0	0.0%
601-02490	Electricity	279,840	266,700	13,140	4.9%
601-02500	Water	11,130	8,950	2,180	24.4%
601-02521	Fuel: Generators <i>Moved to R&amp;M: Vehicles, Trailers, &amp; Equipment FY2026</i>	0	6,800	(6,800)	-100.0%

		FY 2026	FY 2025	Δ\$ from FY 2025 Final	Δ% from FY 2025 Final
601-02540	Equipment Rentals	15,000	12,000	3,000	25.0%
601-02550	Buildings & Grounds	6,000	5,500	500	9.1%
601-05230	R&M: Gravity & Force Mains	145,000	130,000	15,000	11.5%
601-02590	Rolling Stock & Equipment	32,025	275,080	(243,055)	-88.4%
601-04000	R&M: Flow Monitor Stations	0	16,500	(16,500)	-100.0%
601-05000	R&M: Pump Stations	225,410	241,450	(16,040)	-6.6%
<b>WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY</b>		<b>1,702,295</b>	<b>1,571,539</b>	<b>130,755</b>	<b>8.3%</b>
701-02400	Supplies/Tools	6,500	12,000	(5,500)	-45.8%
701-02411	Technology: SCADA	6,511	12,500	(5,989)	-47.9%
701-02430	Professional & Contract Services	15,750	18,102	(2,352)	-13.0%
701-02450	Chemicals: Sodium Hypochlorite	0	0	0	0.0%
701-02451	Chemicals: Chlorine/PAA	74,160	60,242	13,918	23.1%
701-02452	Chemicals: Polymer	66,000	66,450	(450)	-0.7%
701-02454	Chemicals: Sodium Bisulfite	25,000	21,474	3,526	16.4%
701-02455	Chemicals: Herbicides & Pesticides	0	0	0	0.0%
701-02457	Chemicals: Other	6,800	6,000	800	13.3%
701-02470	Garbage	396	2,067	(1,671)	-80.8%
701-02480	Natural Gas	1,590	1,855	(265)	-14.3%
701-02490	Electricity	337,080	336,000	1,080	0.3%
701-02500	Water	5,300	3,710	1,590	42.9%
701-02510	Biosolids Disposal	185,389	319,289	(133,900)	-41.9%
701-02521	Fuel: Generators <i>Moved to R&amp;M: Vehicles, Trailers, &amp; Equipment FY2026</i>	0	4,000	(4,000)	-100.0%
701-02540	Equipment Rentals	5,000	5,000	0	0.0%
701-02550	Buildings & Grounds	17,900	83,400	(65,500)	-78.5%
701-02590	Rolling Stock & Equipment	29,000	0	29,000	0.0%
701-03000	R&M: Water Reclamation Facility	919,919	619,450	300,469	48.5%
<b>PRETREATMENT <i>Most Regulatory Services Coordinator expenses</i></b>		<b>158,565</b>	<b>145,710</b>	<b>12,856</b>	<b>8.8%</b>
801-01300	Payroll: Salaries	82,469	77,472	4,997	6.5%
801-01380	Payroll: Retirement <i>18.56%</i>	15,306	14,379	927	6.5%
801-01350	Payroll: FICA <i>6.2%</i> / Medicare <i>1.45%</i> <i>Included with 501-01350</i>	0	0	0	0.0%
801-02210	Temporary Employee <i>moved to 801-01300 FY 2026</i>	0	0	0	0.0%
801-02220	Group Health Insurance	8,347	7,522	825	11.0%
801-02230	Unemployment Insurance <i>Included with 501-02250 FY 2026</i>	0	0	0	0.0%
801-02240	Workers' Compensation <i>Included with 501-02250 FY 2026</i>	0	0	0	0.0%
801-02260	Employee Uniforms & Wellness <i>Included with 501-02260 FY 2026</i>	0	0	0	0.0%
801-02270	Uniforms <i>Included with 501-02260 FY 2026</i>	0	0	0	0.0%
801-02280	Travel & POV Mileage <i>moved to 801-02300 FY 2026</i>	0	0	0	0.0%
801-02300	Licenses/Certifications/Memberships	4,110	425	3,685	867.1%
801-02310	Seminars/Workshops & Training <i>moved to 801-02300 FY 2026</i>	0	2,975	(2,975)	-100.0%
801-02330	Legal	0	0	0	0.0%
801-02340	Public Relations & Advertising <i>moved to 801-02430 FY 2026</i>	0	0	0	0.0%
801-02360	Mailing/Shipping <i>moved to 801-02380 FY 2026</i>	0	0	0	0.0%
801-02380	Office Supplies	4,500	3,700	800	21.6%
801-02400	Supplies/Tools	0	0	0	0.0%
801-02410	Technology: Phones/Internet/TV	1,335	748	587	78.5%
801-02430	Professional & Contract Services	42,498	38,489	4,009	10.4%
801-02590	Rolling Stock & Equipment	0	0	0	0.0%
<b>LABORATORY</b>		<b>58,830</b>	<b>84,377</b>	<b>(25,547)</b>	<b>-30.3%</b>
901-02400	Supplies/Tools	6,200	6,000	200	3.3%
901-02430	Professional & Contract Services	47,230	73,377	(26,147)	-35.6%
901-02456	Chemicals: Laboratory	5,400	5,000	400	8.0%
<b>CONTRACT OPERATIONS <i>GCCP PS/FMs/Gravity Sewer Only</i></b>		<b>19,432</b>	<b>34,100</b>	<b>(14,668)</b>	<b>-43.0%</b>
1201-02400	Supplies/Tools <i>GCCP PS/FMs/Gravity Sewer Only</i>	0	0	0	0.0%
1201-02411	Technology: SCADA <i>GCCP Only</i>	2,202	625	1,577	252.3%
1201-02430	Professional & Contract Services <i>GCCP PS/FMs/Gravity Sewer Only</i>	5,100	20,610	(15,510)	-75.3%
1201-02490	Electricity <i>GCCP PS/FMs Only Paid directly by Oconee County</i>	0	0	0	0.0%
1201-02500	Water <i>GCCP PS/FMs Only</i>	630	1,365	(735)	-53.8%
1201-02521	Fuel: Generators <i>GCCP PS Only</i>	500	500	0	0.0%
1201-02550	Buildings & Grounds <i>GCCP PS/FMs/Gravity Sewer Only</i>	500	500	0	0.0%
1201-05000	R&M: Pump Stations <i>GCCP PS/FMs Only</i>	10,500	10,500	0	0.0%
1201-05230	R&M: Gravity & Force Mains <i>GCCP PS/FMs/Gravity Sewer Only</i>	0	0	0	0.0%
<b>O&amp;M CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS</b>		<b>80,000</b>	<b>140,000</b>	<b>(60,000)</b>	<b>-42.9%</b>
1401-XXXXX	CIP: Conveyance System	80,000	140,000	(60,000)	-42.9%
1401-XXXXX	CIP: Water Reclamation Facility	0	0	0	0.0%
1401-XXXXX	CIP: Other	0	0	0	0.0%



	FY 2026	FY 2025	Δ\$ from FY 2025 Final	Δ% from FY 2025 Final
TOTAL WHOLESALE O&M EXPENSES (w/o Depreciation)	6,759,426	6,277,567	481,859	7.7%
WHOLESALE O&M FUND ±	0	81,815		

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**PROJECTS & CONTINGENCY FUND (RESTRICTED)****Projects & Contingency Fund Revenues**

1501-01780	Restricted Interest - Projects & Contingency	
1501-01840	Other Revenue - Projects & Contingency	
1501-11111	Fund Transfers In - Projects & Contingency Fund	
	Net Position Transfer In - P&CF <i>Use of fund balance to balance budget</i>	
	Carryforward Expenditures - P&CF <i>Carryover from Previous Year for Budgeted Items</i>	
<b>TOTAL PROJECTS &amp; CONTINGENCY FUND REVENUES/CARRYOVER</b>		

FY 2026	FY 2025	Δ\$ from FY 2025 Final	Δ% from FY 2025 Final
0	0	0	0.0%
7,773,098	0	7,773,098	0.0%
453,060	225,000	228,060	101.4%
0	0	0	0.0%
330,000	9,257,357	(8,927,357)	-96.4%
<b>8,556,158</b>	<b>9,482,357</b>	<b>(926,200)</b>	<b>-9.8%</b>

**Projects & Contingency Fund Restricted Expenses**

1501-XXXXX	Projects & Contingency Expenses	
<b>TOTAL PROJECTS &amp; CONTINGENCY FUND EXPENSES</b>		
Projects & Contingency Fund ±		

8,556,158	9,382,357	(826,200)	-8.8%
<b>8,556,158</b>	<b>9,382,357</b>	<b>(826,200)</b>	<b>-8.8%</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>100,000</b>		

**WHOLESALE IMPACT FUND (RESTRICTED)****Wholesale Impact Fund Revenues**

1101-01780	Restricted Interest - Wholesale Impact Fund	
1101-01880	Wholesale Impact Fund Fees	
1101-01980	Unused Capacity Fees - Wholesale Impact Fund	
1101-11111	Other Fund Transfer In	
	Net Position Transfer In - Wholesale Impact Fund	
	Carryover from Previous Year - Wholesale Impact Fund	
<b>TOTAL WHOLESALE IMPACT FUND REVENUES</b>		

FY 2026	FY 2025	Δ\$ from FY 2025 Final	Δ% from FY 2025 Final
100,000	100,000	0	0.0%
800,000	1,000,000	(200,000)	-20.0%
76,000	150,000	(74,000)	-49.3%
0	0	0	0.0%
0	0	0	0.0%
0	0	0	0.0%
<b>976,000</b>	<b>1,250,000</b>	<b>(274,000)</b>	<b>-21.9%</b>

**Wholesale Impact Fund Expenses**

1101-XXXXX	Wholesale Special Expansion Fund Projects	
<b>TOTAL WHOLESALE IMPACT FUND EXPENSES</b>		
Wholesale Impact Fund ±		

0	0	0	0.0%
<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>976,000</b>	<b>1,250,000</b>		

**RETAIL OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE FUND (UNRESTRICTED)****Retail Operations & Maintenance Fund Revenues** *Non-Contract Operation Gravity/PS/FM Sewer*

1301-01910	User Fees - Retail O&M	
1301-01770	Connection (Tap) Fees - Retail O&M	
1301-01780	Unrestricted Interest - Retail O&M	
1301-01821	Grants - Retail O&M	
1301-01900	Intergov. Reimbursement - Retail O&M	
1301-11111	Other Fund Transfer In	
	Net Position Transfer In - Retail Sewer System	
	Carryover from Previous Year - Retail Sewer System	
<b>TOTAL RETAIL O&amp;M FUND REVENUES</b>		

FY 2026	FY 2025	Δ\$ from FY 2025 Final	Δ% from FY 2025 Final
269	17,678	(17,409)	-98.5%
0	0	0	0.0%
0	0	0	0.0%
0	0	0	0.0%
105,534	13,031	92,502	709.8%
0	0	0	0.0%
0	0	0	0.0%
0	6,021,303	(6,021,303)	-100.0%
<b>105,802</b>	<b>6,052,012</b>	<b>(5,946,209)</b>	<b>-98.3%</b>

**Retail Operations & Maintenance Fund Expenses** *Non-Contract Operation Gravity/PS/FM Sewer***01301 TOTAL RETAIL OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE FUND**

1301-01140	Depreciation - Retail O&M <i>Not included in budget request but must be accounted for</i>	
1301-02400	Supplies/Tools - Retail O&M	
1301-02411	Technology: SCADA - Retail O&M	
1301-02430	Professional & Contract Services - Retail O&M	
1301-02490	Electricity - Retail O&M	
1301-02500	Water - Retail O&M	
1301-05230	R&M: Gravity & Force Mains - Retail O&M	
1301-02550	Buildings & Grounds - Retail O&M	
1301-05180	R&M: Pump Stations - Retail O&M	

0	0		
500	500	0	0.0%
1,370	1,250	120	9.6%
93,337	7,406	85,931	1,160.3%
8,820	2,100	6,720	320.0%
1,050	1,050	0	0.0%
0	0	0	0.0%
0	0	0	0.0%
725	725	0	0.0%

**01401 CIP PROJECTS - RETAIL OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE FUND**

1401-XXXXX	CIP: Sewer South Phase II	
	New This FY	

0	3,700,000	(3,700,000)	-100.0%
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**TOTAL RETAIL O&M FUND EXPENSES** (w/o Depreciation)

Retail O&amp;M Fund ±

<b>105,802</b>	<b>3,713,031</b>	<b>(3,607,229)</b>	<b>-97.2%</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>2,338,981</b>		

**RETAIL IMPACT FUND (RESTRICTED)**

FY 2026	FY 2025	Δ\$ from FY 2025 Final	Δ% from FY 2025 Final
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Retail Impact Fund Revenues

1001-01780	Restricted Interest - Retail Impact Fund	0	0	0	0.0%
1001-01880	Retail Impact Fund Fees	5,000	5,000	0	0.0%
1001-01980	Unused Capacity Fees - Retail Impact Fund	0	0	0	0.0%
1001-11111	Other Fund Transfer In	0	0	0	0.0%
	Net Position Transfer In - Retail Impact Fund	0	0	0	0.0%
TOTAL RETAIL IMPACT FUND REVENUES		5,000	5,000	0	0.0%

Retail Impact Fund Expenses

1001-XXXXX	Retail Special Expansion Fund Projects	0	0	0	0.0%
TOTAL RETAIL IMPACT FUND EXPENSES		0	0	0	0.0%
Retail Impact Fund ±		5,000	5,000		

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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Current and Potential Customers of the OJRSA  
Board of Commissioners

FROM: Chris Eleazer, OJRSA Executive Director

DATE: May 29, 2025

SUBJECT: Changes to *OJRSA Schedule of Fees*

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The following pages contain the draft *OJRSA Schedule of Fees* for Fiscal Year 2026. Fee changes and additions are indicated by yellow highlighted font and the old fees are listed by black highlighted text. If text was removed, then it is not included on this updated draft—refer to the FY 2025 *OJRSA Schedule of Fees*.

Examples:

New fee: \$1.00

Old fee: (old rate \$0.99)

New text: Definition



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SEWER AUTHORITY

# **SCHEDULE OF FEES**

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**Adoption and Approval as Policy****Adoption**

The *OJRSA Schedule of Fees* (Policy) shall become effective on July 1, 2025 in accordance with *OJRSA Resolution 2025-05*.

These fees shall be in full force and effect from and after passage, approval, and publication, as provided by law.

**Non-substantive Changes to Policy**

Certain portions of this Policy, such as additions and/or corrections to internet addresses and links, illustrations, referenced forms, and as noted elsewhere within may be updated as necessary by the OJRSA Executive Director without being considered a substantive change to this Policy. Non-substantive changes shall not be documented in the Revision History table.

**Definitions, Acronyms, and Format**

This section of the *OJRSA Schedule of Fees* contains definitions, acronyms, abbreviations, and formatting that are specific to this document.

**Definitions**

Administrative Fee shall mean a fee that covers employee time spent on a task, time researching a project, meetings with consultants, preparing invoices or records, travel, basic postage and copies, etc. Note: This fee is separate from the Administrative Pretreatment Fee.

Administrative Pretreatment Fee shall mean a fee that covers general labor and incidental costs incurred by OJRSA, including those serving in agency's pretreatment program and other OJRSA staff as necessary, as well as general use materials used by the program (e.g., fuel for vehicles, general office supplies, electricity and other utilities for program, etc.). If specific industries require substantial time by other OJRSA staff, then the industries the work is performed for shall be billed for this time based on the median hourly wages of the lowest pay classification staff member(s) who have the necessary skills and training to perform the tasks along with all other costs associated with the task.

Board shall mean the OJRSA Board of Commissioners.

Calendar Day shall mean all days, including weekends and holidays.

Capacity Permit shall mean a Permit for OJRSA Wastewater System Capacity (or other document that serves this purpose) issued to a User or facility after January 1, 1990.

Commercial shall mean a company or organization occupied with or engaged in commerce or work intended for commerce. Examples include food service establishments, grocery stores, banks, hotels, office space, retail shops, multi-family developments, etc.

Customer shall mean a User who, according to the records of a Member City, Town of West Union, Oconee County, or the OJRSA, receives wastewater service at a site that is directly or indirectly served by the OJRSA via a sewer service connection.

Domestic Wastewater shall mean wastewater that originates from activities such as restroom usage, bathing, food preparation, laundry, etc.

Equivalent Residential Unit shall mean unit of measure used to express the amount of wastewater discharged by a typical fulltime single family residence. The OJRSA considers one ERU to equal the current gallons per day for residences (or single family residence or equivalent thereof) as listed in the current version of *South Carolina Regulation 61-67 Appendix A Unit Contributory Loadings to All Domestic Wastewater Treatment Facilities*.

Fiscal Year shall mean the accounting period for which the OJRSA operates, which is July 1 through June 30.

FOG Control Device shall mean FOG interceptors, FOG traps, or other OJRSA approved means of removing fats, oils, and grease from the wastewater conveyance and treatment system.

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FOG Generator shall mean facilities that generate fats, oils, and grease.

Hauled Waste shall mean transported waste materials and products including, but not limited to waste from vessels, chemical and/or portable toilets, campers, trailers, septic tanks, FOG interceptors, FOG traps, and vacuum pump tank trucks.

Illegal Tap shall mean any tap or connection made on an OJRSA pipe, manhole, or other facility without written authorization from the OJRSA is considered an illegal tap. The property owner as identified by Oconee County tax records as of the date the connection was discovered is responsible for these costs. Deficiencies are defined as any methods and/or materials that are not approved by the OJRSA in its current version of the *OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation*, *OJRSA Development Policy*, or other OJRSA policy. Illegal connections are also subject to South Carolina Code of Law Title 6 Section 11-280 and others as appropriate.

Impact Fee shall mean the initial charge for the allocation of wastewater treatment and transportation capacity based upon the greater of the user's permitted or projected volume of wastewater discharge or contribution to the system. The collection and use of these fees are governed by the *OJRSA Impact Fee Policy*.

Industrial User (or Industrial) shall mean a user that introduces pollutants from any non-domestic wastewater source as regulated by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (also known as the Clean Water Act), Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and/or applicable state/local laws and regulations.

Institution (or Institutional) shall mean an organization that provides services to the public or a specific sector of the public. Examples include schools, places of worship, medical facilities, prisons, etc.

Landfill Leachate shall mean a liquid that is formed when fluid from any source (e.g., rain, groundwater, wet paint, etc.) filters through wastes placed in a landfill. When this fluid comes in contact with buried wastes, it leaches, or draws out, chemicals or constituents from those wastes.

May is permissive. Shall is mandatory and requires compliance.

Master Meter shall mean a water meter that serves multiple tenants. This practice is often utilized in conjunction with multi-family developments (e.g., apartments, condominiums, etc.), subdivisions, and mobile home parks but can include other types of users.

Member Cities shall mean the cities of Seneca, Walhalla, and Westminster and others as defined by legally binding Intergovernmental Agreement(s).

Multi-Family Development shall mean a structure or complex of buildings intended for multiple families to reside in for extended periods of time. Examples include apartments, townhomes, condominiums, duplexes/multiplexes, etc. *Multi-family developments where each residential unit is served by its own water meter is considered a Residential User.*

Non-Domestic Wastewater shall mean wastewater from the production, manufacturing, or processing operations of certain Nonresidential Users, the discharge of which exceeds normal domestic wastewater maximum allowable concentration limits.

Nonresidential User (or Nonresidential) shall mean any use other than a Residential User, which may include, but is not limited to: Food Service Establishments, Industrial Users, health care facilities, religious establishments, educational facilities, assisted living facilities, office facilities, and other commercial establishments. *It shall also include apartments, condominiums, and other multi-unit housing complexes served by a Master Meter and/or with a common sewer service lateral or system serving multiple units prior to connecting with a public sewer.*

Nonroutine Work shall mean any work performed that is not defined as Routine Work, including work performed outside of normal business hours and emergency underground utility locates. *Complaint investigations are considered Nonroutine Work.*

Oconee County Sewer Commission shall mean an autonomous commission of Oconee County government and predecessor of the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority.

Residential User (or Residential) shall mean an independent residential structure that sits on its own land and is intended to be used as a single unit with unshared utilities. Includes traditional detached homes, mobile homes, Multi-Family Developments (*if units have individual sewer plumbing that is not combined prior to connection to the public sewer system*), and recreational vehicle ("RV")/camper site with an individual water meter and sewer connection. It shall not include those served by a Master Meter or those defined as a Nonresidential User.

Retail Service Area shall mean the area where the OJRSA provides the following services for customers within this area: wastewater collection, trunk conveyance, and treatment. These services may be provided on systems which the OJRSA

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owns or operates as a contractor for a separate owner. These areas are not owned, operated, nor maintained by a Member City. See Figure 1 (page 4) for more information.

**Routine Work** shall mean all work performed regularly, repeatedly, and according to a standard procedure. This work is (or can be) scheduled and is performed during normal business hours and includes, but is not limited to: general site inspections, preventative maintenance of equipment, maintenance or replenishment of chemical feed systems, grounds and rights-of-way cutting or herbicide application, nonemergency underground utility locates, nonemergency fueling of generators, and transporting trailers used for bar screen operations. Similar work that is performed outside of normal business hours, if necessary, shall be considered Nonroutine Work. Complaint investigations are considered Nonroutine Work.

Shall is mandatory and requires compliance. May is permissive.

South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (SCDES) shall mean the government agency, or its successor agency, responsible for protecting the State of South Carolina's air, land, and water resources as authorized under multiple state and federal laws. Prior to July 1, 2024, the agency responsible for these functions was the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control.

Special Pretreatment Device shall mean equipment used to reduce, remove, or alter the nature of pollutants in wastewater prior to entering the Public Sewer (as defined in the *OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation*). Such devices include, but are not limited to: FOG Control Devices, Oil/Water Interceptors, Sand/Oil Interceptors, Hair Trap/Interceptors, Lint Interceptors, Plaster Interceptors, Pretreatment Systems, and others as necessary to protect the conveyance system, treatment facility, and/or to comply with NPDES permit requirements.

Surcharge shall mean a charge for sewer service and treatment service for wastes having characteristics different from sanitary wastes and for which additional charges must be assessed in order to compensate for additional expenses and impacts incurred.

User shall mean any person or entity who directly or indirectly discharges, causes, or permits the discharge of domestic or non-domestic wastewater to any wastewater conveyance system directly or indirectly connected to an OJRSA facility. Users consist of Residential and Nonresidential Users as defined herein. A User can have water and/or sewer service provided by a Member City, OJRSA, or can be a Well Customer.

Well Customer shall mean a Customer that utilizes sewer service that receives potable or non-potable water from any hole that is drilled, dug, or excavated. Such Customers shall be classified as Residential or Nonresidential Users.

Wholesale Service Area shall mean the area where the retail wastewater and drinking water services are owned, operated, and maintained by a Member City. The OJRSA provides trunk wastewater conveyance and treatment services only in this area. See Figure 1 (page 4) for more information.

## Acronyms and Abbreviations

e.g.: Exempli Gratia, Latin for "for example"

**ERU: Equivalent Residential Unit**

FEMA: Federal Emergency Management Agency or any successor agency

FOG: Fats, Oils, and Grease

FOIA: Freedom of Information Act

FY: Fiscal Year

gal: Gallons (unit of volume)

GIS: Geographic Information System

gpd: Gallons per Day (unit of flow)

gpm: Gallons per Month (unit of volume)

GSA: United States General Services Administration or any successor agency

**IU: Industrial User**

lb: Pound (unit of mass)

mg/L: Milligrams per Liter (unit of concentration)

O&P: Operations & Planning

OCSC: Oconee Count Sewer Commission

OJRSA: Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority

POV: Privately Owned Vehicle

SCDES: South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (or successor agency)

**SUR: OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation**

TKN: Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen

## Document Format

This document contains fonts and styles that have certain meaning, such as a reference to other sections or materials. Below is a list of the text formats used within and what they represent in the *OJRSA Schedule of Fees*.

**BOLD CAPITAL LETTERS**

Important point of emphasis

Dashed Underline

Name of a form to use for documenting a task referenced in the document

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Title of books, manuals, and other documents



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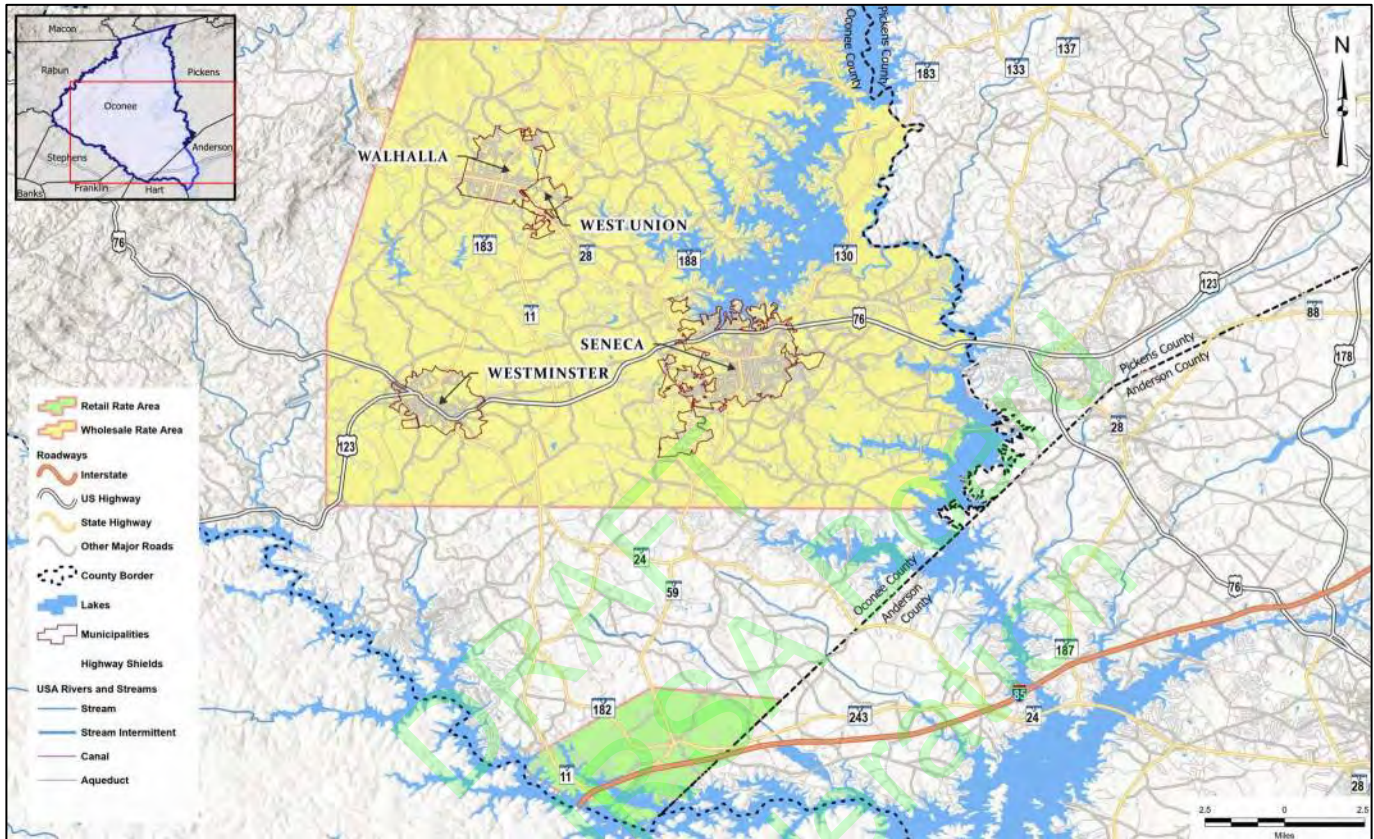
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A note of caution or warning

**Service Area Map**

Figure 1: General map of the Wholesale and Retail service areas

**Section 1 Residential User Rates**

Residential Users are subject to fees as listed this section. See the map (Figure 1) on page 4 for more information regarding the Wholesale and Retail Service Areas. Fees for the Wholesale Service Area are based on the pro rata budgeted amount for FY 2023 that was converted to a base plus volumetric charge and approved by the Board on June 5, 2023 for FY 2024. The Retail Service Rates were recommended by Willdan Financial Services and approved by the Board on March 4, 2024.

Table 1: Residential User fees

Residential User monthly sewer fees	<p><b>WHOLESALE SERVICE AREA:</b> Base rate of \$10.00 per month per water meter plus \$5.66 (old rate \$5.39) volumetric rate per 1,000 gallons used (rounded in accordance with water provider policy)</p> <p><b>RETAIL SERVICE AREA:</b> Base rate in accordance with meter size as shown below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5/8-inch or 3/4-inch \$20.00 per month</li> <li>• 1-inch \$50.00 per month</li> <li>• 1.5-inch \$100.00 per month</li> <li>• 2-inch \$160.00 per month</li> <li>• 3-inch \$320.00 per month</li> <li>• 4-inch \$500.00 per month</li> <li>• 6-inch \$1,000.00 per month</li> <li>• 8-inch \$1,600.00 per month</li> </ul>
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	plus the per month Administration Fee imposed by the water provider plus \$6.70 (old rate \$6.38) volumetric rate per 1,000 gallons used (rounded in accordance with water provider policy)
Residential Well Customer monthly sewer fees (no retail sewer/water provider, no water or sewer meter)	<p><b>WHOLESALE SERVICE AREA:</b> Base rate of \$10.00 per well per month plus flat volumetric rate of \$25.47<sup>1</sup> (old rate \$24.26) per well per month (Total of \$35.47 (old rate \$34.26) per month)</p> <p><b>RETAIL SERVICE AREA:</b> Base rate of \$20.00 per well per month plus flat volumetric rate of \$30.15<sup>2</sup> (old rate \$28.71) plus the per month Administration Fee imposed by the water provider (Total of \$50.15 (old rate \$48.71) per month)</p>
Impact Fees	As detailed in SECTION 3

**Section 2 Nonresidential User Rates**

Nonresidential Users, which include Commercial, Industrial, Institutional, and Master Meter Multi-Family Developments, are subject to fees as listed this section. See map (Figure 1) on page 4 for more information regarding the Wholesale and Retail Service Areas. Fees for the Wholesale Service Area are based on the pro rata budgeted amount for FY 2023 that was converted to a base plus volumetric charge and approved by the Board on June 5, 2023 for FY 2024. The Retail Service Rates were recommended by Willdan Financial Services and approved by the Board on March 4, 2024.

**2.1 General Nonresidential User Fees**

Table 2: General Nonresidential User fees

Nonresidential User monthly sewer fees	<p><b>WHOLESALE SERVICE AREA:</b> Base rate of \$15.00 per month per water meter plus \$7.74 (old rate \$7.37) volumetric rate per 1,000 gallons used (rounded in accordance with water provider policy)</p> <p><b>RETAIL SERVICE AREA:</b> Base rate in accordance with meter size as shown below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5/8-inch or 3/4-inch \$20.00 per month</li> <li>• 1-inch \$50.00 per month</li> <li>• 1.5-inch \$100.00 per month</li> <li>• 2-inch \$160.00 per month</li> <li>• 3-inch \$320.00 per month</li> <li>• 4-inch \$500.00 per month</li> <li>• 6-inch \$1,000.00 per month</li> <li>• 8-inch \$1,600.00 per month</li> </ul> <p>plus the per month Administration Fee imposed by the water provider plus \$6.70 (old rate \$6.38) volumetric rate per 1,000 gallons used (rounded in accordance with water provider policy)</p>
Nonresidential Well Customer monthly sewer fees (No Retail Sewer/Water Provider, no water meter)	<p><b>WHOLESALE SERVICE AREA:</b> Base rate of \$15.00 per well per month plus volumetric rate to be determined on a case-by-case basis, possibly by use of a sewer meter<sup>3</sup></p> <p><b>RETAIL SERVICE AREA:</b> To be determined on a case-by-case basis. All fees shall include an applicable base fee, volumetric fee (possibly determined by use of a sewer meter<sup>3</sup>), and per month Administration Fee imposed by the water provider.</p>
Impact Fees	As detailed in SECTION 3

**2.2 Special Pretreatment Fees**

Generators requiring Special Pretreatment Devices (as defined in the *OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation*) shall pay as listed in this section.

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Table 3: Special pretreatment fees

Special Pretreatment Device User Permit Application review and processing	No fee
Special Pretreatment Device User Permit renewal	No fee
Routine and follow-up compliance inspections and administrative tasks	No fee
All laboratory analyses fees associated with a facility that is regulated by the OJRSA	Actual analysis costs incurred by OJRSA (including those if an outside laboratory is used) + 15% Administrative Fee (only if outside laboratory is used)
Special Pretreatment Device design and specifications review and approval fee for new, replacement, or modification	\$20.00 per device (one-time fee covers any future reviews necessary)
New, replacement, or modification inspection of a Special Pretreatment Device	Charged per hour with a one (1) hour minimum. Based on the hourly wage of the lowest pay classification of the Technical Services staff member(s) who has the necessary skills and training to perform the task. The rate used shall be the midpoint of the current FY pay range + benefits costs at 34% of wage + small SUV according to current <a href="#">FEMA Rate Schedule</a> (or <a href="#">GSA mileage rate for POV</a> , if applicable).
Variance inspections for a Special Pretreatment Device	Same as fee for Section 2.2 "New, replacement, or modification inspection of a Special Pretreatment Device"

**2.3 Industrial and Other Nonresidential User Fees**

Including other Nonresidential User fees, Industrial Users are subject to fees as listed this section. Fees based on April 18, 2025 recommendation from Goldie Associates (consultant) after evaluation of program and/or treatment costs at facility(ies).

Table 4: Other Industrial and Nonresidential User fees

Industrial Pretreatment Permit Application Processing	No fee
Industrial Pretreatment Permit Renewal	No fee
Nonsignificant Source Wastewater Discharge Permit Application	No fee
Nonsignificant Source Wastewater Discharge Permit	No fee
Other permits not explicitly listed in this Schedule of Fees	No fee
Calculation of Surcharges	\$30.00 (old rate \$25.00) per quarter for periods when calculations are necessary
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) Surcharge	\$0.00 for concentration of 0-250 mg/L \$0.30 per pound above 250 mg/L <sup>4,5</sup>
Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) Surcharge	\$0.00 for concentration of 0-750 mg/L \$0.30 per pound above 750 mg/L <sup>4,5</sup>
Phosphorus (P) Surcharge	\$0.00 for concentration of 0-7 mg/L \$0.40 (old rate \$0.35) per pound above 7 mg/L <sup>4</sup>
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN) <sup>6</sup> Surcharge	\$0.00 for concentration of 0-30 mg/L \$0.40 per pound above 30 mg/L <sup>4</sup>
Total Suspended Solids (TSS) Surcharge	\$0.00 for concentration of 0-250 mg/L \$0.50 (old rate \$0.30) per pound above 250 mg/L <sup>4</sup>
Flow (gpd) Surcharge	Same volumetric rate as stated in SECTION 2.1 Nonresidential User Monthly Fees Wholesale Service Area (old rate \$6.35) per 1,000 gallons above permitted limit (rounded up to the next 1,000 gallons)
Late Discharge Monitoring Report from low volume dischargers and Industrial Users	\$100.00 the first day late and \$50.00 per business day thereafter until report is received and Notice of Violation or other enforcement action as required by the <i>OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation</i> .

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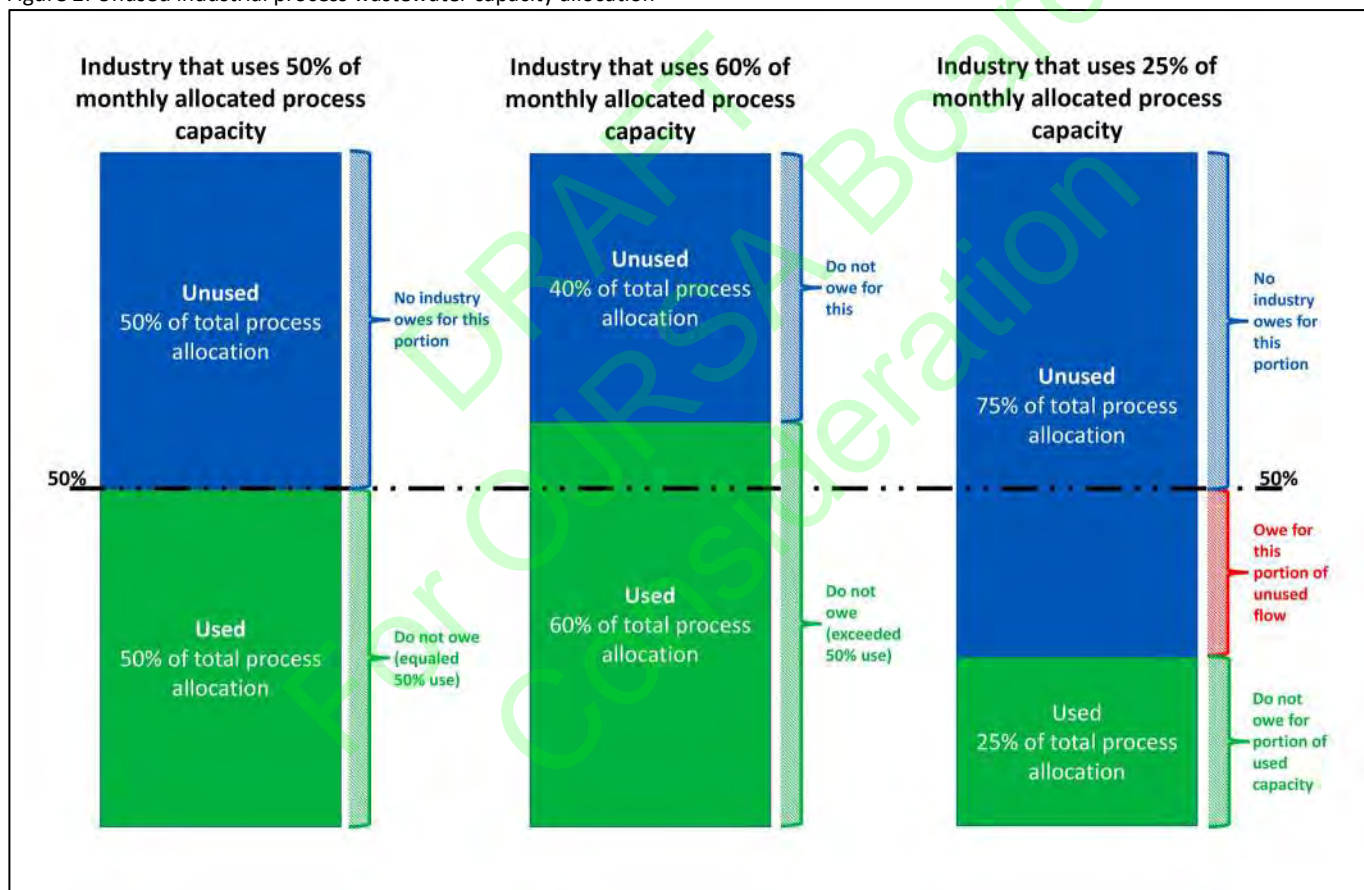
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## Unused capacity fee for Industrial Users

See illustration in Figure 2 for general information

- Average monthly discharge of 50% or more ( $\geq 50\%$ ) of their capacity as stated on the industry's current *Significant Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit* as issued by OJRSA - \$0.00 per month when the facility's total flow discharged for the month is at least 50% of their total monthly allocated flow.<sup>7,8</sup>
- Average monthly discharge of less than 50% ( $< 50\%$ ) of their capacity as stated on the industry's current *Significant Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit* as issued by OJRSA. - \$2.00 per 1,000 gallons of not utilized by the industry between the industry's actual total monthly discharge and 50% of their permitted monthly discharge. [NOTE: The permitted industry is only paying for unused process wastewater capacity for the volume range of 0% to 50% of the amount as listed on their OJRSA-issued Significant Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit.]<sup>7,8</sup>

Figure 2: Unused industrial process wastewater capacity allocation

**2.4 Industrial Pretreatment Billing Expense Billing**

Industries subject to OJRSA industrial pretreatment requirements must pay program fees using the following methodology:

## A. Quarterly billing:

1. Base fee:  $1/x$  (where  $x$  is equal to the number of Industrial Users that have a *Significant Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit* during that quarter) of the salary and benefits expensed for the designated Pretreatment Coordinator (and additional dedicated department staff, if applicable);
2. Items related to materials or services procured for the industry, such as: licenses/certifications/memberships; seminars/workshops/training; legal; public relations and advertising; mailing/shipping; office supplies; supplies/tools; technology (phones/internet/ television); professional and service contracts; and rolling stock and equipment;

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3. Hours and benefits that other OJRSA employees spend working on items associated with the industry;
  4. Surcharge fees for flow and particular chemical exceedances as stated in SECTION 2.3 Table 4;
  5. Unused monthly capacity fees as stated in SECTION 2.3 Table 4; and
  6. Twenty percent (20%) administration fee on SECTION 2.4 Paragraphs A.1, A.2, and A.3 only.<sup>9</sup>
- B. A 10% late fee is added every 30 days the invoice has not been paid.
- C. Penalties and fines associated with enforcement action are to be paid invoiced at the time expense is incurred.

**2.5 Hauled Waste Program Fees**

Fees are supportive of the *OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation* and other requirements and are subject to the OJRSA's acceptance of any or all products as stated within the Regulation and/or availability to accept at the Water Reclamation Facility for treatment or disposal. Fees based on April 18, 2025 recommendation from Goldie Associates (consultant) after evaluation of program and/or treatment costs at facility(ies).

Table 5: Hauled waste program fees

Hauled Waste Disposal Permit	\$120.00 per year (prorated based on the permit effective date) <sup>10,11</sup>
Sanitary sewage from septic tank	\$200.00 per 1,000 gallons (rounded up to the next 1,000 gallons; if the OJRSA can meter the discharge, then the fee will be \$0.185 per gallon) <sup>12</sup>
Hauled liquid treatment plant waste (e.g., sludge from package treatment plant)	\$200.00 per 1,000 gallons (rounded up to the next 1,000 gallons; if the OJRSA can meter the discharge, then the fee will be \$0.185 per gallon) <sup>12</sup>
Portable toilet waste	\$75.00 per 1,000 gallons (rounded up to the next 1,000 gallons; if the OJRSA can meter the discharge, then the fee will be \$0.066 per gallon). <sup>12</sup>
Hauled waste solids	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current tipping fee (in tons or pounds, rounded up to next ton or billable weight/volume as charged by the landfill or final disposal site) + current transportation costs (as charged by third-party waste hauler) + 25% Administrative Fee. <u>Since this fee can change with little to no notice by the landfill or hauler, it is suggested to call 864-972-3900 and request the current fee prior to delivery of hauled waste solids to OJRSA.</u></li> <li>If solids can be weighed by certified scale either independently owned or owned by OJRSA, then OJRSA will bill based on partial weight of load using the same calculation as above but with actual weight instead of rounded.</li> </ul>
Landfill leachate	Same volumetric rate as stated in SECTION 2.1 Nonresidential User monthly sewer fees (old rate \$6.35) per 1,000 gallons (rounded up to the next 1,000 gallons) + Calculation of Surcharge fee (as stated in SECTION 2.3 + Surcharge rates (as stated in SECTION 2.3)
Grease	Per <i>OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation</i> , the OJRSA no longer accepts grease as of October 1, 2023
Afterhours acceptance fee as stated in SECTION 10.2(A)(2) of the <i>OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation</i>	\$150.00 <u>per delivery</u> + other disposal costs based on product received as stated within SECTION 2.5 Table 5
Sampling and analysis of hauled waste	\$25.00 per analysis + applicable contract lab costs
Failure to clean OJRSA manual bar screen at hauled waste discharge locations	\$50.00 per delivery for first offense, \$100 for second offense, and \$500 for third and subsequent offenses <sup>12</sup>

**Section 3 Impact Fees**

- A. Fees established in this Policy are based Weston & Sampson April 3, 2025 memorandum titled "Impact Fee Analysis – SCDES Contributory Loadings".
- B. This Policy applies when a developer requests water and/or sewer service with the retail utility provider. The OJRSA will

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not approve the establishment of water or sewer service nor the issuance of a building permit until all fees are paid.

- C. Impact Fees are based on the *OJRSA Schedule of Fees* at the time an Application for Capacity in the OJRSA Sewer System form is completed by the owner/developer.
- Impact Fees are in Table 6.
  - If there is a Board-approved change to Impact Fees within twenty (20) calendar days of when OJRSA has notified the developer of their Impact Fees that are due and that submitted plans have already been approved by OJRSA, then the developer has ten (10) calendar days beyond the date the fees change (inclusive of the first day of the change) to pay the Impact Fees that were presented; otherwise the new Impact Fee rates shall apply.
- D. Impact Fees collected are held in a restricted fund and are to be used only for specific projects and purposes allowed by law and OJRSA policy. (See the *OJRSA Impact Fee Policy* and *OJRSA Financial and Accounting Policy*).
- E. Fees shall be based on SECTION 7 TABLE 24 of *OJRSA Development Policy* as approved by the OJRSA Board of Commissioners.
- F. Subdivisions
- For Subdivisions Constructed Prior to July 1, 2021 – Homes constructed within these subdivisions will be responsible for paying a singular Impact Fee based on one residence or subdivision lot as stated in Table 6.
  - For Subdivisions Planned or Constructed After July 1, 2021 – Prior to the OJRSA issuing a Willingness & Ability to Serve, Commitment to Own, Commitment to Own & Operate, or other such letter required by the South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (SCDES) that is necessary for the permitting of a wastewater collection system extension serving a development, the owner/developer shall pay Impact Fees for all lots within the subdivision. These fees shall be based on the number of lots multiplied by the fee for one residence or subdivision lot as stated in Table 6.
- G. Customers Using Unmetered Connections or Groundwater Wells
- Unmetered Residential Connections – Residential Users directly or indirectly connected to a OJRSA wastewater conveyance system or treatment facility that use wells or other unmetered connections for their water supply shall be charged an Impact Fee for each well that is connected to the sewer system at the same rate as one residence or subdivision lot as listed in Table 6.
  - Unmetered Nonresidential Customers – Nonresidential customers directly or indirectly connected to the OJRSA wastewater conveyance system or treatment facility that use wells or other unmetered connections for their water supply shall be charged an Impact Fee for each well that is connected to the sewer system. An engineer of the OJRSA's choosing will determine the appropriate Impact Fee for each customer. Such fees made by the OJRSA's consultant shall not establish precedence for similar circumstances that may occur in the future.
- H. Circumstances Not Addressed in this Policy – Unusual situations and conditions not addressed in this Policy will be considered in consultation with the OJRSA's engineer on a case-by-case basis. Such decisions made by the OJRSA shall not establish precedence for similar circumstances that may occur in the future.

Table 6: Impact fees

Type of Use	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Impact Fee for one residence or subdivision lot as per Item CC in SECTION 7 TABLE 24 of <i>OJRSA Development Policy</i> , <u>which shall be referred to as one Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU). This includes residences or subdivision lots that are connected to sewer but are served by a well for water.</u>	\$4,100 for one ERU	\$5,005 for one ERU	\$7,720 for one ERU
Impact Fee for other uses as listed in SECTION 7 TABLE 24 of <i>OJRSA Development Policy</i>	\$13.66/gallon	\$19.70/gallon	\$25.73/gallon
Process wastewater as listed on Industrial User Permit issued by OJRSA <u>(per acquisition of new or additional capacity, not per renewal of IU Permit)</u>	\$13.66/gallon	\$19.70/gallon	\$25.73/gallon
Other circumstances not addressed in this Policy or as defined in the <i>OJRSA Impact Fee Policy</i>	\$13.66/gallon	\$19.70/gallon	\$25.73/gallon

(old rates below)

Use	Water Meter Size (inch)	ADU (gpd)	Fee Per Water Meter
Residential User	3/4 or 5/8	150	\$2,300
	1	365	\$5,600
Nonresidential User	3/4 or 5/8	225	\$3,400
	1	625	\$9,500



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	1.5	1,630	\$24,900
	2	3,305	\$50,400
	3	9,815	\$149,700
	4	12,340	\$188,200
	6	23,630	\$360,400
	8	37,100	\$565,800

**Section 4 Engineering, Connection, and Inspection Fees**

The OJRSA shall charge the fees as listed in Table 7 for engineering, plan reviews, inspection, taps/connections, and other such services. Fees based on May 22, 2025 recommendation from Weston & Sampson (consultant) after evaluation of program costs and OJRSA determination of inspection and service fees.

Table 7: Engineering and inspection fees

Hydraulic modeling analysis for downstream impact caused by potential or proposed new or upsized development that will increase flow by at least 10,000 gpd or for areas of concern within the sewer system as identified in the current version of the OJRSA hydraulic model or known of areas of concerns. <i>This is to be based on This is to be based on SCDES Regulation 61-67 Appendix A Unit Contributory Loadings to All Domestic Wastewater Treatment Facilities.</i>	Actual consultant's fee + 25% Administrative Fee. This fee will be updated on the <u>Downstream Wastewater Modeling Analysis Request</u> form as stated at <a href="http://www.ojrsa.org">www.ojrsa.org</a> .
Other developer costs not covered elsewhere in the <i>OJRSA Schedule of Fees</i> (includes studies or additional work performed by OJRSA and/or its consultants for a project)	<p>For each task required, the developer shall compensate the OJRSA for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>IF WORK PERFORMED SOLELY BY OJRSA STAFF:</b> The rate used shall be the midpoint of the current year FY pay range for all staff positions involved + benefits costs at 34% of wages + equipment costs according to current <a href="#">FEMA Rate Schedule</a>, <a href="#">GSA mileage rate for POV</a>, and/or equipment/material purchase and/or rental fees as applicable.</li> <li>• <b>IF WORK TO BE PERFORMED SOLELY BY A CONSULTANT:</b> The fee shall be the actual consultant's fee + 25% Administration Fee.</li> <li>• <b>IF WORK IS TO BE A COMBINATION OF OJRSA STAFF AND A CONSULTANT:</b> The fee shall be based on the actual consultant's fee + the midpoint of the current year FY pay range for all staff positions involved + benefits costs at 34% of wages + costs of equipment used according to current <a href="#">FEMA Rate Schedule</a>, <a href="#">GSA mileage rate for POV</a>, and/or equipment/material purchase and/or rental fees as applicable.</li> </ul>

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<p>Plans and specifications review<sup>13</sup> <u>(unless otherwise noted, these fees are for each review, including resubmittals)</u></p>	<p><u>Single Family Homes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On individual lot not located in a subdivision (unless there is a grinder pump, then only the grinder pump fee listed below is applicable) – \$0.00<sup>14,15,16</sup></li> <li>To be located in a subdivision/planned development that requires gravity sewer and/or force mains installation – \$0.07 (old rate \$0.05) per linear foot of pipe</li> <li>Pump station addition to serve development – \$300.00 per station (one review fee covers initial review of each plus resubmittals)</li> <li>Grinder pumps for individual units – \$2.00 (old rate \$1.00) per pump</li> </ul> <p><u>Multi-Family Development</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No amenities (pool, clubhouse, etc.) – \$1.85 per residential living unit</li> <li>If includes amenities – \$3.10 per residential living unit</li> <li>Gravity sewer and/or force main extension – \$0.07 (old rate \$0.05) per linear foot of pipe</li> <li>Pump station addition to serve development – \$300.00 per station (one review fee covers initial review of each plus resubmittals)</li> <li>Grinder pumps for individual units – \$2.00 per pump</li> <li>Buildings other than residential living units and those that provide amenities (pool, clubhouse, etc.) shall be calculated as a Commercial, Industrial, and/or Institutional Facility as stated below.</li> </ul> <p><u>Commercial, Industrial, and/or Institutional Facility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Building space – \$0.04 per square foot of building space served by water and/or sewer</li> <li>Gravity sewer and/or force main extension – \$0.07 per linear foot of pipe</li> <li>Pump station addition to serve development – \$300.00 per station (one review fee covers initial review of each plus resubmittals)</li> <li>Grinder pumps for individual units – \$2.00 per pump</li> </ul> <p><u>Special Pretreatment Devices</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See Section 2.2</li> </ul>
<p>General inspection fees (for inspections other than new, replacement, or modification inspection of a Special Pretreatment Device)</p>	<p>Charged per hour with a two (2) hour minimum. Based on the hourly wage of the lowest pay classification of the staff member(s) who has the necessary skills and training to perform the task. The rate used shall be the midpoint of the current year FY pay range + benefits costs at 34% of wage + ½-ton truck according to current <a href="#">FEMA Rate Schedule</a> (or <a href="#">GSA mileage rate for POV</a>, if applicable).</p> <p>For inspection fees associated with Special Pretreatment Devices, see Section 2.2.</p>

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GIS and system mapping fees <sup>17</sup> <i>This is applicable to developments installing infrastructure that requires a SCDES Construction Permit (or equivalent) and/or for onsite privately-owned wastewater infrastructure that is greater than or equal to 8-inches in diameter and/or has a privately-owned pump station and force main.</i>	\$250.00 Base Fee for up to 1,000 linear feet of gravity sewer and/or force main pipe + \$0.25 per additional linear foot of pipe. There is not a fee associated with pump station construction. <sup>18</sup> <i>Note: The minimum fee due is the Base Fee.</i>
This fee applies to any portion of the system served directly or indirectly by OJRSA.	
Tap and tap maintenance fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In addition to Impact Fees, all new connections that physically connect directly with the OJRSA wastewater conveyance system must pay the costs to install each tap plus 30% to fund future maintenance of connection. Actual costs are for labor, equipment, and materials and may be performed by either OJRSA or a contractor for OJRSA.</li> <li>If a contractor makes connection (or installs manhole with precast service connection(s)) and they are paid directly by the developer, then the developer shall be required to pay \$200 per diameter inch of the connection to OJRSA's system for future maintenance. The contractor will not have to pay a construction tap fee to the OJRSA as the OJRSA did not incur any costs.<sup>19</sup></li> </ul>
Disconnection from sewer system	\$400.00
Reconnection to sewer system	\$400.00

## **Section 5 Contract Services Provided for Non-Wholesale OJRSA Wastewater Systems (including Retail Sewer System)**

The OJRSA shall charge the fees as stated in this section for Routine and Nonroutine Work performed for other utility owners on a contractual basis.

### **5.1 Routine Work**

Table 8: Routine Work fees

Routine Work (as stated in the DEFINITIONS section)	\$6,500 per calendar quarter
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### **5.2 Nonroutine Work**

Nonroutine Work shall be billed in accordance with the fees listed in Table 9.

Table 9: Nonroutine Work fees

OJRSA Personnel	<p><u>Exempt Staff</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work performed during normal business hours (charged in 1/10 hour increments) – Midpoint of hourly wage of position classification(s) performing task x hours worked in 1/10 hour increment + benefits costs at 34% of wage<sup>20</sup></li> <li>Work performed during non-business hours – (Midpoint of hourly wage of position classification(s) performing task x hours worked in 1/10 hour increment) x 1.5 (to convert wage to overtime pay) + benefits costs at 34% of wage<sup>20</sup></li> </ul> <p><u>Non-Exempt Staff</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work performed during normal business hours – Midpoint of hourly wage of position classification(s) performing task x</li> </ul>
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	<p>hours worked in 1/10 hour increment + benefits costs at 34% of wage<sup>20</sup></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work performed during non-business hours – Midpoint of hourly wage of position classification(s) performing task x hours worked in 1/10 hour increment + benefits costs at 34% of wage<sup>20</sup></li> </ul> <p><u>Other Items</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General accounting – Midpoint of hourly wage of position tasked with accounts payable/receivable x 0.4 hours + benefits costs at 34% of wage<sup>20</sup></li> <li>• Industrial pretreatment program – Midpoint of hourly wage of position tasked with pretreatment program oversight x hours worked in 1/4 hour increment + benefits costs at 34% of wage<sup>20</sup></li> <li>• Engineering – Midpoint of hourly wage of position tasked with engineering or program management x hours worked in 1/4 hour increment + benefits costs at 34% of wage<sup>20</sup></li> </ul>
Vehicles and Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transportation of staff only (no work to be performed that requires tools other than those necessary for SC811 locates) – <a href="#">GSA mileage rate for POV</a> x total mileage driven + 25% Administrative Fee</li> <li>• Vehicles used for performing work (other than SC811 locates) – <a href="#">FEMA Rate Schedule</a> x total hours used (or miles mileage driven, if applicable) + 25% Administrative Fee</li> <li>• OJRSA vehicles or equipment not listed in <a href="#">FEMA Rate Schedule</a> – Cost to rent comparable vehicle or unit of equipment + 25% Administrative Fee</li> <li>• Rental vehicles or equipment – Actual rental cost + 25% Administrative Fee</li> </ul>
Materials and services (including use of non-OJRSA personnel)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Materials – Actual unit cost + 25% Administrative Fee</li> <li>• Services provided by others – Actual cost of services + 25% Administrative Fee</li> <li>• Utilities paid by OJRSA – Actual cost + 25% Administrative Fee</li> </ul>

**Section 6 Other Fees and Fines****6.1 Financial and Late Fees**

Table 10: Financial and late fees

Credit or debit card processing	Customer to pay actual transaction fee charged by processing company
Late payments	All payments not received within 30 days of the issuance of the invoice will be charged a 10% late fee for every 30 days the payment is outstanding
Returned check (NSF) fee	\$30.00 per returned check

**6.2 Freedom of Information Act Fees**

Table 11: FOIA fees

Minutes of the meetings of the public body for the preceding six (6) months	No fee per SC Law §30-4-30(D)
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Documents produced by the public body or its agent that were distributed to or reviewed by a member of the public body during a public meeting for the preceding six (6) months	No fee per SC Law §30-4-30(D)
Cumulative research and retrieval time if less than 10 minutes <u>and</u> the total number of documents requested by the FOIA requestor is 10 pages or less	No fee
Documents are in electronic format at the time a request is received	No fee for electronic files per SC Law §30-40-30(B); however, applicable research fees shall still apply. Documents will be provided for distribution once any necessary research fees have been paid.
Scanning documents to electronic format	Actual costs + contract services costs, if applicable. Fifteen percent (15%) Administrative Fee will be added to contract services costs.
Staff research, search, retrieval, redaction, and copying	Prorating of fees shall be based on increments of one-tenth (1/10) of an hour and will not exceed the prorated hourly wage of lowest pay classification of the staff member(s) who has the necessary skills and training to fulfill the request.
Distribution of records methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pick-up at OJRSA Administrative Complex – No fee<sup>21</sup></li> <li>• U.S. First Class Mail – Actual cost of postage<sup>21</sup></li> <li>• Filesharing website or email – No fee<sup>21</sup></li> <li>• Flash drive – Actual cost of flash drive<sup>21,22</sup></li> </ul>
Copies	<p><u>Black &amp; white</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8.5 x 11 and 8.5 x 14 – Other applicable fees + \$0.10 per page</li> <li>• 11 x 17 – Other applicable fees + \$0.25 per page</li> <li>• Larger than 11 x 17 – Other applicable fees + \$0.50 per square foot or contract service costs + 15% Administrative Fee</li> </ul> <p><u>Color</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8.5 x 11 and 8.5 x 14 – Other applicable fees + \$0.15 per page</li> <li>• 11 x 17 – Other applicable fees + \$0.50 per page</li> <li>• Larger than 11 x 17 – Other applicable fees + \$0.50 per square foot or contract service costs + 15% Administrative Fee</li> </ul>
Other reproduction services	Other applicable fees + actual costs + 15% Administrative Fee

**6.3 Penalties and Fines**

Table 12: Penalties and fines

Illegal Taps or other illegal connections	\$2,000.00 penalty + Applicable Impact Fee(s) + Tap Fee(s) + Cost of Repairs and/or Cleaning to System + General Inspection Fees + Applicable Legal Fees
Users who violate the provisions of the <i>OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation</i> or fail to abide by any rules, requirements, or procedures that OJRSA implements in support of the Regulation	As stated in SECTION 8 of the <i>OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation</i>

**END OF FEES**



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**Section 7 Appeal of Fees**

- A. Items as stated within the *OJRSA Schedule of Fees* can be appealed to the OJRSA Board of Commissioners via the agency's standing Operations & Planning (O&P) Committee by requesting that OJRSA Administration add the matter to an O&P Committee meeting agenda. Dates of the meetings can be found on the OJRSA website ([www.ojrsa.org](http://www.ojrsa.org)) but it is recommended that the requestor filing for appeal contact the OJRSA office by phone at 864-972-3900 to confirm meeting dates and times. Requestors asking for a variance of this Policy shall attend all meetings to present their case for appeal and address questions and concerns from OJRSA Commissioners and staff; however, attending the meetings is not a substitute for submitting a written appeal as stated above.
- B. Requests for appeals must be received no less than five (5) business days prior to the upcoming meeting and must be in writing to:
- Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority  
ATTN: Executive Director  
623 Return Church Road  
Seneca, South Carolina 29678  
[info@ojrsa.org](mailto:info@ojrsa.org)
- C. If the request for variance is approved by the O&P Committee, then it will proceed to the OJRSA Board of Commissioners at the next scheduled meeting for consideration. The decision made by the Board of Commissioners shall be final.

**Endnotes (Comments, Examples, and Fee Justification)**

- <sup>1</sup> Wholesale Residential Well Customer rate is based on estimated wastewater discharge of 150 gallons per day x 30 days per month = 4,500 gallons per month ÷ 1,000 = 4.5 thousand gallons per month x \$5.66 per 1,000 gallons per month = \$25.47.
- <sup>2</sup> Retail Residential Well Customer rate is based on estimated wastewater discharge of 150 gallons per day x 30 days per month = 4,500 gallons per month ÷ 1,000 = 4.5 thousand gallons per month x \$6.70 per 1,000 gallons per month = \$30.15.
- <sup>3</sup> To be determined by a special meter to measure water discharged to sewer ("sewer meter") or other means as recommended by a qualified engineering and/or rate consultant and approved by OJRSA Administration.
- <sup>4</sup> The formula for calculating surcharges is: (Monthly Concentration Average for Monitoring Parameter minus Surcharge Concentration Threshold for Same Parameter) x 8.34 conversion factor x (Total Flow for the Month in Gallons ÷ 1,000,000 Gallons) x Surcharge Rate = Surcharge Amount Due in Dollars NOTE: If an industry samples less frequently than monthly (i.e., quarterly), then the monthly average calculation will continue each month until the next month the parameter is sampled.
- The following calculation uses fictitious fees for demonstration purposes only (This example uses fees for BOD; however, the same formula applies for all monitored parameters. Fee calculations shall use those listed in the current OJRSA Schedule of Fees) – An industry has a monthly BOD average concentration of 500 mg/L. The total flow for the month is 310,000 gallons and the threshold limit for BOD is 250 mg/L. The BOD surcharge rate is \$0.30/lb of BOD.
- Step 1: (500 mg/L - 250 mg/L) x 8.34 x (310,000 gal/month ÷ 1,000,000 gal) x \$0.30/lb of BOD = BOD Surcharge Fee
- Step 2: 250 mg/L x 8.34 x 0.310 million gal/month x \$0.30/lb of BOD = BOD Surcharge Fee
- BOD Surcharge Fee Due = \$193.91
- <sup>5</sup> An industry will not be charged both BOD and COD, the surcharge will be calculated for both BOD and COD and the industry will be charged the higher rate.
- <sup>6</sup> The sum of organic nitrogen, ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>), and ammonium (NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>) in wastewater. TKN does not include Nitrate (NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>) and Nitrite (NO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>).
- <sup>7</sup> Total Industrial User capacity per month is equal to the facility's Permitted Allocated Capacity per day multiplied by the number of days for each month individually (e.g., 31 days for January, 28 days for February, etc.).
- The following calculation uses fictitious fees for demonstration purposes only (Fee calculations shall use those listed in the current OJRSA Schedule of Fees) – An industry is permitted for a maximum allocation of 20,000 gpd of process wastewater discharge. In January (31 days in the month), they discharge a total of 176,700 gallons. The Unused Capacity threshold is 50% (meaning if they do not average greater than or equal to 50% of their allocated maximum discharge as stated on the permit, then they are subject to paying an unused capacity fee for that month for the unused volume between their actual monthly discharge and 50% of their permitted volume). The rate is \$1.50/1,000 gallons, which is prorated (not rounded to nearest 1,000 gallons).
- Step 1: Determine if the industry is subject to an unused process wastewater allocation capacity fee. Is the facility's monthly discharge at least 50% of their allocation of 20,000 gpd?
- 20,000 gpd x 31 days = 620,000 gal per month of maximum permitted discharge

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176,700 gal actually discharged in January  $\div$  620,000 gal max allowed  $\times$  100 = 28.5% usage of capacity  
 This facility DID NOT meet or exceed 50% of their discharge, so they will owe an unused capacity fee. (They would have needed to discharge at least 310,000 gallons in January to reach the 50% threshold.)

Step 2: Determine the amount of fee owed.

((Total Capacity Per Month  $\times$  Allowed Percentage) – Total Monthly Discharge)  $\div$  1,000 gal  $\times$  \$1.50/1,000 gal =  
 Fee Owed for Month

((620,000 gpM  $\times$  50%) – 176,700 gpM)  $\div$  1,000 gal  $\times$  \$1.50/1,000 gal = \$199.95 owed for January

<sup>8</sup> Unused Industrial User capacity fees are collected for the purpose of treatment and conveyance system expansion and are held in the restricted Impact Fee Fund in accordance with the *OJRSA Impact Fee Policy* and *OJRSA Financial and Accounting Policy* for the Wholesale or Retail Service Area, as appropriate, to be used in accordance with the *OJRSA Impact Fee Policy*.

<sup>9</sup> Industrial pretreatment expense billing Administrative Fee covers incidentals and general labor spent by other OJRSA staff that are involved in the pretreatment program as necessary, as well as general use materials used by the program collectively (e.g., fuel used for vehicle, general office supplies, electricity and other utilities for program, etc.). If specific industries require substantial time by other OJRSA staff, then the industries that the work is performed for shall be billed for this time based on the hourly wages of the lowest pay classification staff member(s) who have the necessary skills and training to perform the tasks.

<sup>10</sup> Hauled Waste Disposal Permit fee is based on the calendar year (January through December), not the Fiscal Year. If waste hauler is issued a Hauled Waste Disposal Permit (HWDP), then they must pay for the entire month the HWDP is applied for. Providing the waste hauler is in good standing with the OJRSA, the HWDP will remain valid through December 31 of that year. Amount owed if HWDP is obtained anytime during that month (e.g., if they apply for the HWDP on May 31, they must pay the amount for May as shown in the list within this footnote):

January = \$120.00	May = \$80.00	September = \$40.00
February = \$110.00	June = \$70.00	October = \$30.00
March = \$100.00	July = \$60.00	November = \$20.00
April \$90.00	August = \$50.00	December = \$10.00

<sup>11</sup> There are no refunds issued on Hauled Waste Disposal Permits.

<sup>12</sup> Waste hauler also subject to other enforcement actions as stated in the *OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation* and other applicable regulations and policies.

<sup>13</sup> Plan reviews based on average time and labor costs for an OJRSA staff member and/or third-party consultant employed by OJRSA to perform such functions.

<sup>14</sup> For each review, including resubmittals. If the owner/developer changes the plans after the initial review or corrections must be made per the *OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation*, *OJRSA Development Policy*, other OJRSA policy, or requirements imposed by a Member City or other governmental agency, the fee must be paid for each review thereafter.

<sup>15</sup> There are no fees for projects that are designed and installed by a Member City when they are paying for the installation themselves, such as if a city is installing a main line extension entirely at their own expense and is not funded by a developer or other party. In most cases, the projects that meet this exemption are when a Member City is installing infrastructure to replace or rehabilitate existing facilities or when they are extending their own system at their own expense (and not as a pay-in-advance or reimbursement project by third-party(ies)). Appeals can be made by the Member City to the OJRSA Board of Commissioners in accordance with the process stated within SECTION 7 of the *OJRSA Schedule of Fees* to determine if this fee should be waived for other projects.

<sup>16</sup> Or in a subdivision that received a Permit for OJRSA Wastewater System Capacity (or equivalent) prior to January 1, 2020. These were considered at the time the original subdivision plans were reviewed.

<sup>17</sup> This fee is used for the OJRSA to incorporate data from the record drawings and other supporting documents (e.g., GPS devices, surveys, etc.) into its Geographic Information System map, which is used for hydraulic modeling, manage and track work orders, asset management, planning, etc.

<sup>18</sup> The following calculation uses fictitious fees for demonstration purposes only (Fee calculations shall use those listed in the current OJRSA Schedule of Fees) – A project has been designed that has a 900 linear feet of gravity sewer pipe, 400 feet of force main pipe, and one (1) pump station. The Base Fee for the first 1,000 linear feet of total pipe is \$200.00 and the fee per additional linear foot of pipe is \$0.25/foot. There is no cost for the pump station.

Step 1: 900 feet of gravity + 400 feet of force main = 1,300 total linear feet of pipe for project

Step 2: 1,300 total linear feet – 1,000 linear feet for base rate = 300 linear feet above the base

Step 3: \$200.00 Base Fee + (300 linear feet  $\times$  \$0.25/foot) + (1 pump station  $\times$  \$0.00) = GIS fee due

Step 4: \$200 + \$75 + \$0 = GIS fee due

GIS Fee Due = \$275.00

<sup>19</sup> Fee to pay for future maintenance of connection. The following calculation uses fictitious fees for demonstration purposes only (Fee calculations shall use those listed in the current OJRSA Schedule of Fees) – A contractor will bore into an existing

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OJRSA manhole to make one (1) 4-inch pipe diameter service connection. The Tap Maintenance Fee Due at the time is \$200/inch diameter. (*OR* contractor shall set a doghouse manhole on existing OJRSA pipeline with one (1) 4-inch pipe diameter service connection.)

Step 1: \$200/inch diameter x 4-inch pipe diameter = Tap Maintenance Fee Due

Step 2: \$800 = Tap Maintenance Fee Due

<sup>20</sup> "Benefits fee" is a general term that covers employer costs for South Carolina Retirement System expenses, Social Security, Medicare, insurance, etc.

<sup>21</sup> All copying, staff time, and other applicable fees must be paid prior to distribution of requested materials.

<sup>22</sup> Device must be provided by the OJRSA to avoid risk of potential viruses that may be on flash drives belonging to the requester.

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For OJRSA Board  
Consideration

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**Revision History**

As this document is an extension of the *OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation*, previous editions must be maintained in accordance with the *OJRSA Records Retention Policy*.

Revision Number	Effective Date	Description of Changes
0000	02/18/1980	Initial sewer user fees developed and approved by OCSC Board.
0001	08/04/1980	Hauled waste disposal fee modified.
0002	06/19/1984	Sewer use fees increased.
0003	01/01/1985	Revised sewer treatment fees developed and approved by OCSC Board via resolution approved on 01/07/1985.
0004	07/01/1985	Resolution approved on 01/07/1985 expired and rate structure changed.
0005	08/28/1989	Approved annual industry permitting fee on 08/28/1989.
0006	01/01/1990	Oconee County Ordinance [19]89-6 established Impact Fee for treatment capacity for future renovation, modernization, and expansion. OCSC approved on 08/28/1989.
0007	09/10/1990	Approved 2% late fee.
0008	10/07/1996	Approved increase of septic tank waste disposal and treatment fees.
0009	04/07/1997	Approved industrial surcharge fees.
0010	06/05/2000	Hauled waste fee increase approved.
0011	07/03/2006	Approved increase to Impact Fees and established a tap fee.
0012	04/01/2008	Approved addition of a "Transportation and Trunk Line Impact Fee."
0013	05/05/2008	Hauled waste fees increase based on percent increase on Member City fees.
0014	02/02/2009	Approved 20% Administrative Fee for permitted Industrial Users.
0015	10/03/2011	<i>OJRSA Schedule of Fees</i> updated.
0016	10/05/2015	Impact Fee calculation method changed.
0017	12/04/2017	Added fee for acceptance of portable toilet waste.
0018	11/06/2018	Inclusion of additional fees for credit card transactions, returned check, fats oils and grease program, engineering services, and FOIA. Approved by OJRSA Board on 11/05/2018.
0019	02/04/2019	Approved industrial facility flow surcharge and revised biosolids disposal fees.
0020	04/09/2021	Revised hauled waste program fees per <i>OJRSA Resolution 2021-11 Hauled Waste Policy Update</i> .
0021	07/01/2021	Revised Impact Fees per <i>OJRSA Resolution 2021-12 Impact Fee Policy Update</i> .
0022	10/01/2021	Approved comprehensive fee update on 09/13/2021.
0023	07/01/2022	Established unused capacity fee for Industrial Users. Includes other minor modifications.
0024	07/01/2023	Eliminated pro rata share model for user fees and established base plus volumetric model for Residential and Nonresidential Users.
0025	01/01/2024	Revised Impact Fees per <i>OJRSA Resolution 2024-04</i> .
0026	03/04/2024	Board approved newly established Retail Service Area rates.
0027	05/06/2024	Board approved updated fees per <i>OJRSA Resolution 2024-10</i> .
0028	06/02/2025	Board approved updated fees per <i>OJRSA Resolution 2025-05</i> .

**END OF REVISIONS**





## RESOLUTION 2025-05

### Adoption of Fiscal Year 2026 Comprehensive Budget and Fee Schedule

**A RESOLUTION OF THE OCONEE JOINT REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY COMMISSION TO ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO**

**WHEREAS**, the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority, South Carolina (the "Authority") was established pursuant to Title 6, Chapter 25 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, by its three member-municipalities: the City of Seneca, the City of Walhalla, and the City of Westminster under the terms of an Intergovernmental Agreement dated October 31, 2007.

**WHEREAS**, the staff of the Authority has prepared a budget (the "Budget") for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2026 ("Fiscal Year 2026"), the provisions of which establish annual budgets for the Authority's general fund, projects and contingency fund, wholesale impact fund, retail operations and maintenance fund and retail impact fund.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the requirements of Sections 6-1-80 and 6-1-330 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended ("SC Code"), a public hearing before the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority Commission, as the governing body of the Authority (the "Commission"), was conducted on June 2, 2025 (the "Public Hearing") on the matter of the adoption of the Budget (as proposed).

**WHEREAS**, the Budget has been presented for the approval of the Commission.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be resolved by the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority Commission in meeting duly assembled, finds as follows:

SECTION 1: It is hereby appropriated from the Wholesale Operations & Maintenance Fund (General Fund), Projects & Contingency Fund, Wholesale Impact Fund, Retail Operations & Maintenance Fund, and Retail Impact Fund, the following amounts of money for the following respective purposes for and during Fiscal Year 2026, to wit:

#### **WHOLESALE OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE FUND (GENERAL FUND)**

##### **Appropriations – Budgeted O&M Revenues**

User Fees	\$6,128,172
Other Revenues	631,254
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b><u>\$6,759,426</u></b>

##### **Appropriations – Budgeted O&M Expenditures**

Administration	\$3,775,898
Conveyance System	964,406
Water Reclamation Facility	1,702,295
Pretreatment	158,565
Laboratory	58,830
Contract Operations	19,432
O&M Capital Improvement Projects	<u>80,000</u>



<b>Total Budgeted Expenditures</b>	<b><u>\$6,759,426</u></b>
<b>Increase (Decrease) to Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**PROJECTS & CONTINGENCY FUND (RESTRICTED)**

<b>Appropriations – Budgeted P&amp;C Fund Revenues</b>	
Transfers	\$453,060
Other Revenues	7,773,098
Carryforward Revenues	330,000
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b><u>\$8,556,158</u></b>

<b>Appropriations – Budgeted P&amp;C Fund Expenditures</b>	
Projects & Contingency Expenses	\$8,556,158
<b>Total Budgeted Expenditures</b>	<b><u>\$8,556,158</u></b>
<b>Increase (Decrease) to Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**WHOLESALE IMPACT FUND (RESTRICTED)**

<b>Appropriations – Budgeted Wholesale Impact Fund Revenues</b>	
Fees	\$800,000
Other	176,000
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b><u>\$976,000</u></b>

<b>Appropriations – Budgeted Wholesale Impact Fund Expenditures</b>	
Expansion Project Expenses	\$0
<b>Total Budgeted Expenditures</b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>
<b>Increase (Decrease) to Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$976,000</b>

**RETAIL OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE FUND (UNRESTRICTED)**

<b>Appropriations – Budgeted Retail O&amp;M Fund Revenues</b>	
User Fees	\$269
Intergovernmental Reimbursement	105,534
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b><u>\$105,802</u></b>

<b>Appropriations – Budgeted Retail O&amp;M Fund Expenditures</b>	
General	\$105,802
<b>Total Budgeted Expenditures</b>	<b><u>\$105,802</u></b>
<b>Increase (Decrease) to Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$0</b>

SECTION 2: The appropriations described in Section 1 above represent a summary of the anticipated revenues and expenditures for each of the Authority's major funds – Wholesale Operations & Maintenance Fund (General Fund), Projects & Contingency Fund, Wholesale Impact Fund, Retail Operations & Maintenance Fund, and Retail Impact Fund. The full Budget, with particular details and provisos, is fully described in the document entitled the "FY 2026 Comprehensive Budget" (the "Budget Plan"), which is hereby incorporated by reference as part of this Resolution as if fully set forth herein, is hereby adopted.

**SECTION 3:** As necessary, the Executive Director of the Authority (including any interim, acting, or temporary Executive Director, as applicable) (the "Executive Director") or the Executive Director's designee shall administer the Budget Plan and may authorize the transfer of appropriated funds within and between departments as necessary to achieve the goals of the Budget; however, no funds may be transferred between any fund without action being taken by the Commission, acting by Resolution.

**SECTION 4:** All of the Authority's fund balance reserves (both encumbered and unencumbered funds) as of June 30, 2025, shall be added into the Budget for Fiscal Year 2026 and applied under the Budget Plan. These designated monies may be properly invested pending any planned expenditure as set forth in the Budget Plan.

**SECTION 5:** (a) Monies received from governmental grants shall accrue only to the appropriate fund as set forth in the Budget Plan. Should grant funds be applied for or received after the beginning of Fiscal Year 2026 and thereby not be recited in the Budget Plan, then, by passage of any approval resolution of the Commission or other action item of the Commission authorizing the grant application and expenditures, the necessary funds may be created or supplemented, as necessary, to provide a mechanism for the receipt and expenditure of these monies. However, any such funding shall be specifically limited to the purposes for which the grant was awarded.

(b) The Budget appropriates sufficient revenues to fund the Authority's capital program. The capital program may be funded from the issuance of debt and other sources made available for pay-as-you-go financing by the Authority.

**SECTION 6:** (a) The Executive Director is authorized to enter into contracts if the total contract amount is less than or equal to the budget line item or project budget as approved by Commission under the terms of the Budget.

(b) Contracts necessary to expend monies appropriated in the Budget, when not specifically permitted by the Budget Plan, are hereby authorized upon the approval of such contract by a resolution of the Commission.

**SECTION 7:** The foregoing Authority operation appropriations have been detailed by the Commission into line-item accounts for each department. The detailed appropriation by account and budget narrative contained separately is hereby enacted as part of this Resolution.

**SECTION 8:** (a) Encumbrances in each fund at June 30, 2025, representing obligations made against 2024-2025 appropriations (the "Fiscal Year 2025 Comprehensive Budget" or "Fiscal Year 2025 Budget") outstanding as of that date, are hereby reappropriated and the appropriations shall be distributed to the budgetary accounts under which the expenditures will be charged during the Fiscal Year 2026 budget year as such obligations are satisfied, provided that such encumbrances, when taken together with the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget expenditures, do not cause any fund to exceed its budgetary authorization for the year ended June 30, 2025.

(b) For each fund in which a reappropriation occurs, the amount of funds appropriated hereunder shall be established in that fund as "Carryforward from Previous Year."

(c) For each fund in which the Budget includes the use of fund balance; the amount of the fund balance so used shall be identified as "Fund Transfer In."

(d) Appropriations for grants, the authorization for which extends beyond the end of Fiscal Year 2025 Budget, shall not lapse at the end on June 30, 2025. Any such grant authorizations remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall be reappropriated pursuant to the conditions of the respective grant agreements and utilized in Fiscal Year 2026 in accordance with their respective terms.

(e) Appropriations for active projects resulting in restrictions or commitments of fund balances shall be identified by appropriate titles in the financial statements of the affected funds.

SECTION 9: The Executive Director was authorized and made public advertisement of the Public Hearing prior to the passage of this Resolution. The notice of Public Hearing, in the form and format required by Sections 6-1-80 and 6-1-330 of the SC Code, as applicable, was timely published in *The Journal*, which is a newspaper of general circulation in Oconee County. All interested parties were given an opportunity to speak in favor of or against this Resolution.

SECTION 10: A full schedule of the rates and fees ("Schedule of Fees") applicable to the Authority, including impact and capacity fees, special treatment fees, and other applicable fees, is detailed in the Schedule of Fees attached hereto as Exhibit A, the entirety of which is included herein by reference and has been projected in revenues for purposes of the Budget.

SECTION 11: All actions of the Executive Director and other Authority staff regarding the Public Hearing and drafting, execution, and delivery of the Budget Plan are ratified, approved, and confirmed. Further, the Executive Director and Authority staff shall be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the provisions of the Budget Plan.

SECTION 12: If for any reason any provision of this Resolution, or its applications to any circumstance, is invalidated by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining portions of this Resolution shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 13: All resolutions or parts of resolutions inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict or inconsistency.

**DONE AND ADOPTED AT A MEETING DULY HELD THIS 2ND DAY OF JUNE 2025.**

OCONEE JOINT REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY,  
SOUTH CAROLINA

  
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**Kevin Bronson, Chair**  
OJRSA Board of Commissioners

Attest:   
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**Lynn Stephens, Secretary/Treasurer**  
OJRSA Board of Commissioners -and-  
OJRSA Office Manager

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**Exhibit A**

*Attached beginning on following page*



**OJRSA**

Oconee Joint Regional  
SEWER AUTHORITY

# SCHEDULE OF FEES

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## **Adoption and Approval as Policy**

### **Adoption**

The *OJRSA Schedule of Fees* (Policy) shall become effective on July 1, 2025 in accordance with *OJRSA Resolution 2025-05*.

These fees shall be in full force and effect from and after passage, approval, and publication, as provided by law.

### **Non-substantive Changes to Policy**

Certain portions of this Policy, such as additions and/or corrections to internet addresses and links, illustrations, referenced forms, and as noted elsewhere within may be updated as necessary by the OJRSA Executive Director without being considered a substantive change to this Policy. Non-substantive changes shall not be documented in the Revision History table.

## **Definitions, Acronyms, and Format**

This section of the *OJRSA Schedule of Fees* contains definitions, acronyms, abbreviations, and formatting that are specific to this document.

### **Definitions**

**Administrative Fee** shall mean a fee that covers employee time spent on a task, time researching a project, meetings with consultants, preparing invoices or records, travel, basic postage and copies, etc. *Note: This fee is separate from the Administrative Pretreatment Fee.*

**Administrative Pretreatment Fee** shall mean a fee that covers general labor and incidental costs incurred by OJRSA, including those serving in agency's pretreatment program and other OJRSA staff as necessary, as well as general use materials used by the program (e.g., fuel for vehicles, general office supplies, electricity and other utilities for program, etc.). If specific industries require substantial time by other OJRSA staff, then the industries the work is performed for shall be billed for this time based on the median hourly wages of the lowest pay classification staff member(s) who have the necessary skills and training to perform the tasks along with all other costs associated with the task.

**Board** shall mean the OJRSA Board of Commissioners.

**Calendar Day** shall mean all days, including weekends and holidays.

**Capacity Permit** shall mean a Permit for OJRSA Wastewater System Capacity (or other document that serves this purpose) issued to a User or facility after January 1, 1990.

**Commercial** shall mean a company or organization occupied with or engaged in commerce or work intended for commerce. Examples include food service establishments, grocery stores, banks, hotels, office space, retail shops, multi-family developments, etc.

**Customer** shall mean a User who, according to the records of a Member City, Town of West Union, Oconee County, or the OJRSA, receives wastewater service at a site that is directly or indirectly served by the OJRSA via a sewer service connection.

**Domestic Wastewater** shall mean wastewater that originates from activities such as restroom usage, bathing, food preparation, laundry, etc.

**Equivalent Residential Unit** shall mean unit of measure used to express the amount of wastewater discharged by a typical fulltime single family residence. The OJRSA considers one ERU to equal the current gallons per day for residences (or single family residence or equivalent thereof) as listed in the current version of *South Carolina Regulation 61-67 Appendix A Unit Contributory Loadings to All Domestic Wastewater Treatment Facilities*.

**Fiscal Year** shall mean the accounting period for which the OJRSA operates, which is July 1 through June 30.

**FOG Control Device** shall mean FOG interceptors, FOG traps, or other OJRSA approved means of removing fats, oils, and grease from the wastewater conveyance and treatment system.

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FOG Generator shall mean facilities that generate fats, oils, and grease.

Hauled Waste shall mean transported waste materials and products including, but not limited to waste from vessels, chemical and/or portable toilets, campers, trailers, septic tanks, FOG interceptors, FOG traps, and vacuum pump tank trucks.

Illegal Tap shall mean any tap or connection made on an OJRSA pipe, manhole, or other facility without written authorization from the OJRSA is considered an illegal tap. The property owner as identified by Oconee County tax records as of the date the connection was discovered is responsible for these costs. Deficiencies are defined as any methods and/or materials that are not approved by the OJRSA in its current version of the *OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation*, *OJRSA Development Policy*, or other OJRSA policy. Illegal connections are also subject to South Carolina Code of Law Title 6 Section 11-280 and others as appropriate.

Impact Fee shall mean the initial charge for the allocation of wastewater treatment and transportation capacity based upon the greater of the user's permitted or projected volume of wastewater discharge or contribution to the system. The collection and use of these fees are governed by the *OJRSA Impact Fee Policy*.

Industrial User (or Industrial) shall mean a user that introduces pollutants from any non-domestic wastewater source as regulated by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (also known as the Clean Water Act), Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and/or applicable state/local laws and regulations.

Institution (or Institutional) shall mean an organization that provides services to the public or a specific sector of the public. Examples include schools, places of worship, medical facilities, prisons, etc.

Landfill Leachate shall mean a liquid that is formed when fluid from any source (e.g., rain, groundwater, wet paint, etc.) filters through wastes placed in a landfill. When this fluid comes in contact with buried wastes, it leaches, or draws out, chemicals or constituents from those wastes.

May is permissive. Shall is mandatory and requires compliance.

Master Meter shall mean a water meter that serves multiple tenants. This practice is often utilized in conjunction with multi-family developments (e.g., apartments, condominiums, etc.), subdivisions, and mobile home parks but can include other types of users.

Member Cities shall mean the cities of Seneca, Walhalla, and Westminster and others as defined by legally binding Intergovernmental Agreement(s).

Multi-Family Development shall mean a structure or complex of buildings intended for multiple families to reside in for extended periods of time. Examples include apartments, townhomes, condominiums, duplexes/multiplexes, etc. *Multi-family developments where each residential unit is served by its own water meter is considered a Residential User.*

Non-Domestic Wastewater shall mean wastewater from the production, manufacturing, or processing operations of certain Nonresidential Users, the discharge of which exceeds normal domestic wastewater maximum allowable concentration limits.

Nonresidential User (or Nonresidential) shall mean any use other than a Residential User, which may include, but is not limited to: Food Service Establishments, Industrial Users, health care facilities, religious establishments, educational facilities, assisted living facilities, office facilities, and other commercial establishments. *It shall also include apartments, condominiums, and other multi-unit housing complexes served by a Master Meter and/or with a common sewer service lateral or system serving multiple units prior to connecting with a public sewer.*

Nonroutine Work shall mean any work performed that is not defined as Routine Work, including work performed outside of normal business hours and emergency underground utility locates. *Complaint investigations are considered Nonroutine Work.*

Oconee County Sewer Commission shall mean an autonomous commission of Oconee County government and predecessor of the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority.

Residential User (or Residential) shall mean an independent residential structure that sits on its own land and is intended to be used as a single unit with unshared utilities. Includes traditional detached homes, mobile homes, Multi-Family Developments (*if units have individual sewer plumbing that is not combined prior to connection to the public sewer system*), and recreational vehicle ("RV")/camper site with an individual water meter and sewer connection. It shall not include those served by a Master Meter or those defined as a Nonresidential User.

Retail Service Area shall mean the area where the OJRSA provides the following services for customers within this area: wastewater collection, trunk conveyance, and treatment. These services may be provided on systems which the OJRSA

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owns or operates as a contractor for a separate owner. These areas are not owned, operated, nor maintained by a Member City. See Figure 1 (page 4) for more information.

Routine Work shall mean all work performed regularly, repeatedly, and according to a standard procedure. This work is (or can be) scheduled and is performed during normal business hours and includes, but is not limited to: general site inspections, preventative maintenance of equipment, maintenance or replenishment of chemical feed systems, grounds and rights-of-way cutting or herbicide application, nonemergency underground utility locates, nonemergency fueling of generators, and transporting trailers used for bar screen operations. Similar work that is performed outside of normal business hours, if necessary, shall be considered Nonroutine Work. Complaint investigations are considered Nonroutine Work.

Shall is mandatory and requires compliance. May is permissive.

South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (SCDES) shall mean the government agency, or its successor agency, responsible for protecting the State of South Carolina's air, land, and water resources as authorized under multiple state and federal laws. Prior to July 1, 2024, the agency responsible for these functions was the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control.

Special Pretreatment Device shall mean equipment used to reduce, remove, or alter the nature of pollutants in wastewater prior to entering the Public Sewer (as defined in the *OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation*). Such devices include, but are not limited to: FOG Control Devices, Oil/Water Interceptors, Sand/Oil Interceptors, Hair Trap/Interceptors, Lint Interceptors, Plaster Interceptors, Pretreatment Systems, and others as necessary to protect the conveyance system, treatment facility, and/or to comply with NPDES permit requirements.

Surcharge shall mean a charge for sewer service and treatment service for wastes having characteristics different from sanitary wastes and for which additional charges must be assessed in order to compensate for additional expenses and impacts incurred.

User shall mean any person or entity who directly or indirectly discharges, causes, or permits the discharge of domestic or nondomestic wastewater to any wastewater conveyance system directly or indirectly connected to an OJRSA facility. Users consist of Residential and Nonresidential Users as defined herein. A User can have water and/or sewer service provided by a Member City, OJRSA, or can be a Well Customer.

Well Customer shall mean a Customer that utilizes sewer service that receives potable or non-potable water from any hole that is drilled, dug, or excavated. Such Customers shall be classified as Residential or Nonresidential Users.

Wholesale Service Area shall mean the area where the retail wastewater and drinking water services are owned, operated, and maintained by a Member City. The OJRSA provides trunk wastewater conveyance and treatment services only in this area. See Figure 1 (page 4) for more information.

## Acronyms and Abbreviations

e.g.: Exempli Gratia, Latin for "for example"

ERU: Equivalent Residential Unit

FEMA: Federal Emergency Management Agency or any successor agency

FOG: Fats, Oils, and Grease

FOIA: Freedom of Information Act

FY: Fiscal Year

gal: Gallons (unit of volume)

GIS: Geographic Information System

gpd: Gallons per Day (unit of flow)

gpm: Gallons per Month (unit of volume)

GSA: United States General Services Administration or any successor agency

IU: Industrial User

lb: Pound (unit of mass)

mg/L: Milligrams per Liter (unit of concentration)

O&P: Operations & Planning

OCSC: Oconee Count Sewer Commission

OJRSA: Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority

POV: Privately Owned Vehicle

SCDES: South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (or successor agency)

SUR: *OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation*

TKN: Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen

## Document Format

This document contains fonts and styles that have certain meaning, such as a reference to other sections or materials. Below is a list of the text formats used within and what they represent in the *OJRSA Schedule of Fees*.

**BOLD CAPITAL LETTERS** Important point of emphasis

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*Italics* Title of books, manuals, and other documents

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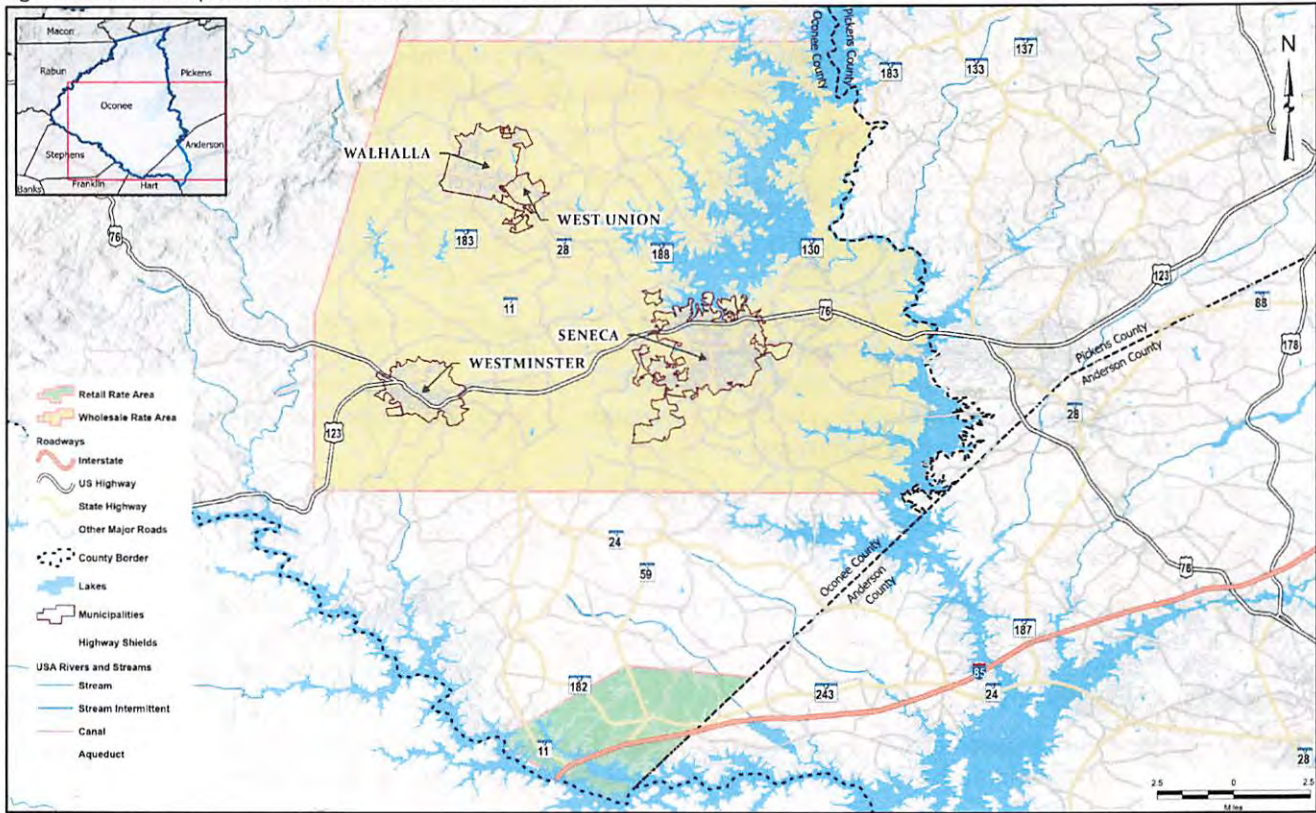
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### Service Area Map

Figure 1: General map of the Wholesale and Retail service areas



### Section 1 Residential User Rates

Residential Users are subject to fees as listed this section. See the map (Figure 1) on page 4 for more information regarding the Wholesale and Retail Service Areas. Fees for the Wholesale Service Area are based on the pro rata budgeted amount for FY 2023 that was converted to a base plus volumetric charge and approved by the Board on June 5, 2023 for FY 2024. The Retail Service Rates were recommended by Willdan Financial Services and approved by the Board on March 4, 2024.

Table 1: Residential User fees

Residential User monthly sewer fees	<p><b>WHOLESALE SERVICE AREA:</b> Base rate of \$10.00 per month per water meter plus \$5.66 volumetric rate per 1,000 gallons used (rounded in accordance with water provider policy)</p> <p><b>RETAIL SERVICE AREA:</b> Base rate in accordance with meter size as shown below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 5/8-inch or 3/4-inch \$20.00 per month</li><li>• 1-inch \$50.00 per month</li><li>• 1.5-inch \$100.00 per month</li><li>• 2-inch \$160.00 per month</li><li>• 3-inch \$320.00 per month</li><li>• 4-inch \$500.00 per month</li><li>• 6-inch \$1,000.00 per month</li><li>• 8-inch \$1,600.00 per month</li></ul>
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	plus the per month Administration Fee imposed by the water provider plus \$6.70 volumetric rate per 1,000 gallons used (rounded in accordance with water provider policy)
Residential Well Customer monthly sewer fees (no retail sewer/water provider, no water or sewer meter)	<b>WHOLESALE SERVICE AREA:</b> Base rate of \$10.00 per well per month plus flat volumetric rate of \$25.47 <sup>1</sup> per well per month (Total of \$35.47 per month)  <b>RETAIL SERVICE AREA:</b> Base rate of \$20.00 per well per month plus flat volumetric rate of \$30.15 <sup>2</sup> plus the per month Administration Fee imposed by the water provider (Total of \$50.15 per month)
Impact Fees	As detailed in SECTION 3

## Section 2 Nonresidential User Rates

Nonresidential Users, which include Commercial, Industrial, Institutional, and Master Meter Multi-Family Developments, are subject to fees as listed this section. See map (Figure 1) on page 4 for more information regarding the Wholesale and Retail Service Areas. Fees for the Wholesale Service Area are based on the pro rata budgeted amount for FY 2023 that was converted to a base plus volumetric charge and approved by the Board on June 5, 2023 for FY 2024. The Retail Service Rates were recommended by Willdan Financial Services and approved by the Board on March 4, 2024.

### 2.1 General Nonresidential User Fees

Table 2: General Nonresidential User fees

Nonresidential User monthly sewer fees	<b>WHOLESALE SERVICE AREA:</b> Base rate of \$15.00 per month per water meter plus \$7.74 volumetric rate per 1,000 gallons used (rounded in accordance with water provider policy)  <b>RETAIL SERVICE AREA:</b> Base rate in accordance with meter size as shown below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5/8-inch or 3/4-inch \$20.00 per month</li> <li>• 1-inch \$50.00 per month</li> <li>• 1.5-inch \$100.00 per month</li> <li>• 2-inch \$160.00 per month</li> <li>• 3-inch \$320.00 per month</li> <li>• 4-inch \$500.00 per month</li> <li>• 6-inch \$1,000.00 per month</li> <li>• 8-inch \$1,600.00 per month</li> </ul> plus the per month Administration Fee imposed by the water provider plus \$6.70 volumetric rate per 1,000 gallons used (rounded in accordance with water provider policy)
Nonresidential Well Customer monthly sewer fees (No Retail Sewer/Water Provider, no water meter)	<b>WHOLESALE SERVICE AREA:</b> Base rate of \$15.00 per well per month plus volumetric rate to be determined on a case-by-case basis, possibly by use of a sewer meter <sup>3</sup>  <b>RETAIL SERVICE AREA:</b> To be determined on a case-by-case basis. All fees shall include an applicable base fee, volumetric fee (possibly determined by use of a sewer meter <sup>3</sup> ), and per month Administration Fee imposed by the water provider.
Impact Fees	As detailed in SECTION 3

### 2.2 Special Pretreatment Fees

Generators requiring Special Pretreatment Devices (as defined in the *OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation*) shall pay as listed in this section.

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Table 3: Special pretreatment fees

Special Pretreatment Device User Permit Application review and processing	No fee
Special Pretreatment Device User Permit renewal	No fee
Routine and follow-up compliance inspections and administrative tasks	No fee
All laboratory analyses fees associated with a facility that is regulated by the OJRSA	Actual analysis costs incurred by OJRSA (including those if an outside laboratory is used) + 15% Administrative Fee (only if outside laboratory is used)
Special Pretreatment Device design and specifications review and approval fee for new, replacement, or modification	\$20.00 per device (one-time fee covers any future reviews necessary)
New, replacement, or modification inspection of a Special Pretreatment Device	Charged per hour with a one (1) hour minimum. Based on the hourly wage of the lowest pay classification of the Technical Services staff member(s) who has the necessary skills and training to perform the task. The rate used shall be the midpoint of the current FY pay range + benefits costs at 34% of wage + small SUV according to current <a href="#">FEMA Rate Schedule</a> (or <a href="#">GSA mileage rate for POV</a> , if applicable).
Variance inspections for a Special Pretreatment Device	Same as fee for Section 2.2 "New, replacement, or modification inspection of a Special Pretreatment Device"

### 2.3 Industrial and Other Nonresidential User Fees

Including other Nonresidential User fees, Industrial Users are subject to fees as listed this section. Fees based on April 18, 2025 recommendation from Goldie Associates (consultant) after evaluation of program and/or treatment costs at facility(ies).

Table 4: Other Industrial and Nonresidential User fees

Industrial Pretreatment Permit Application Processing	No fee
Industrial Pretreatment Permit Renewal	No fee
Nonsignificant Source Wastewater Discharge Permit Application	No fee
Nonsignificant Source Wastewater Discharge Permit	No fee
Other permits not explicitly listed in this Schedule of Fees	No fee
Calculation of Surcharges	\$30.00 per quarter for periods when calculations are necessary
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) Surcharge	\$0.00 for concentration of 0-250 mg/L \$0.30 per pound above 250 mg/L <sup>4,5</sup>
Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) Surcharge	\$0.00 for concentration of 0-750 mg/L \$0.30 per pound above 750 mg/L <sup>4,5</sup>
Phosphorus (P) Surcharge	\$0.00 for concentration of 0-7 mg/L \$0.40 per pound above 7 mg/L <sup>4</sup>
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN) <sup>6</sup> Surcharge	\$0.00 for concentration of 0-30 mg/L \$0.40 per pound above 30 mg/L <sup>4</sup>
Total Suspended Solids (TSS) Surcharge	\$0.00 for concentration of 0-250 mg/L \$0.50 per pound above 250 mg/L <sup>4</sup>
Flow (gpd) Surcharge	Same volumetric rate as stated in SECTION 2.1 Nonresidential User Monthly Fees Wholesale Service Area per 1,000 gallons above permitted limit (rounded up to the next 1,000 gallons)
Late Discharge Monitoring Report from low volume dischargers and Industrial Users	\$100.00 the first day late and \$50.00 per business day thereafter until report is received and Notice of Violation or other enforcement action as required by the <i>OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation</i> .
Unused capacity fee for Industrial Users <i>See illustration in Figure 2 for general information</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Average monthly discharge of 50% or more (<math>\geq 50\%</math>) of their capacity as stated on the industry's current <i>Significant Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit</i> as issued by OJRSA -</li> </ul>

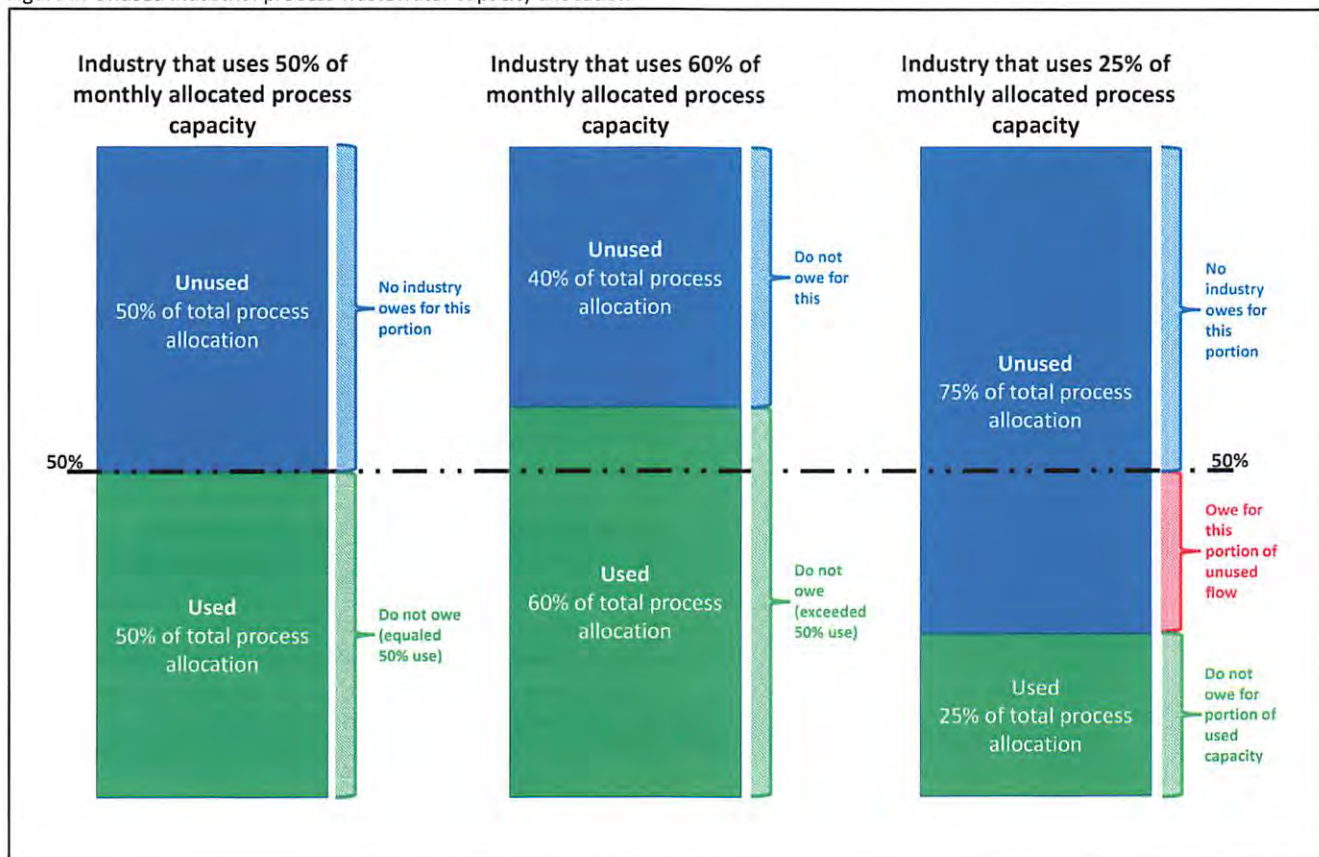


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	<p>\$0.00 per month when the facility's total flow discharged for the month is at least 50% of their total monthly allocated flow.<sup>7,8</sup></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Average monthly discharge of less than 50% (&lt; 50%) of their capacity as stated on the industry's current <i>Significant Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit</i> as issued by OJRSA.           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- \$2.00 per 1,000 gallons of not utilized by the industry between the industry's actual total monthly discharge and 50% of their permitted monthly discharge. [NOTE: The permitted industry is only paying for unused process wastewater capacity for the volume range of 0% to 50% of the amount as listed on their OJRSA-issued Significant Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit.]<sup>7,8</sup></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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Figure 2: Unused industrial process wastewater capacity allocation



## 2.4 Industrial Pretreatment Billing Expense Billing

Industries subject to OJRSA industrial pretreatment requirements must pay program fees using the following methodology:

### A. Quarterly billing:

- Base fee:  $1/x$  (where  $x$  is equal to the number of Industrial Users that have a *Significant Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit* during that quarter) of the salary and benefits expensed for the designated Pretreatment Coordinator (and additional dedicated department staff, if applicable);
- Items related to materials or services procured for the industry, such as: licenses/certifications/memberships; seminars/workshops/training; legal; public relations and advertising; mailing/shipping; office supplies; supplies/tools; technology (phones/internet/ television); professional and service contracts; and rolling stock and equipment;
- Hours and benefits that other OJRSA employees spend working on items associated with the industry;
- Surcharge fees for flow and particular chemical exceedances as stated in SECTION 2.3 Table 4;
- Unused monthly capacity fees as stated in SECTION 2.3 Table 4; and

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6. Twenty percent (20%) administration fee on SECTION 2.4 Paragraphs A.1, A.2, and A.3 only.<sup>9</sup>
- B. A 10% late fee is added every 30 days the invoice has not been paid.
- C. Penalties and fines associated with enforcement action are to be paid invoiced at the time expense is incurred.

### 2.5 Hauled Waste Program Fees

Fees are supportive of the *OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation* and other requirements and are subject to the OJRSA's acceptance of any or all products as stated within the Regulation and/or availability to accept at the Water Reclamation Facility for treatment or disposal. Fees based on April 18, 2025 recommendation from Goldie Associates (consultant) after evaluation of program and/or treatment costs at facility(ies).

Table 5: Hauled waste program fees

Hauled Waste Disposal Permit	\$120.00 per year (prorated based on the permit effective date) <sup>10,11</sup>
Sanitary sewage from septic tank	\$200.00 per 1,000 gallons (rounded up to the next 1,000 gallons; if the OJRSA can meter the discharge, then the fee will be \$0.185 per gallon) <sup>12</sup>
Hauled liquid treatment plant waste (e.g., sludge from package treatment plant)	\$200.00 per 1,000 gallons (rounded up to the next 1,000 gallons; if the OJRSA can meter the discharge, then the fee will be \$0.185 per gallon) <sup>12</sup>
Portable toilet waste	\$75.00 per 1,000 gallons (rounded up to the next 1,000 gallons; if the OJRSA can meter the discharge, then the fee will be \$0.066 per gallon). <sup>12</sup>
Hauled waste solids	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current tipping fee (in tons or pounds, rounded up to next ton or billable weight/volume as charged by the landfill or final disposal site) + current transportation costs (as charged by third-party waste hauler) + 25% Administrative Fee. <u>Since this fee can change with little to no notice by the landfill or hauler, it is suggested to call 864-972-3900 and request the current fee prior to delivery of hauled waste solids to OJRSA.</u></li> <li>• If solids can be weighed by certified scale either independently owned or owned by OJRSA, then OJRSA will bill based on partial weight of load using the same calculation as above but with actual weight instead of rounded.</li> </ul>
Landfill leachate	Same volumetric rate as stated in SECTION 2.1 Nonresidential User monthly sewer fees per 1,000 gallons (rounded up to the next 1,000 gallons) + Calculation of Surcharge fee (as stated in SECTION 2.3 + Surcharge rates (as stated in SECTION 2.3)
Grease	Per <i>OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation</i> , the OJRSA no longer accepts grease as of October 1, 2023
Afterhours acceptance fee as stated in SECTION 10.2(A)(2) of the <i>OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation</i>	\$150.00 <u>per delivery</u> + other disposal costs based on product received as stated within SECTION 2.5 Table 5
Sampling and analysis of hauled waste	\$25.00 per analysis + applicable contract lab costs
Failure to clean OJRSA manual bar screen at hauled waste discharge locations	\$50.00 per delivery for first offense, \$100 for second offense, and \$500 for third and subsequent offenses <sup>12</sup>

## Section 3 Impact Fees

- A. Fees established in this Policy are based Weston & Sampson April 3, 2025 memorandum titled "Impact Fee Analysis – SCDES Contributory Loadings".
- B. This Policy applies when a developer requests water and/or sewer service with the retail utility provider. The OJRSA will not approve the establishment of water or sewer service nor the issuance of a building permit until all fees are paid.
- C. Impact Fees are based on the *OJRSA Schedule of Fees* at the time an Application for Capacity in the OJRSA Sewer System form is completed by the owner/developer.
  1. Impact Fees are in Table 6.



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2. If there is a Board-approved change to Impact Fees within twenty (20) calendar days of when OJRSA has notified the developer of their Impact Fees that are due and that submitted plans have already been approved by OJRSA, then the developer has ten (10) calendar days beyond the date the fees change (inclusive of the first day of the change) to pay the Impact Fees that were presented; otherwise the new Impact Fee rates shall apply.
- D. Impact Fees collected are held in a restricted fund and are to be used only for specific projects and purposes allowed by law and OJRSA policy. (See the *OJRSA Impact Fee Policy* and *OJRSA Financial and Accounting Policy*).
- E. Fees shall be based on SECTION 7 TABLE 24 of *OJRSA Development Policy* as approved by the OJRSA Board of Commissioners.
- F. Subdivisions
1. For Subdivisions Constructed Prior to July 1, 2021 – Homes constructed within these subdivisions will be responsible for paying a singular Impact Fee based on one residence or subdivision lot as stated in Table 6.
  2. For Subdivisions Planned or Constructed After July 1, 2021 – Prior to the OJRSA issuing a Willingness & Ability to Serve, Commitment to Own, Commitment to Own & Operate, or other such letter required by the South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (SCDES) that is necessary for the permitting of a wastewater collection system extension serving a development, the owner/developer shall pay Impact Fees for all lots within the subdivision. These fees shall be based on the number of lots multiplied by the fee for one residence or subdivision lot as stated in Table 6.
- G. Customers Using Unmetered Connections or Groundwater Wells
1. Unmetered Residential Connections – Residential Users directly or indirectly connected to a OJRSA wastewater conveyance system or treatment facility that use wells or other unmetered connections for their water supply shall be charged an Impact Fee for each well that is connected to the sewer system at the same rate as one residence or subdivision lot as listed in Table 6.
  2. Unmetered Nonresidential Customers – Nonresidential customers directly or indirectly connected to the OJRSA wastewater conveyance system or treatment facility that use wells or other unmetered connections for their water supply shall be charged an Impact Fee for each well that is connected to the sewer system. An engineer of the OJRSA's choosing will determine the appropriate Impact Fee for each customer. Such fees made by the OJRSA's consultant shall not establish precedence for similar circumstances that may occur in the future.
- H. Circumstances Not Addressed in this Policy – Unusual situations and conditions not addressed in this Policy will be considered in consultation with the OJRSA's engineer on a case-by-case basis. Such decisions made by the OJRSA shall not establish precedence for similar circumstances that may occur in the future.

Table 6: Impact fees

Type of Use	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Impact Fee for one residence or subdivision lot as per Item CC in SECTION 7 TABLE 24 of <i>OJRSA Development Policy</i> , <u>which shall be referred to as one Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU). This includes residences or subdivision lots that are connected to sewer but are served by a well for water.</u>	\$4,100 for one ERU	\$5,005 for one ERU	\$7,720 for one ERU
Impact Fee for other uses as listed in SECTION 7 TABLE 24 of <i>OJRSA Development Policy</i>	\$13.66/gallon	\$19.70/gallon	\$25.73/gallon
Process wastewater as listed on Industrial User Permit issued by OJRSA <u>(per acquisition of new or additional capacity, not per renewal of IU Permit)</u>	\$13.66/gallon	\$19.70/gallon	\$25.73/gallon
Other circumstances not addressed in this Policy or as defined in the <i>OJRSA Impact Fee Policy</i>	\$13.66/gallon	\$19.70/gallon	\$25.73/gallon

## Section 4 Engineering, Connection, and Inspection Fees

The OJRSA shall charge the fees as listed in Table 7 for engineering, plan reviews, inspection, taps/connections, and other such services. Fees based on May 22, 2025 recommendation from Weston & Sampson (consultant) after evaluation of program costs and OJRSA determination of inspection and service fees.

Table 7: Engineering and inspection fees

Hydraulic modeling analysis for downstream impact caused by potential or proposed new or upsized development that will increase flow by at least 10,000	Actual consultant's fee + 25% Administrative Fee. This fee will be updated on the <u>Downstream Wastewater Modeling Analysis Request</u> form as stated at <a href="http://www.ojrsa.org">www.ojrsa.org</a> .
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<p>gpd or for areas of concern within the sewer system as identified in the current version of the OJRSA hydraulic model or known of areas of concerns. <u><i>This is to be based on This is to be based on SCDES Regulation 61-67 Appendix A Unit Contributory Loadings to All Domestic Wastewater Treatment Facilities.</i></u></p>	
<p>Other developer costs not covered elsewhere in the <i>OJRSA Schedule of Fees</i> (includes studies or additional work performed by OJRSA and/or its consultants for a project)</p>	<p>For each task required, the developer shall compensate the OJRSA for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>IF WORK PERFORMED SOLELY BY OJRSA STAFF:</b> The rate used shall be the midpoint of the current year FY pay range for all staff positions involved + benefits costs at 34% of wages + equipment costs according to current <u><i>FEMA Rate Schedule, GSA mileage rate for POV</i></u>, and/or equipment/material purchase and/or rental fees as applicable.</li> <li>• <b>IF WORK TO BE PERFORMED SOLELY BY A CONSULTANT:</b> The fee shall be the actual consultant's fee + 25% Administration Fee.</li> <li>• <b>IF WORK IS TO BE A COMBINATION OF OJRSA STAFF AND A CONSULTANT:</b> The fee shall be based on the actual consultant's fee + the midpoint of the current year FY pay range for all staff positions involved + benefits costs at 34% of wages + costs of equipment used according to current <u><i>FEMA Rate Schedule, GSA mileage rate for POV</i></u>, and/or equipment/material purchase and/or rental fees as applicable.</li> </ul>
<p>Plans and specifications review<sup>13</sup> <u><i>(unless otherwise noted, these fees are for each review, including resubmittals)</i></u></p>	<p><u><i>Single Family Homes</i></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On individual lot not located in a subdivision (unless there is a grinder pump, then only the grinder pump fee listed below is applicable) – \$0.00<sup>14,15,16</sup></li> <li>• To be located in a subdivision/planned development that requires gravity sewer and/or force mains installation – \$0.07 per linear foot of pipe</li> <li>• Pump station addition to serve development – \$300.00 per station (one review fee covers initial review of each plus resubmittals)</li> <li>• Grinder pumps for individual units – \$2.00 per pump</li> </ul> <p><u><i>Multi-Family Development</i></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No amenities (pool, clubhouse, etc.) – \$1.85 per residential living unit</li> <li>• If includes amenities – \$3.10 per residential living unit</li> <li>• Gravity sewer and/or force main extension – \$0.07 per linear foot of pipe</li> <li>• Pump station addition to serve development – \$300.00 per station (one review fee covers initial review of each plus resubmittals)</li> <li>• Grinder pumps for individual units – \$2.00 per pump</li> <li>• Buildings other than residential living units and those that provide amenities (pool, clubhouse, etc.) shall be calculated</li> </ul>

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	<p>as a Commercial, Industrial, and/or Institutional Facility as stated below.</p> <p><u>Commercial, Industrial, and/or Institutional Facility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building space – \$0.04 per square foot of building space served by water and/or sewer</li> <li>• Gravity sewer and/or force main extension – \$0.07 per linear foot of pipe</li> <li>• Pump station addition to serve development – \$300.00 per station (one review fee covers initial review of each plus resubmittals)</li> <li>• Grinder pumps for individual units – \$2.00 per pump</li> </ul> <p><u>Special Pretreatment Devices</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See Section 2.2</li> </ul>
General inspection fees (for inspections other than new, replacement, or modification inspection of a Special Pretreatment Device)	<p>Charged per hour with a two (2) hour minimum. Based on the hourly wage of the lowest pay classification of the staff member(s) who has the necessary skills and training to perform the task. The rate used shall be the midpoint of the current year FY pay range + benefits costs at 34% of wage + ½-ton truck according to current <a href="#">FEMA Rate Schedule</a> (or <a href="#">GSA mileage rate for POV</a>, if applicable).</p> <p>For inspection fees associated with Special Pretreatment Devices, see Section 2.2.</p>
<p>GIS and system mapping fees<sup>17</sup> <u>This is applicable to developments installing infrastructure that requires a SCDES Construction Permit (or equivalent) and/or for onsite privately-owned wastewater infrastructure that is greater than or equal to 8-inches in diameter and/or has a privately-owned pump station and force main.</u></p> <p>This fee applies to any portion of the system served directly or indirectly by OJRSA.</p>	<p>\$250.00 Base Fee for up to 1,000 linear feet of gravity sewer and/or force main pipe + \$0.25 per additional linear foot of pipe. There is not a fee associated with pump station construction.<sup>18</sup></p> <p><u>Note: The minimum fee due is the Base Fee.</u></p>
Tap and tap maintenance fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In addition to Impact Fees, all new connections that physically connect directly with the OJRSA wastewater conveyance system must pay the costs to install each tap plus 30% to fund future maintenance of connection. Actual costs are for labor, equipment, and materials and may be performed by either OJRSA or a contractor for OJRSA.</li> <li>• If a contractor makes connection (or installs manhole with precast service connection(s)) and they are paid directly by the developer, then the developer shall be required to pay \$200 per diameter inch of the connection to OJRSA's system for future maintenance. The contractor will not have to pay a construction tap fee to the OJRSA as the OJRSA did not incur any costs.<sup>19</sup></li> </ul>
Disconnection from sewer system	\$400.00
Reconnection to sewer system	\$400.00

## **Section 5 Contract Services Provided for Non-Wholesale OJRSA Wastewater Systems (including Retail Sewer System)**

The OJRSA shall charge the fees as stated in this section for Routine and Nonroutine Work performed for other utility owners on a contractual basis.

### **5.1 Routine Work**

Table 8: Routine Work fees

Routine Work (as stated in the DEFINITIONS section)	\$6,500 per calendar quarter
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### **5.2 Nonroutine Work**

Nonroutine Work shall be billed in accordance with the fees listed in Table 9.

Table 9: Nonroutine Work fees

OJRSA Personnel	<p><u><b>Exempt Staff</b></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work performed during normal business hours (charged in 1/10 hour increments) – Midpoint of hourly wage of position classification(s) performing task x hours worked in 1/10 hour increment + benefits costs at 34% of wage<sup>20</sup></li> <li>• Work performed during non-business hours – (Midpoint of hourly wage of position classification(s) performing task x hours worked in 1/10 hour increment) x 1.5 (to convert wage to overtime pay) + benefits costs at 34% of wage<sup>20</sup></li> </ul> <p><u><b>Non-Exempt Staff</b></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work performed during normal business hours – Midpoint of hourly wage of position classification(s) performing task x hours worked in 1/10 hour increment + benefits costs at 34% of wage<sup>20</sup></li> <li>• Work performed during non-business hours – Midpoint of hourly wage of position classification(s) performing task x hours worked in 1/10 hour increment + benefits costs at 34% of wage<sup>20</sup></li> </ul> <p><u><b>Other Items</b></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General accounting – Midpoint of hourly wage of position tasked with accounts payable/receivable x 0.4 hours + benefits costs at 34% of wage<sup>20</sup></li> <li>• Industrial pretreatment program – Midpoint of hourly wage of position tasked with pretreatment program oversight x hours worked in 1/4 hour increment + benefits costs at 34% of wage<sup>20</sup></li> <li>• Engineering – Midpoint of hourly wage of position tasked with engineering or program management x hours worked in 1/4 hour increment + benefits costs at 34% of wage<sup>20</sup></li> </ul>
Vehicles and Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transportation of staff only (no work to be performed that requires tools other than those necessary for SC811 locates)</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <a href="#">GSA mileage rate for POV</a> x total mileage driven + 25% Administrative Fee</li> <li>• Vehicles used for performing work (other than SC811 locates) – <a href="#">FEMA Rate Schedule</a> x total hours used (or miles mileage driven, if applicable) + 25% Administrative Fee</li> <li>• OJRSA vehicles or equipment not listed in <a href="#">FEMA Rate Schedule</a> – Cost to rent comparable vehicle or unit of equipment + 25% Administrative Fee</li> <li>• Rental vehicles or equipment – Actual rental cost + 25% Administrative Fee</li> </ul>
Materials and services (including use of non-OJRSA personnel)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Materials– Actual unit cost + 25% Administrative Fee</li> <li>• Services provided by others – Actual cost of services + 25% Administrative Fee</li> <li>• Utilities paid by OJRSA – Actual cost + 25% Administrative Fee</li> </ul>

## Section 6 Other Fees and Fines

### 6.1 Financial and Late Fees

Table 10: Financial and late fees

Credit or debit card processing	Customer to pay actual transaction fee charged by processing company
Late payments	All payments not received within 30 days of the issuance of the invoice will be charged a 10% late fee for every 30 days the payment is outstanding
Returned check (NSF) fee	\$30.00 per returned check

### 6.2 Freedom of Information Act Fees

Table 11: FOIA fees

Minutes of the meetings of the public body for the preceding six (6) months	No fee per SC Law §30-4-30(D)
Documents produced by the public body or its agent that were distributed to or reviewed by a member of the public body during a public meeting for the preceding six (6) months	No fee per SC Law §30-4-30(D)
Cumulative research and retrieval time if less than 10 minutes <u>and</u> the total number of documents requested by the FOIA requestor is 10 pages or less	No fee
Documents are in electronic format at the time a request is received	No fee for electronic files per SC Law §30-40-30(B); however, applicable research fees shall still apply. Documents will be provided for distribution once any necessary research fees have been paid.
Scanning documents to electronic format	Actual costs + contract services costs, if applicable. Fifteen percent (15%) Administrative Fee will be added to contract services costs.
Staff research, search, retrieval, redaction, and copying	Prorating of fees shall be based on increments of one-tenth (1/10) of an hour and will not exceed the prorated hourly wage of lowest pay classification of the staff member(s) who has the necessary skills and training to fulfill the request.

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Distribution of records methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pick-up at OJRSA Administrative Complex – No fee<sup>21</sup></li> <li>• U.S. First Class Mail – Actual cost of postage<sup>21</sup></li> <li>• Filesharing website or email – No fee<sup>21</sup></li> <li>• Flash drive – Actual cost of flash drive<sup>21,22</sup></li> </ul>
Copies	<p><u>Black &amp; white</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8.5 x 11 and 8.5 x 14 – Other applicable fees + \$0.10 per page</li> <li>• 11 x 17 – Other applicable fees + \$0.25 per page</li> <li>• Larger than 11 x 17 – Other applicable fees + \$0.50 per square foot or contract service costs + 15% Administrative Fee</li> </ul> <p><u>Color</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8.5 x 11 and 8.5 x 14 – Other applicable fees + \$0.15 per page</li> <li>• 11 x 17 – Other applicable fees + \$0.50 per page</li> <li>• Larger than 11 x 17 – Other applicable fees + \$0.50 per square foot or contract service costs + 15% Administrative Fee</li> </ul>
Other reproduction services	Other applicable fees + actual costs + 15% Administrative Fee

### 6.3 Penalties and Fines

Table 12: Penalties and fines

Illegal Taps or other illegal connections	\$2,000.00 penalty + Applicable Impact Fee(s) + Tap Fee(s) + Cost of Repairs and/or Cleaning to System + General Inspection Fees + Applicable Legal Fees
Users who violate the provisions of the <i>OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation</i> or fail to abide by any rules, requirements, or procedures that OJRSA implements in support of the Regulation	As stated in SECTION 8 of the <i>OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation</i>

END OF FEES

## Section 7 Appeal of Fees

- A. Items as stated within the *OJRSA Schedule of Fees* can be appealed to the OJRSA Board of Commissioners via the agency's standing Operations & Planning (O&P) Committee by requesting that OJRSA Administration add the matter to an O&P Committee meeting agenda. Dates of the meetings can be found on the OJRSA website ([www.ojrsa.org](http://www.ojrsa.org)) but it is recommended that the requestor filing for appeal contact the OJRSA office by phone at 864-972-3900 to confirm meeting dates and times. Requestors asking for a variance of this Policy shall attend all meetings to present their case for appeal and address questions and concerns from OJRSA Commissioners and staff; however, attending the meetings is not a substitute for submitting a written appeal as stated above.
- B. Requests for appeals must be received no less than five (5) business days prior to the upcoming meeting and must be in writing to:
 

Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority  
 ATTN: Executive Director  
 623 Return Church Road  
 Seneca, South Carolina 29678  
[info@ojrsa.org](mailto:info@ojrsa.org)
- C. If the request for variance is approved by the O&P Committee, then it will proceed to the OJRSA Board of Commissioners at the next scheduled meeting for consideration. The decision made by the Board of Commissioners shall be final.



## Endnotes (Comments, Examples, and Fee Justification)

- <sup>1</sup> Wholesale Residential Well Customer rate is based on estimated wastewater discharge of 150 gallons per day x 30 days per month = 4,500 gallons per month ÷ 1,000 = 4.5 thousand gallons per month x \$5.66 per 1,000 gallons per month = \$25.47.
- <sup>2</sup> Retail Residential Well Customer rate is based on estimated wastewater discharge of 150 gallons per day x 30 days per month = 4,500 gallons per month ÷ 1,000 = 4.5 thousand gallons per month x \$6.70 per 1,000 gallons per month = \$30.15.
- <sup>3</sup> To be determined by a special meter to measure water discharged to sewer ("sewer meter") or other means as recommended by a qualified engineering and/or rate consultant and approved by OJRSA Administration.
- <sup>4</sup> The formula for calculating surcharges is: (Monthly Concentration Average for Monitoring Parameter minus Surcharge Concentration Threshold for Same Parameter) x 8.34 conversion factor x (Total Flow for the Month in Gallons ÷ 1,000,000 Gallons) x Surcharge Rate = Surcharge Amount Due in Dollars NOTE: If an industry samples less frequently than monthly (i.e., quarterly), then the monthly average calculation will continue each month until the next month the parameter is sampled.  
The following calculation uses fictitious fees for demonstration purposes only (This example uses fees for BOD; however, the same formula applies for all monitored parameters. Fee calculations shall use those listed in the current OJRSA Schedule of Fees) – An industry has a monthly BOD average concentration of 500 mg/L. The total flow for the month is 310,000 gallons and the threshold limit for BOD is 250 mg/L. The BOD surcharge rate is \$0.30/lb of BOD.  
Step 1: (500 mg/L - 250 mg/L) x 8.34 x (310,000 gal/month ÷ 1,000,000 gal) x \$0.30/lb of BOD = BOD Surcharge Fee  
Step 2: 250 mg/L x 8.34 x 0.310 million gal/month x \$0.30/lb of BOD = BOD Surcharge Fee  
BOD Surcharge Fee Due = \$193.91
- <sup>5</sup> An industry will not be charged both BOD and COD, the surcharge will be calculated for both BOD and COD and the industry will be charged the higher rate.
- <sup>6</sup> The sum of organic nitrogen, ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>), and ammonium (NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>) in wastewater. TKN does not include Nitrate (NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>) and Nitrite (NO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>).
- <sup>7</sup> Total Industrial User capacity per month is equal to the facility's Permitted Allocated Capacity per day multiplied by the number of days for each month individually (e.g., 31 days for January, 28 days for February, etc.).  
The following calculation uses fictitious fees for demonstration purposes only (Fee calculations shall use those listed in the current OJRSA Schedule of Fees) – An industry is permitted for a maximum allocation of 20,000 gpd of process wastewater discharge. In January (31 days in the month), they discharge a total of 176,700 gallons. The Unused Capacity threshold is 50% (meaning if they do not average greater than or equal to 50% of their allocated maximum discharge as stated on the permit, then they are subject to paying an unused capacity fee for that month for the unused volume between their actual monthly discharge and 50% of their permitted volume). The rate is \$1.50/1,000 gallons, which is prorated (not rounded to nearest 1,000 gallons).  
Step 1: Determine if the industry is subject to an unused process wastewater allocation capacity fee. Is the facility's monthly discharge at least 50% of their allocation of 20,000 gpd?  
20,000 gpd x 31 days = 620,000 gal per month of maximum permitted discharge  
176,700 gal actually discharged in January ÷ 620,000 gal max allowed x 100 = 28.5% usage of capacity  
This facility DID NOT meet or exceed 50% of their discharge, so they will owe an unused capacity fee. (They would have needed to discharge at least 310,000 gallons in January to reach the 50% threshold.)  
Step 2: Determine the amount of fee owed.  
((Total Capacity Per Month x Allowed Percentage) – Total Monthly Discharge) ÷ 1,000 gal x \$1.50/1,000 gal = Fee Owed for Month  
(620,000 gpM x 50%) – 176,700 gpM ÷ 1,000 gal x \$1.50/1,000 gal = \$199.95 owed for January
- <sup>8</sup> Unused Industrial User capacity fees are collected for the purpose of treatment and conveyance system expansion and are held in the restricted Impact Fee Fund in accordance with the *OJRSA Impact Fee Policy* and *OJRSA Financial and Accounting Policy* for the Wholesale or Retail Service Area, as appropriate, to be used in accordance with the *OJRSA Impact Fee Policy*.
- <sup>9</sup> Industrial pretreatment expense billing Administrative Fee covers incidentals and general labor spent by other OJRSA staff that are involved in the pretreatment program as necessary, as well as general use materials used by the program collectively (e.g., fuel used for vehicle, general office supplies, electricity and other utilities for program, etc.). If specific industries require substantial time by other OJRSA staff, then the industries that the work is performed for shall be billed for this time based on the hourly wages of the lowest pay classification staff member(s) who have the necessary skills and training to perform the tasks.
- <sup>10</sup> Hauled Waste Disposal Permit fee is based on the calendar year (January through December), not the Fiscal Year. If waste hauler is issued a Hauled Waste Disposal Permit (HWDP), then they must pay for the entire month the HWDP is applied for. Providing the waste hauler is in good standing with the OJRSA, the HWDP will remain valid through December 31 of that year. Amount owed if HWDP is obtained anytime during that month (e.g., if they apply for the HWDP on May 31, they must pay the amount for May as shown in the list within this footnote):

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January = \$120.00	May = \$80.00	September = \$40.00
February = \$110.00	June = \$70.00	October = \$30.00
March = \$100.00	July = \$60.00	November = \$20.00
April \$90.00	August = \$50.00	December = \$10.00

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- <sup>11</sup> There are no refunds issued on Hauled Waste Disposal Permits.
- <sup>12</sup> Waste hauler also subject to other enforcement actions as stated in the *OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation* and other applicable regulations and policies.
- <sup>13</sup> Plan reviews based on average time and labor costs for an OJRSA staff member and/or third-party consultant employed by OJRSA to perform such functions.
- <sup>14</sup> For each review, including resubmittals. If the owner/developer changes the plans after the initial review or corrections must be made per the *OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation*, *OJRSA Development Policy*, other OJRSA policy, or requirements imposed by a Member City or other governmental agency, the fee must be paid for each review thereafter.
- <sup>15</sup> There are no fees for projects that are designed and installed by a Member City when they are paying for the installation themselves, such as if a city is installing a main line extension entirely at their own expense and is not funded by a developer or other party. In most cases, the projects that meet this exemption are when a Member City is installing infrastructure to replace or rehabilitate existing facilities or when they are extending their own system at their own expense (and not as a pay-in-advance or reimbursement project by third-party(ies)). Appeals can be made by the Member City to the OJRSA Board of Commissioners in accordance with the process stated within SECTION 7 of the *OJRSA Schedule of Fees* to determine if this fee should be waived for other projects.
- <sup>16</sup> Or in a subdivision that received a Permit for OJRSA Wastewater System Capacity (or equivalent) prior to January 1, 2020. These were considered at the time the original subdivision plans were reviewed.
- <sup>17</sup> This fee is used for the OJRSA to incorporate data from the record drawings and other supporting documents (e.g., GPS devices, surveys, etc.) into its Geographic Information System map, which is used for hydraulic modeling, manage and track work orders, asset management, planning, etc.
- <sup>18</sup> The following calculation uses fictitious fees for demonstration purposes only (*Fee calculations shall use those listed in the current OJRSA Schedule of Fees*) – A project has been designed that has a 900 linear feet of gravity sewer pipe, 400 feet of force main pipe, and one (1) pump station. The Base Fee for the first 1,000 linear feet of total pipe is \$200.00 and the fee per additional linear foot of pipe is \$0.25/foot. There is no cost for the pump station.
- Step 1: 900 feet of gravity + 400 feet of force main = 1,300 total linear feet of pipe for project
- Step 2: 1,300 total linear feet – 1,000 linear feet for base rate = 300 linear feet above the base
- Step 3: \$200.00 Base Fee + (300 linear feet x \$0.25/foot) + (1 pump station x \$0.00) = GIS fee due
- Step 4: \$200 + \$75 + \$0 = GIS fee due
- GIS Fee Due = \$275.00
- <sup>19</sup> Fee to pay for future maintenance of connection. The following calculation uses fictitious fees for demonstration purposes only (*Fee calculations shall use those listed in the current OJRSA Schedule of Fees*) – A contractor will bore into an existing OJRSA manhole to make one (1) 4-inch pipe diameter service connection. The Tap Maintenance Fee Due at the time is \$200/inch diameter. (*OR* contractor shall set a doghouse manhole on existing OJRSA pipeline with one (1) 4-inch pipe diameter service connection.)
- Step 1: \$200/inch diameter x 4-inch pipe diameter = Tap Maintenance Fee Due
- Step 2: \$800 = Tap Maintenance Fee Due
- <sup>20</sup> “Benefits fee” is a general term that covers employer costs for South Carolina Retirement System expenses, Social Security, Medicare, insurance, etc.
- <sup>21</sup> All copying, staff time, and other applicable fees must be paid prior to distribution of requested materials.
- <sup>22</sup> Device must be provided by the OJRSA to avoid risk of potential viruses that may be on flash drives belonging to the requester.

## OJRSA Schedule of Fees

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### Revision History

As this document is an extension of the *OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation*, previous editions must be maintained in accordance with the *OJRSA Records Retention Policy*.

Revision Number	Effective Date	Description of Changes
0000	02/18/1980	Initial sewer user fees developed and approved by OCSC Board.
0001	08/04/1980	Hauled waste disposal fee modified.
0002	06/19/1984	Sewer use fees increased.
0003	01/01/1985	Revised sewer treatment fees developed and approved by OCSC Board via resolution approved on 01/07/1985.
0004	07/01/1985	Resolution approved on 01/07/1985 expired and rate structure changed.
0005	08/28/1989	Approved annual industry permitting fee on 08/28/1989.
0006	01/01/1990	Oconee County Ordinance [19]89-6 established Impact Fee for treatment capacity for future renovation, modernization, and expansion. OCSC approved on 08/28/1989.
0007	09/10/1990	Approved 2% late fee.
0008	10/07/1996	Approved increase of septic tank waste disposal and treatment fees.
0009	04/07/1997	Approved industrial surcharge fees.
0010	06/05/2000	Hauled waste fee increase approved.
0011	07/03/2006	Approved increase to Impact Fees and established a tap fee.
0012	04/01/2008	Approved addition of a "Transportation and Trunk Line Impact Fee."
0013	05/05/2008	Hauled waste fees increase based on percent increase on Member City fees.
0014	02/02/2009	Approved 20% Administrative Fee for permitted Industrial Users.
0015	10/03/2011	<i>OJRSA Schedule of Fees</i> updated.
0016	10/05/2015	Impact Fee calculation method changed.
0017	12/04/2017	Added fee for acceptance of portable toilet waste.
0018	11/06/2018	Inclusion of additional fees for credit card transactions, returned check, fats oils and grease program, engineering services, and FOIA. Approved by OJRSA Board on 11/05/2018.
0019	02/04/2019	Approved industrial facility flow surcharge and revised biosolids disposal fees.
0020	04/09/2021	Revised hauled waste program fees per <i>OJRSA Resolution 2021-11 Hauled Waste Policy Update</i> .
0021	07/01/2021	Revised Impact Fees per <i>OJRSA Resolution 2021-12 Impact Fee Policy Update</i> .
0022	10/01/2021	Approved comprehensive fee update on 09/13/2021.
0023	07/01/2022	Established unused capacity fee for Industrial Users. Includes other minor modifications.
0024	07/01/2023	Eliminated pro rata share model for user fees and established base plus volumetric model for Residential and Nonresidential Users.
0025	01/01/2024	Revised Impact Fees per <i>OJRSA Resolution 2024-04</i> .
0026	03/04/2024	Board approved newly established Retail Service Area rates.
0027	05/06/2024	Board approved updated fees per <i>OJRSA Resolution 2024-10</i> .
0028	06/02/2025	Board approved updated fees per <i>OJRSA Resolution 2025-05</i> .

END OF REVISIONS



## RESOLUTION 2025-05

### Adoption of Fiscal Year 2026 Comprehensive Budget and Fee Schedule

**A RESOLUTION OF THE OCONEE JOINT REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY COMMISSION TO ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO**

**WHEREAS**, the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority, South Carolina (the "Authority") was established pursuant to Title 6, Chapter 25 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, by its three member-municipalities: the City of Seneca, the City of Walhalla, and the City of Westminster under the terms of an Intergovernmental Agreement dated October 31, 2007.

**WHEREAS**, the staff of the Authority has prepared a budget (the "Budget") for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2026 ("Fiscal Year 2026"), the provisions of which establish annual budgets for the Authority's general fund, projects and contingency fund, wholesale impact fund, retail operations and maintenance fund and retail impact fund.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the requirements of Sections 6-1-80 and 6-1-330 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended ("SC Code"), a public hearing before the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority Commission, as the governing body of the Authority (the "Commission"), was conducted on June 2, 2025 (the "Public Hearing") on the matter of the adoption of the Budget (as proposed).

**WHEREAS**, the Budget has been presented for the approval of the Commission.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be resolved by the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority Commission in meeting duly assembled, finds as follows:

SECTION 1: It is hereby appropriated from the Wholesale Operations & Maintenance Fund (General Fund), Projects & Contingency Fund, Wholesale Impact Fund, Retail Operations & Maintenance Fund, and Retail Impact Fund, the following amounts of money for the following respective purposes for and during Fiscal Year 2026, to wit:

#### **WHOLESALE OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE FUND (GENERAL FUND)**

##### **Appropriations – Budgeted O&M Revenues**

User Fees	\$6,128,172
Other Revenues	631,254
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b><u>\$6,759,426</u></b>

##### **Appropriations – Budgeted O&M Expenditures**

Administration	\$3,775,898
Conveyance System	964,406
Water Reclamation Facility	1,702,295
Pretreatment	158,565
Laboratory	58,830
Contract Operations	19,432
O&M Capital Improvement Projects	<u>80,000</u>

<b>Total Budgeted Expenditures</b>	<b><u>\$6,759,426</u></b>
<b>Increase (Decrease) to Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**PROJECTS & CONTINGENCY FUND (RESTRICTED)**

<b>Appropriations – Budgeted P&amp;C Fund Revenues</b>	
Transfers	\$453,060
Other Revenues	7,773,098
Carryforward Revenues	330,000
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b><u>\$8,556,158</u></b>

<b>Appropriations – Budgeted P&amp;C Fund Expenditures</b>	
Projects & Contingency Expenses	<u>\$8,556,158</u>
<b>Total Budgeted Expenditures</b>	<b><u>\$8,556,158</u></b>
<b>Increase (Decrease) to Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**WHOLESALE IMPACT FUND (RESTRICTED)**

<b>Appropriations – Budgeted Wholesale Impact Fund Revenues</b>	
Fees	\$800,000
Other	176,000
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b><u>\$976,000</u></b>

<b>Appropriations – Budgeted Wholesale Impact Fund Expenditures</b>	
Expansion Project Expenses	<u>\$0</u>
<b>Total Budgeted Expenditures</b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>
<b>Increase (Decrease) to Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$976,000</b>

**RETAIL OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE FUND (UNRESTRICTED)**

<b>Appropriations – Budgeted Retail O&amp;M Fund Revenues</b>	
User Fees	\$269
Intergovernmental Reimbursement	105,534
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b><u>\$105,802</u></b>

<b>Appropriations – Budgeted Retail O&amp;M Fund Expenditures</b>	
General	<u>\$105,802</u>
<b>Total Budgeted Expenditures</b>	<b><u>\$105,802</u></b>
<b>Increase (Decrease) to Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$0</b>

SECTION 2: The appropriations described in Section 1 above represent a summary of the anticipated revenues and expenditures for each of the Authority's major funds – Wholesale Operations & Maintenance Fund (General Fund), Projects & Contingency Fund, Wholesale Impact Fund, Retail Operations & Maintenance Fund, and Retail Impact Fund. The full Budget, with particular details and provisos, is fully described in the document entitled the "FY 2026 Comprehensive Budget" (the "Budget Plan"), which is hereby incorporated by reference as part of this Resolution as if fully set forth herein, is hereby adopted.



**SECTION 3:** As necessary, the Executive Director of the Authority (including any interim, acting, or temporary Executive Director, as applicable) (the "Executive Director") or the Executive Director's designee shall administer the Budget Plan and may authorize the transfer of appropriated funds within and between departments as necessary to achieve the goals of the Budget; however, no funds may be transferred between any fund without action being taken by the Commission, acting by Resolution.

**SECTION 4:** All of the Authority's fund balance reserves (both encumbered and unencumbered funds) as of June 30, 2025, shall be added into the Budget for Fiscal Year 2026 and applied under the Budget Plan. These designated monies may be properly invested pending any planned expenditure as set forth in the Budget Plan.

**SECTION 5:** (a) Monies received from governmental grants shall accrue only to the appropriate fund as set forth in the Budget Plan. Should grant funds be applied for or received after the beginning of Fiscal Year 2026 and thereby not be recited in the Budget Plan, then, by passage of any approval resolution of the Commission or other action item of the Commission authorizing the grant application and expenditures, the necessary funds may be created or supplemented, as necessary, to provide a mechanism for the receipt and expenditure of these monies. However, any such funding shall be specifically limited to the purposes for which the grant was awarded.

(b) The Budget appropriates sufficient revenues to fund the Authority's capital program. The capital program may be funded from the issuance of debt and other sources made available for pay-as-you-go financing by the Authority.

**SECTION 6:** (a) The Executive Director is authorized to enter into contracts if the total contract amount is less than or equal to the budget line item or project budget as approved by Commission under the terms of the Budget.

(b) Contracts necessary to expend monies appropriated in the Budget, when not specifically permitted by the Budget Plan, are hereby authorized upon the approval of such contract by a resolution of the Commission.

**SECTION 7:** The foregoing Authority operation appropriations have been detailed by the Commission into line-item accounts for each department. The detailed appropriation by account and budget narrative contained separately is hereby enacted as part of this Resolution.

**SECTION 8:** (a) Encumbrances in each fund at June 30, 2025, representing obligations made against 2024-2025 appropriations (the "Fiscal Year 2025 Comprehensive Budget" or "Fiscal Year 2025 Budget") outstanding as of that date, are hereby reappropriated and the appropriations shall be distributed to the budgetary accounts under which the expenditures will be charged during the Fiscal Year 2026 budget year as such obligations are satisfied, provided that such encumbrances, when taken together with the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget expenditures, do not cause any fund to exceed its budgetary authorization for the year ended June 30, 2025.

(b) For each fund in which a reappropriation occurs, the amount of funds appropriated hereunder shall be established in that fund as "Carryforward from Previous Year."

(c) For each fund in which the Budget includes the use of fund balance; the amount of the fund balance so used shall be identified as "Fund Transfer In."

(d) Appropriations for grants, the authorization for which extends beyond the end of Fiscal Year 2025 Budget, shall not lapse at the end on June 30, 2025. Any such grant authorizations remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall be reappropriated pursuant to the conditions of the respective grant agreements and utilized in Fiscal Year 2026 in accordance with their respective terms.

(e) Appropriations for active projects resulting in restrictions or commitments of fund balances shall be identified by appropriate titles in the financial statements of the affected funds.

SECTION 9: The Executive Director was authorized and made public advertisement of the Public Hearing prior to the passage of this Resolution. The notice of Public Hearing, in the form and format required by Sections 6-1-80 and 6-1-330 of the SC Code, as applicable, was timely published in *The Journal*, which is a newspaper of general circulation in Oconee County. All interested parties were given an opportunity to speak in favor of or against this Resolution.

SECTION 10: A full schedule of the rates and fees ("Schedule of Fees") applicable to the Authority, including impact and capacity fees, special treatment fees, and other applicable fees, is detailed in the Schedule of Fees attached hereto as Exhibit A, the entirety of which is included herein by reference and has been projected in revenues for purposes of the Budget.

SECTION 11: All actions of the Executive Director and other Authority staff regarding the Public Hearing and drafting, execution, and delivery of the Budget Plan are ratified, approved, and confirmed. Further, the Executive Director and Authority staff shall be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the provisions of the Budget Plan.

SECTION 12: If for any reason any provision of this Resolution, or its applications to any circumstance, is invalidated by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining portions of this Resolution shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 13: All resolutions or parts of resolutions inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict or inconsistency.

**DONE AND ADOPTED AT A MEETING DULY HELD THIS 2ND DAY OF JUNE 2025.**

OCONEE JOINT REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY,  
SOUTH CAROLINA

  
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**Kevin Bronson, Chair**  
OJRSA Board of Commissioners

Attest:   
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**Lynn Stephens, Secretary/Treasurer**  
OJRSA Board of Commissioners -and-  
OJRSA Office Manager

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**Exhibit A**

*Attached beginning on following page*



**OJRSA**

Oconee Joint Regional  
SEWER AUTHORITY

# **SCHEDULE OF FEES**

Effective July 1, 2025

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## **Adoption and Approval as Policy**

### **Adoption**

The *OJRSA Schedule of Fees* (Policy) shall become effective on July 1, 2025 in accordance with *OJRSA Resolution 2025-05*.

These fees shall be in full force and effect from and after passage, approval, and publication, as provided by law.

### **Non-substantive Changes to Policy**

Certain portions of this Policy, such as additions and/or corrections to internet addresses and links, illustrations, referenced forms, and as noted elsewhere within may be updated as necessary by the OJRSA Executive Director without being considered a substantive change to this Policy. Non-substantive changes shall not be documented in the Revision History table.

## **Definitions, Acronyms, and Format**

This section of the *OJRSA Schedule of Fees* contains definitions, acronyms, abbreviations, and formatting that are specific to this document.

### **Definitions**

**Administrative Fee** shall mean a fee that covers employee time spent on a task, time researching a project, meetings with consultants, preparing invoices or records, travel, basic postage and copies, etc. *Note: This fee is separate from the Administrative Pretreatment Fee.*

**Administrative Pretreatment Fee** shall mean a fee that covers general labor and incidental costs incurred by OJRSA, including those serving in agency's pretreatment program and other OJRSA staff as necessary, as well as general use materials used by the program (e.g., fuel for vehicles, general office supplies, electricity and other utilities for program, etc.). If specific industries require substantial time by other OJRSA staff, then the industries the work is performed for shall be billed for this time based on the median hourly wages of the lowest pay classification staff member(s) who have the necessary skills and training to perform the tasks along with all other costs associated with the task.

**Board** shall mean the OJRSA Board of Commissioners.

**Calendar Day** shall mean all days, including weekends and holidays.

**Capacity Permit** shall mean a Permit for OJRSA Wastewater System Capacity (or other document that serves this purpose) issued to a User or facility after January 1, 1990.

**Commercial** shall mean a company or organization occupied with or engaged in commerce or work intended for commerce. Examples include food service establishments, grocery stores, banks, hotels, office space, retail shops, multi-family developments, etc.

**Customer** shall mean a User who, according to the records of a Member City, Town of West Union, Oconee County, or the OJRSA, receives wastewater service at a site that is directly or indirectly served by the OJRSA via a sewer service connection.

**Domestic Wastewater** shall mean wastewater that originates from activities such as restroom usage, bathing, food preparation, laundry, etc.

**Equivalent Residential Unit** shall mean unit of measure used to express the amount of wastewater discharged by a typical fulltime single family residence. The OJRSA considers one ERU to equal the current gallons per day for residences (or single family residence or equivalent thereof) as listed in the current version of *South Carolina Regulation 61-67 Appendix A Unit Contributory Loadings to All Domestic Wastewater Treatment Facilities*.

**Fiscal Year** shall mean the accounting period for which the OJRSA operates, which is July 1 through June 30.

**FOG Control Device** shall mean FOG interceptors, FOG traps, or other OJRSA approved means of removing fats, oils, and grease from the wastewater conveyance and treatment system.

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FOG Generator shall mean facilities that generate fats, oils, and grease.

Hauled Waste shall mean transported waste materials and products including, but not limited to waste from vessels, chemical and/or portable toilets, campers, trailers, septic tanks, FOG interceptors, FOG traps, and vacuum pump tank trucks.

Illegal Tap shall mean any tap or connection made on an OJRSA pipe, manhole, or other facility without written authorization from the OJRSA is considered an illegal tap. The property owner as identified by Oconee County tax records as of the date the connection was discovered is responsible for these costs. Deficiencies are defined as any methods and/or materials that are not approved by the OJRSA in its current version of the *OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation*, *OJRSA Development Policy*, or other OJRSA policy. Illegal connections are also subject to South Carolina Code of Law Title 6 Section 11-280 and others as appropriate.

Impact Fee shall mean the initial charge for the allocation of wastewater treatment and transportation capacity based upon the greater of the user's permitted or projected volume of wastewater discharge or contribution to the system. The collection and use of these fees are governed by the *OJRSA Impact Fee Policy*.

Industrial User (or Industrial) shall mean a user that introduces pollutants from any non-domestic wastewater source as regulated by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (also known as the Clean Water Act), Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and/or applicable state/local laws and regulations.

Institution (or Institutional) shall mean an organization that provides services to the public or a specific sector of the public. Examples include schools, places of worship, medical facilities, prisons, etc.

Landfill Leachate shall mean a liquid that is formed when fluid from any source (e.g., rain, groundwater, wet paint, etc.) filters through wastes placed in a landfill. When this fluid comes in contact with buried wastes, it leaches, or draws out, chemicals or constituents from those wastes.

May is permissive. Shall is mandatory and requires compliance.

Master Meter shall mean a water meter that serves multiple tenants. This practice is often utilized in conjunction with multi-family developments (e.g., apartments, condominiums, etc.), subdivisions, and mobile home parks but can include other types of users.

Member Cities shall mean the cities of Seneca, Walhalla, and Westminster and others as defined by legally binding Intergovernmental Agreement(s).

Multi-Family Development shall mean a structure or complex of buildings intended for multiple families to reside in for extended periods of time. Examples include apartments, townhomes, condominiums, duplexes/multiplexes, etc. *Multi-family developments where each residential unit is served by its own water meter is considered a Residential User.*

Non-Domestic Wastewater shall mean wastewater from the production, manufacturing, or processing operations of certain Nonresidential Users, the discharge of which exceeds normal domestic wastewater maximum allowable concentration limits.

Nonresidential User (or Nonresidential) shall mean any use other than a Residential User, which may include, but is not limited to: Food Service Establishments, Industrial Users, health care facilities, religious establishments, educational facilities, assisted living facilities, office facilities, and other commercial establishments. *It shall also include apartments, condominiums, and other multi-unit housing complexes served by a Master Meter and/or with a common sewer service lateral or system serving multiple units prior to connecting with a public sewer.*

Nonroutine Work shall mean any work performed that is not defined as Routine Work, including work performed outside of normal business hours and emergency underground utility locates. *Complaint investigations are considered Nonroutine Work.*

Oconee County Sewer Commission shall mean an autonomous commission of Oconee County government and predecessor of the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority.

Residential User (or Residential) shall mean an independent residential structure that sits on its own land and is intended to be used as a single unit with unshared utilities. Includes traditional detached homes, mobile homes, Multi-Family Developments (*if units have individual sewer plumbing that is not combined prior to connection to the public sewer system*), and recreational vehicle ("RV")/camper site with an individual water meter and sewer connection. It shall not include those served by a Master Meter or those defined as a Nonresidential User.

Retail Service Area shall mean the area where the OJRSA provides the following services for customers within this area: wastewater collection, trunk conveyance, and treatment. These services may be provided on systems which the OJRSA

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owns or operates as a contractor for a separate owner. These areas are not owned, operated, nor maintained by a Member City. See Figure 1 (page 4) for more information.

Routine Work shall mean all work performed regularly, repeatedly, and according to a standard procedure. This work is (or can be) scheduled and is performed during normal business hours and includes, but is not limited to: general site inspections, preventative maintenance of equipment, maintenance or replenishment of chemical feed systems, grounds and rights-of-way cutting or herbicide application, nonemergency underground utility locates, nonemergency fueling of generators, and transporting trailers used for bar screen operations. Similar work that is performed outside of normal business hours, if necessary, shall be considered Nonroutine Work. Complaint investigations are considered Nonroutine Work.

Shall is mandatory and requires compliance. May is permissive.

South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (SCDES) shall mean the government agency, or its successor agency, responsible for protecting the State of South Carolina's air, land, and water resources as authorized under multiple state and federal laws. Prior to July 1, 2024, the agency responsible for these functions was the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control.

Special Pretreatment Device shall mean equipment used to reduce, remove, or alter the nature of pollutants in wastewater prior to entering the Public Sewer (as defined in the *OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation*). Such devices include, but are not limited to: FOG Control Devices, Oil/Water Interceptors, Sand/Oil Interceptors, Hair Trap/Interceptors, Lint Interceptors, Plaster Interceptors, Pretreatment Systems, and others as necessary to protect the conveyance system, treatment facility, and/or to comply with NPDES permit requirements.

Surcharge shall mean a charge for sewer service and treatment service for wastes having characteristics different from sanitary wastes and for which additional charges must be assessed in order to compensate for additional expenses and impacts incurred.

User shall mean any person or entity who directly or indirectly discharges, causes, or permits the discharge of domestic or nondomestic wastewater to any wastewater conveyance system directly or indirectly connected to an OJRSA facility. Users consist of Residential and Nonresidential Users as defined herein. A User can have water and/or sewer service provided by a Member City, OJRSA, or can be a Well Customer.

Well Customer shall mean a Customer that utilizes sewer service that receives potable or non-potable water from any hole that is drilled, dug, or excavated. Such Customers shall be classified as Residential or Nonresidential Users.

Wholesale Service Area shall mean the area where the retail wastewater and drinking water services are owned, operated, and maintained by a Member City. The OJRSA provides trunk wastewater conveyance and treatment services only in this area. See Figure 1 (page 4) for more information.

## Acronyms and Abbreviations

e.g.: Exempli Gratia, Latin for "for example"

ERU: Equivalent Residential Unit

FEMA: Federal Emergency Management Agency or any successor agency

FOG: Fats, Oils, and Grease

FOIA: Freedom of Information Act

FY: Fiscal Year

gal: Gallons (unit of volume)

GIS: Geographic Information System

gpd: Gallons per Day (unit of flow)

gpm: Gallons per Month (unit of volume)

GSA: United States General Services Administration or any successor agency

IU: Industrial User

lb: Pound (unit of mass)

mg/L: Milligrams per Liter (unit of concentration)

O&P: Operations & Planning

OCSC: Oconee Count Sewer Commission

OJRSA: Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority

POV: Privately Owned Vehicle

SCDES: South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (or successor agency)

SUR: *OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation*

TKN: Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen

## Document Format

This document contains fonts and styles that have certain meaning, such as a reference to other sections or materials. Below is a list of the text formats used within and what they represent in the *OJRSA Schedule of Fees*.

**BOLD CAPITAL LETTERS** Important point of emphasis

Dashed Underline Name of a form to use for documenting a task referenced in the document

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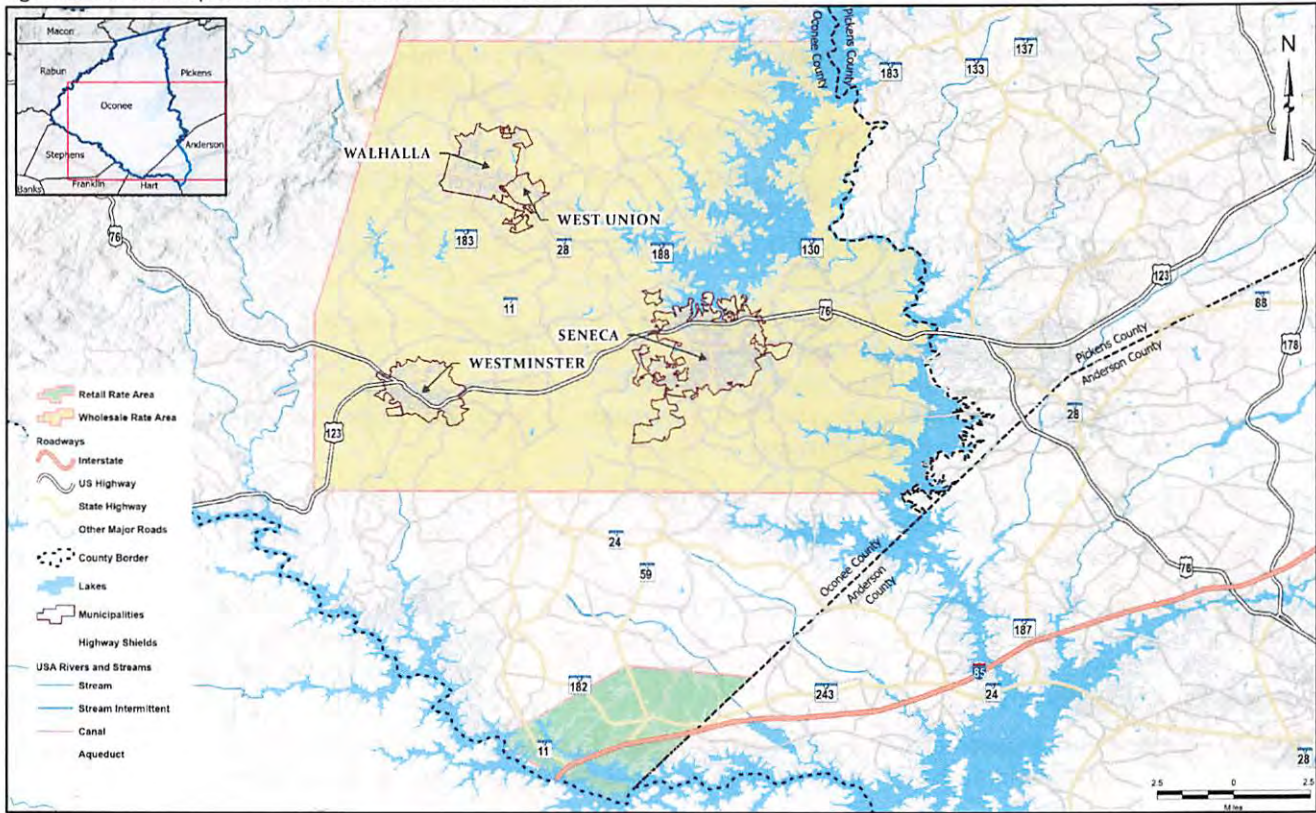
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### Service Area Map

Figure 1: General map of the Wholesale and Retail service areas



### Section 1 Residential User Rates

Residential Users are subject to fees as listed this section. See the map (Figure 1) on page 4 for more information regarding the Wholesale and Retail Service Areas. Fees for the Wholesale Service Area are based on the pro rata budgeted amount for FY 2023 that was converted to a base plus volumetric charge and approved by the Board on June 5, 2023 for FY 2024. The Retail Service Rates were recommended by Willdan Financial Services and approved by the Board on March 4, 2024.

Table 1: Residential User fees

Residential User monthly sewer fees	<p><b>WHOLESALE SERVICE AREA:</b> Base rate of \$10.00 per month per water meter plus \$5.66 volumetric rate per 1,000 gallons used (rounded in accordance with water provider policy)</p> <p><b>RETAIL SERVICE AREA:</b> Base rate in accordance with meter size as shown below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 5/8-inch or 3/4-inch \$20.00 per month</li><li>• 1-inch \$50.00 per month</li><li>• 1.5-inch \$100.00 per month</li><li>• 2-inch \$160.00 per month</li><li>• 3-inch \$320.00 per month</li><li>• 4-inch \$500.00 per month</li><li>• 6-inch \$1,000.00 per month</li><li>• 8-inch \$1,600.00 per month</li></ul>
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	plus the per month Administration Fee imposed by the water provider plus \$6.70 volumetric rate per 1,000 gallons used (rounded in accordance with water provider policy)
Residential Well Customer monthly sewer fees (no retail sewer/water provider, no water or sewer meter)	<b>WHOLESALE SERVICE AREA:</b> Base rate of \$10.00 per well per month plus flat volumetric rate of \$25.47 <sup>1</sup> per well per month (Total of \$35.47 per month)  <b>RETAIL SERVICE AREA:</b> Base rate of \$20.00 per well per month plus flat volumetric rate of \$30.15 <sup>2</sup> plus the per month Administration Fee imposed by the water provider (Total of \$50.15 per month)
Impact Fees	As detailed in SECTION 3

## Section 2 Nonresidential User Rates

Nonresidential Users, which include Commercial, Industrial, Institutional, and Master Meter Multi-Family Developments, are subject to fees as listed this section. See map (Figure 1) on page 4 for more information regarding the Wholesale and Retail Service Areas. Fees for the Wholesale Service Area are based on the pro rata budgeted amount for FY 2023 that was converted to a base plus volumetric charge and approved by the Board on June 5, 2023 for FY 2024. The Retail Service Rates were recommended by Willdan Financial Services and approved by the Board on March 4, 2024.

### 2.1 General Nonresidential User Fees

Table 2: General Nonresidential User fees

Nonresidential User monthly sewer fees	<b>WHOLESALE SERVICE AREA:</b> Base rate of \$15.00 per month per water meter plus \$7.74 volumetric rate per 1,000 gallons used (rounded in accordance with water provider policy)  <b>RETAIL SERVICE AREA:</b> Base rate in accordance with meter size as shown below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5/8-inch or 3/4-inch \$20.00 per month</li> <li>• 1-inch \$50.00 per month</li> <li>• 1.5-inch \$100.00 per month</li> <li>• 2-inch \$160.00 per month</li> <li>• 3-inch \$320.00 per month</li> <li>• 4-inch \$500.00 per month</li> <li>• 6-inch \$1,000.00 per month</li> <li>• 8-inch \$1,600.00 per month</li> </ul> plus the per month Administration Fee imposed by the water provider plus \$6.70 volumetric rate per 1,000 gallons used (rounded in accordance with water provider policy)
Nonresidential Well Customer monthly sewer fees (No Retail Sewer/Water Provider, no water meter)	<b>WHOLESALE SERVICE AREA:</b> Base rate of \$15.00 per well per month plus volumetric rate to be determined on a case-by-case basis, possibly by use of a sewer meter <sup>3</sup>  <b>RETAIL SERVICE AREA:</b> To be determined on a case-by-case basis. All fees shall include an applicable base fee, volumetric fee (possibly determined by use of a sewer meter <sup>3</sup> ), and per month Administration Fee imposed by the water provider.
Impact Fees	As detailed in SECTION 3

### 2.2 Special Pretreatment Fees

Generators requiring Special Pretreatment Devices (as defined in the *OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation*) shall pay as listed in this section.



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Table 3: Special pretreatment fees

Special Pretreatment Device User Permit Application review and processing	No fee
Special Pretreatment Device User Permit renewal	No fee
Routine and follow-up compliance inspections and administrative tasks	No fee
All laboratory analyses fees associated with a facility that is regulated by the OJRSA	Actual analysis costs incurred by OJRSA (including those if an outside laboratory is used) + 15% Administrative Fee (only if outside laboratory is used)
Special Pretreatment Device design and specifications review and approval fee for new, replacement, or modification	\$20.00 per device (one-time fee covers any future reviews necessary)
New, replacement, or modification inspection of a Special Pretreatment Device	Charged per hour with a one (1) hour minimum. Based on the hourly wage of the lowest pay classification of the Technical Services staff member(s) who has the necessary skills and training to perform the task. The rate used shall be the midpoint of the current FY pay range + benefits costs at 34% of wage + small SUV according to current <a href="#">FEMA Rate Schedule</a> (or <a href="#">GSA mileage rate for POV</a> , if applicable).
Variance inspections for a Special Pretreatment Device	Same as fee for Section 2.2 "New, replacement, or modification inspection of a Special Pretreatment Device"

### 2.3 Industrial and Other Nonresidential User Fees

Including other Nonresidential User fees, Industrial Users are subject to fees as listed this section. Fees based on April 18, 2025 recommendation from Goldie Associates (consultant) after evaluation of program and/or treatment costs at facility(ies).

Table 4: Other Industrial and Nonresidential User fees

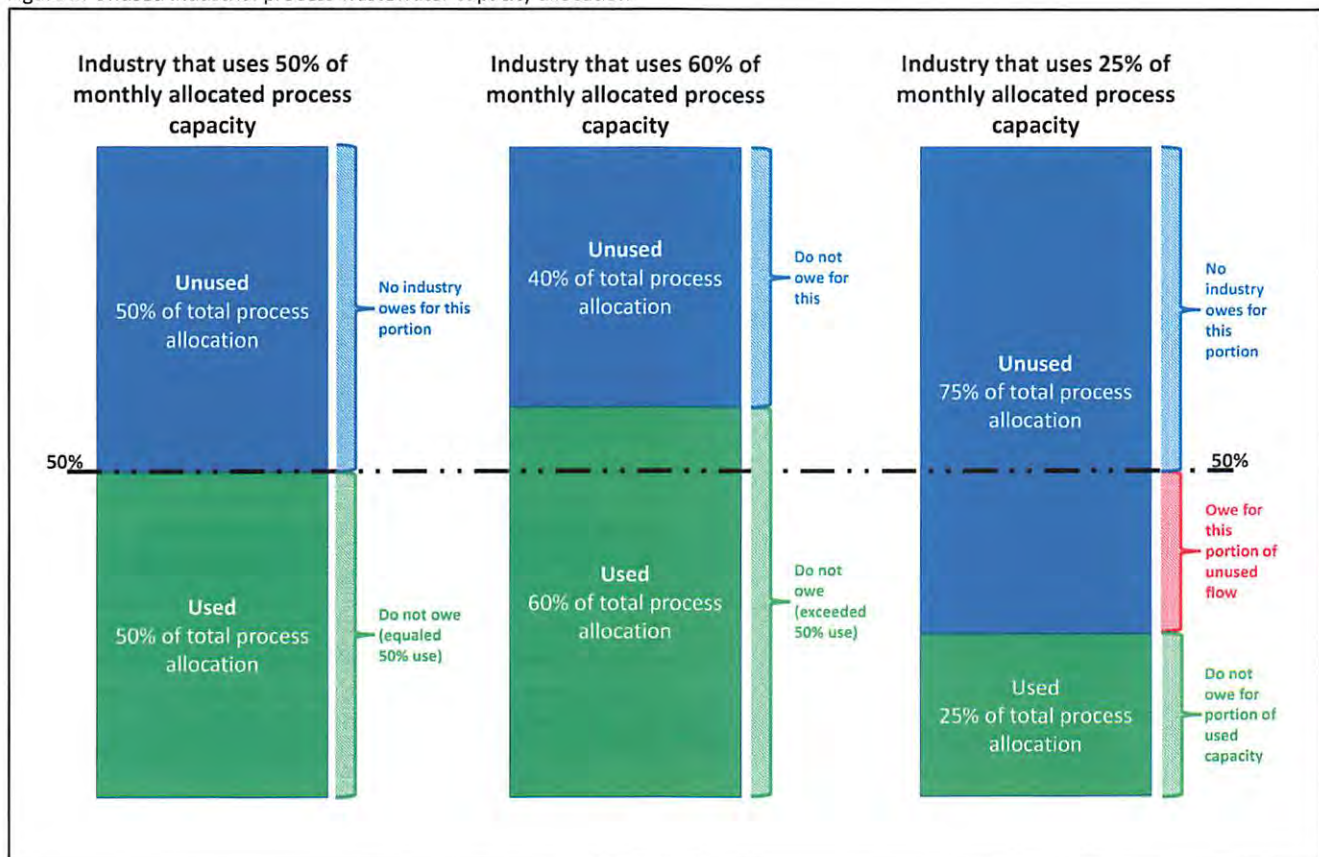
Industrial Pretreatment Permit Application Processing	No fee
Industrial Pretreatment Permit Renewal	No fee
Nonsignificant Source Wastewater Discharge Permit Application	No fee
Nonsignificant Source Wastewater Discharge Permit	No fee
Other permits not explicitly listed in this Schedule of Fees	No fee
Calculation of Surcharges	\$30.00 per quarter for periods when calculations are necessary
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) Surcharge	\$0.00 for concentration of 0-250 mg/L \$0.30 per pound above 250 mg/L <sup>4,5</sup>
Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) Surcharge	\$0.00 for concentration of 0-750 mg/L \$0.30 per pound above 750 mg/L <sup>4,5</sup>
Phosphorus (P) Surcharge	\$0.00 for concentration of 0-7 mg/L \$0.40 per pound above 7 mg/L <sup>4</sup>
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN) <sup>6</sup> Surcharge	\$0.00 for concentration of 0-30 mg/L \$0.40 per pound above 30 mg/L <sup>4</sup>
Total Suspended Solids (TSS) Surcharge	\$0.00 for concentration of 0-250 mg/L \$0.50 per pound above 250 mg/L <sup>4</sup>
Flow (gpd) Surcharge	Same volumetric rate as stated in SECTION 2.1 Nonresidential User Monthly Fees Wholesale Service Area per 1,000 gallons above permitted limit (rounded up to the next 1,000 gallons)
Late Discharge Monitoring Report from low volume dischargers and Industrial Users	\$100.00 the first day late and \$50.00 per business day thereafter until report is received and Notice of Violation or other enforcement action as required by the <i>OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation</i> .
Unused capacity fee for Industrial Users <i>See illustration in Figure 2 for general information</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Average monthly discharge of 50% or more (<math>\geq 50\%</math>) of their capacity as stated on the industry's current <i>Significant Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit</i> as issued by OJRSA -</li> </ul>

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	<p>\$0.00 per month when the facility's total flow discharged for the month is at least 50% of their total monthly allocated flow.<sup>7,8</sup></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Average monthly discharge of less than 50% (&lt; 50%) of their capacity as stated on the industry's current <i>Significant Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit</i> as issued by OJRSA.           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- \$2.00 per 1,000 gallons of not utilized by the industry between the industry's actual total monthly discharge and 50% of their permitted monthly discharge. [NOTE: The permitted industry is only paying for unused process wastewater capacity for the volume range of 0% to 50% of the amount as listed on their OJRSA-issued Significant Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit.]<sup>7,8</sup></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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Figure 2: Unused industrial process wastewater capacity allocation



## 2.4 Industrial Pretreatment Billing Expense Billing

Industries subject to OJRSA industrial pretreatment requirements must pay program fees using the following methodology:

### A. Quarterly billing:

- Base fee:  $1/x$  (where  $x$  is equal to the number of Industrial Users that have a *Significant Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit* during that quarter) of the salary and benefits expensed for the designated Pretreatment Coordinator (and additional dedicated department staff, if applicable);
- Items related to materials or services procured for the industry, such as: licenses/certifications/memberships; seminars/workshops/training; legal; public relations and advertising; mailing/shipping; office supplies; supplies/tools; technology (phones/internet/ television); professional and service contracts; and rolling stock and equipment;
- Hours and benefits that other OJRSA employees spend working on items associated with the industry;
- Surcharge fees for flow and particular chemical exceedances as stated in SECTION 2.3 Table 4;
- Unused monthly capacity fees as stated in SECTION 2.3 Table 4; and



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6. Twenty percent (20%) administration fee on SECTION 2.4 Paragraphs A.1, A.2, and A.3 only.<sup>9</sup>
- B. A 10% late fee is added every 30 days the invoice has not been paid.
- C. Penalties and fines associated with enforcement action are to be paid invoiced at the time expense is incurred.

### 2.5 Hauled Waste Program Fees

Fees are supportive of the *OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation* and other requirements and are subject to the OJRSA's acceptance of any or all products as stated within the Regulation and/or availability to accept at the Water Reclamation Facility for treatment or disposal. Fees based on April 18, 2025 recommendation from Goldie Associates (consultant) after evaluation of program and/or treatment costs at facility(ies).

Table 5: Hauled waste program fees

Hauled Waste Disposal Permit	\$120.00 per year (prorated based on the permit effective date) <sup>10,11</sup>
Sanitary sewage from septic tank	\$200.00 per 1,000 gallons (rounded up to the next 1,000 gallons; if the OJRSA can meter the discharge, then the fee will be \$0.185 per gallon) <sup>12</sup>
Hauled liquid treatment plant waste (e.g., sludge from package treatment plant)	\$200.00 per 1,000 gallons (rounded up to the next 1,000 gallons; if the OJRSA can meter the discharge, then the fee will be \$0.185 per gallon) <sup>12</sup>
Portable toilet waste	\$75.00 per 1,000 gallons (rounded up to the next 1,000 gallons; if the OJRSA can meter the discharge, then the fee will be \$0.066 per gallon). <sup>12</sup>
Hauled waste solids	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current tipping fee (in tons or pounds, rounded up to next ton or billable weight/volume as charged by the landfill or final disposal site) + current transportation costs (as charged by third-party waste hauler) + 25% Administrative Fee. <u>Since this fee can change with little to no notice by the landfill or hauler, it is suggested to call 864-972-3900 and request the current fee prior to delivery of hauled waste solids to OJRSA.</u></li> <li>• If solids can be weighed by certified scale either independently owned or owned by OJRSA, then OJRSA will bill based on partial weight of load using the same calculation as above but with actual weight instead of rounded.</li> </ul>
Landfill leachate	Same volumetric rate as stated in SECTION 2.1 Nonresidential User monthly sewer fees per 1,000 gallons (rounded up to the next 1,000 gallons) + Calculation of Surcharge fee (as stated in SECTION 2.3 + Surcharge rates (as stated in SECTION 2.3)
Grease	Per <i>OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation</i> , the OJRSA no longer accepts grease as of October 1, 2023
Afterhours acceptance fee as stated in SECTION 10.2(A)(2) of the <i>OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation</i>	\$150.00 <u>per delivery</u> + other disposal costs based on product received as stated within SECTION 2.5 Table 5
Sampling and analysis of hauled waste	\$25.00 per analysis + applicable contract lab costs
Failure to clean OJRSA manual bar screen at hauled waste discharge locations	\$50.00 per delivery for first offense, \$100 for second offense, and \$500 for third and subsequent offenses <sup>12</sup>

## Section 3 Impact Fees

- A. Fees established in this Policy are based Weston & Sampson April 3, 2025 memorandum titled "Impact Fee Analysis – SCDES Contributory Loadings".
- B. This Policy applies when a developer requests water and/or sewer service with the retail utility provider. The OJRSA will not approve the establishment of water or sewer service nor the issuance of a building permit until all fees are paid.
- C. Impact Fees are based on the *OJRSA Schedule of Fees* at the time an Application for Capacity in the OJRSA Sewer System form is completed by the owner/developer.
  1. Impact Fees are in Table 6.

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2. If there is a Board-approved change to Impact Fees within twenty (20) calendar days of when OJRSA has notified the developer of their Impact Fees that are due and that submitted plans have already been approved by OJRSA, then the developer has ten (10) calendar days beyond the date the fees change (inclusive of the first day of the change) to pay the Impact Fees that were presented; otherwise the new Impact Fee rates shall apply.
- D. Impact Fees collected are held in a restricted fund and are to be used only for specific projects and purposes allowed by law and OJRSA policy. (See the *OJRSA Impact Fee Policy* and *OJRSA Financial and Accounting Policy*).
- E. Fees shall be based on SECTION 7 TABLE 24 of *OJRSA Development Policy* as approved by the OJRSA Board of Commissioners.
- F. Subdivisions
  1. For Subdivisions Constructed Prior to July 1, 2021 – Homes constructed within these subdivisions will be responsible for paying a singular Impact Fee based on one residence or subdivision lot as stated in Table 6.
  2. For Subdivisions Planned or Constructed After July 1, 2021 – Prior to the OJRSA issuing a Willingness & Ability to Serve, Commitment to Own, Commitment to Own & Operate, or other such letter required by the South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (SCDES) that is necessary for the permitting of a wastewater collection system extension serving a development, the owner/developer shall pay Impact Fees for all lots within the subdivision. These fees shall be based on the number of lots multiplied by the fee for one residence or subdivision lot as stated in Table 6.
- G. Customers Using Unmetered Connections or Groundwater Wells
  1. Unmetered Residential Connections – Residential Users directly or indirectly connected to a OJRSA wastewater conveyance system or treatment facility that use wells or other unmetered connections for their water supply shall be charged an Impact Fee for each well that is connected to the sewer system at the same rate as one residence or subdivision lot as listed in Table 6.
  2. Unmetered Nonresidential Customers – Nonresidential customers directly or indirectly connected to the OJRSA wastewater conveyance system or treatment facility that use wells or other unmetered connections for their water supply shall be charged an Impact Fee for each well that is connected to the sewer system. An engineer of the OJRSA's choosing will determine the appropriate Impact Fee for each customer. Such fees made by the OJRSA's consultant shall not establish precedence for similar circumstances that may occur in the future.
- H. Circumstances Not Addressed in this Policy – Unusual situations and conditions not addressed in this Policy will be considered in consultation with the OJRSA's engineer on a case-by-case basis. Such decisions made by the OJRSA shall not establish precedence for similar circumstances that may occur in the future.

Table 6: Impact fees

Type of Use	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Impact Fee for one residence or subdivision lot as per Item CC in SECTION 7 TABLE 24 of <i>OJRSA Development Policy</i> , <u>which shall be referred to as one Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU). This includes residences or subdivision lots that are connected to sewer but are served by a well for water.</u>	\$4,100 for one ERU	\$5,005 for one ERU	\$7,720 for one ERU
Impact Fee for other uses as listed in SECTION 7 TABLE 24 of <i>OJRSA Development Policy</i>	\$13.66/gallon	\$19.70/gallon	\$25.73/gallon
Process wastewater as listed on Industrial User Permit issued by OJRSA <u>(per acquisition of new or additional capacity, not per renewal of IU Permit)</u>	\$13.66/gallon	\$19.70/gallon	\$25.73/gallon
Other circumstances not addressed in this Policy or as defined in the <i>OJRSA Impact Fee Policy</i>	\$13.66/gallon	\$19.70/gallon	\$25.73/gallon

## Section 4 Engineering, Connection, and Inspection Fees

The OJRSA shall charge the fees as listed in Table 7 for engineering, plan reviews, inspection, taps/connections, and other such services. Fees based on May 22, 2025 recommendation from Weston & Sampson (consultant) after evaluation of program costs and OJRSA determination of inspection and service fees.

Table 7: Engineering and inspection fees

Hydraulic modeling analysis for downstream impact caused by potential or proposed new or upsized development that will increase flow by at least 10,000	Actual consultant's fee + 25% Administrative Fee. This fee will be updated on the <u>Downstream Wastewater Modeling Analysis Request</u> form as stated at <a href="http://www.ojrsa.org">www.ojrsa.org</a> .
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<p>gpd or for areas of concern within the sewer system as identified in the current version of the OJRSA hydraulic model or known of areas of concerns. <u><i>This is to be based on This is to be based on SCDES Regulation 61-67 Appendix A Unit Contributory Loadings to All Domestic Wastewater Treatment Facilities.</i></u></p>	
<p>Other developer costs not covered elsewhere in the <i>OJRSA Schedule of Fees</i> (includes studies or additional work performed by OJRSA and/or its consultants for a project)</p>	<p>For each task required, the developer shall compensate the OJRSA for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>IF WORK PERFORMED SOLELY BY OJRSA STAFF:</b> The rate used shall be the midpoint of the current year FY pay range for all staff positions involved + benefits costs at 34% of wages + equipment costs according to current <a href="#"><i>FEMA Rate Schedule, GSA mileage rate for POV</i></a>, and/or equipment/material purchase and/or rental fees as applicable.</li> <li>• <b>IF WORK TO BE PERFORMED SOLELY BY A CONSULTANT:</b> The fee shall be the actual consultant's fee + 25% Administration Fee.</li> <li>• <b>IF WORK IS TO BE A COMBINATION OF OJRSA STAFF AND A CONSULTANT:</b> The fee shall be based on the actual consultant's fee + the midpoint of the current year FY pay range for all staff positions involved + benefits costs at 34% of wages + costs of equipment used according to current <a href="#"><i>FEMA Rate Schedule, GSA mileage rate for POV</i></a>, and/or equipment/material purchase and/or rental fees as applicable.</li> </ul>
<p>Plans and specifications review<sup>13</sup> <u><i>(unless otherwise noted, these fees are for each review, including resubmittals)</i></u></p>	<p><u><i>Single Family Homes</i></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On individual lot not located in a subdivision (unless there is a grinder pump, then only the grinder pump fee listed below is applicable) – \$0.00<sup>14,15,16</sup></li> <li>• To be located in a subdivision/planned development that requires gravity sewer and/or force mains installation – \$0.07 per linear foot of pipe</li> <li>• Pump station addition to serve development – \$300.00 per station (one review fee covers initial review of each plus resubmittals)</li> <li>• Grinder pumps for individual units – \$2.00 per pump</li> </ul> <p><u><i>Multi-Family Development</i></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No amenities (pool, clubhouse, etc.) – \$1.85 per residential living unit</li> <li>• If includes amenities – \$3.10 per residential living unit</li> <li>• Gravity sewer and/or force main extension – \$0.07 per linear foot of pipe</li> <li>• Pump station addition to serve development – \$300.00 per station (one review fee covers initial review of each plus resubmittals)</li> <li>• Grinder pumps for individual units – \$2.00 per pump</li> <li>• Buildings other than residential living units and those that provide amenities (pool, clubhouse, etc.) shall be calculated</li> </ul>



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	<p>as a Commercial, Industrial, and/or Institutional Facility as stated below.</p> <p><u>Commercial, Industrial, and/or Institutional Facility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building space – \$0.04 per square foot of building space served by water and/or sewer</li> <li>• Gravity sewer and/or force main extension – \$0.07 per linear foot of pipe</li> <li>• Pump station addition to serve development – \$300.00 per station (one review fee covers initial review of each plus resubmittals)</li> <li>• Grinder pumps for individual units – \$2.00 per pump</li> </ul> <p><u>Special Pretreatment Devices</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See Section 2.2</li> </ul>
General inspection fees (for inspections other than new, replacement, or modification inspection of a Special Pretreatment Device)	<p>Charged per hour with a two (2) hour minimum. Based on the hourly wage of the lowest pay classification of the staff member(s) who has the necessary skills and training to perform the task. The rate used shall be the midpoint of the current year FY pay range + benefits costs at 34% of wage + ½-ton truck according to current <a href="#">FEMA Rate Schedule</a> (or <a href="#">GSA mileage rate for POV</a>, if applicable).</p> <p>For inspection fees associated with Special Pretreatment Devices, see Section 2.2.</p>
<p>GIS and system mapping fees<sup>17</sup> <u>This is applicable to developments installing infrastructure that requires a SCDES Construction Permit (or equivalent) and/or for onsite privately-owned wastewater infrastructure that is greater than or equal to 8-inches in diameter and/or has a privately-owned pump station and force main.</u></p> <p>This fee applies to any portion of the system served directly or indirectly by OJRSA.</p>	<p>\$250.00 Base Fee for up to 1,000 linear feet of gravity sewer and/or force main pipe + \$0.25 per additional linear foot of pipe. There is not a fee associated with pump station construction.<sup>18</sup></p> <p><u>Note: The minimum fee due is the Base Fee.</u></p>
Tap and tap maintenance fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In addition to Impact Fees, all new connections that physically connect directly with the OJRSA wastewater conveyance system must pay the costs to install each tap plus 30% to fund future maintenance of connection. Actual costs are for labor, equipment, and materials and may be performed by either OJRSA or a contractor for OJRSA.</li> <li>• If a contractor makes connection (or installs manhole with precast service connection(s)) and they are paid directly by the developer, then the developer shall be required to pay \$200 per diameter inch of the connection to OJRSA's system for future maintenance. The contractor will not have to pay a construction tap fee to the OJRSA as the OJRSA did not incur any costs.<sup>19</sup></li> </ul>
Disconnection from sewer system	\$400.00
Reconnection to sewer system	\$400.00

## **Section 5 Contract Services Provided for Non-Wholesale OJRSA Wastewater Systems (including Retail Sewer System)**

The OJRSA shall charge the fees as stated in this section for Routine and Nonroutine Work performed for other utility owners on a contractual basis.

### **5.1 Routine Work**

Table 8: Routine Work fees

Routine Work (as stated in the DEFINITIONS section)	\$6,500 per calendar quarter
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### **5.2 Nonroutine Work**

Nonroutine Work shall be billed in accordance with the fees listed in Table 9.

Table 9: Nonroutine Work fees

OJRSA Personnel	<p><b><u>Exempt Staff</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work performed during normal business hours (charged in 1/10 hour increments) – Midpoint of hourly wage of position classification(s) performing task x hours worked in 1/10 hour increment + benefits costs at 34% of wage<sup>20</sup></li> <li>• Work performed during non-business hours – (Midpoint of hourly wage of position classification(s) performing task x hours worked in 1/10 hour increment) x 1.5 (to convert wage to overtime pay) + benefits costs at 34% of wage<sup>20</sup></li> </ul> <p><b><u>Non-Exempt Staff</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work performed during normal business hours – Midpoint of hourly wage of position classification(s) performing task x hours worked in 1/10 hour increment + benefits costs at 34% of wage<sup>20</sup></li> <li>• Work performed during non-business hours – Midpoint of hourly wage of position classification(s) performing task x hours worked in 1/10 hour increment + benefits costs at 34% of wage<sup>20</sup></li> </ul> <p><b><u>Other Items</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General accounting – Midpoint of hourly wage of position tasked with accounts payable/receivable x 0.4 hours + benefits costs at 34% of wage<sup>20</sup></li> <li>• Industrial pretreatment program – Midpoint of hourly wage of position tasked with pretreatment program oversight x hours worked in 1/4 hour increment + benefits costs at 34% of wage<sup>20</sup></li> <li>• Engineering – Midpoint of hourly wage of position tasked with engineering or program management x hours worked in 1/4 hour increment + benefits costs at 34% of wage<sup>20</sup></li> </ul>
Vehicles and Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transportation of staff only (no work to be performed that requires tools other than those necessary for SC811 locates)</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <a href="#">GSA mileage rate for POV</a> x total mileage driven + 25% Administrative Fee</li> <li>• Vehicles used for performing work (other than SC811 locates) – <a href="#">FEMA Rate Schedule</a> x total hours used (or miles mileage driven, if applicable) + 25% Administrative Fee</li> <li>• OJRSA vehicles or equipment not listed in <a href="#">FEMA Rate Schedule</a> – Cost to rent comparable vehicle or unit of equipment + 25% Administrative Fee</li> <li>• Rental vehicles or equipment – Actual rental cost + 25% Administrative Fee</li> </ul>
Materials and services (including use of non-OJRSA personnel)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Materials– Actual unit cost + 25% Administrative Fee</li> <li>• Services provided by others – Actual cost of services + 25% Administrative Fee</li> <li>• Utilities paid by OJRSA – Actual cost + 25% Administrative Fee</li> </ul>

## Section 6 Other Fees and Fines

### 6.1 Financial and Late Fees

Table 10: Financial and late fees

Credit or debit card processing	Customer to pay actual transaction fee charged by processing company
Late payments	All payments not received within 30 days of the issuance of the invoice will be charged a 10% late fee for every 30 days the payment is outstanding
Returned check (NSF) fee	\$30.00 per returned check

### 6.2 Freedom of Information Act Fees

Table 11: FOIA fees

Minutes of the meetings of the public body for the preceding six (6) months	No fee per SC Law §30-4-30(D)
Documents produced by the public body or its agent that were distributed to or reviewed by a member of the public body during a public meeting for the preceding six (6) months	No fee per SC Law §30-4-30(D)
Cumulative research and retrieval time if less than 10 minutes <u>and</u> the total number of documents requested by the FOIA requestor is 10 pages or less	No fee
Documents are in electronic format at the time a request is received	No fee for electronic files per SC Law §30-40-30(B); however, applicable research fees shall still apply. Documents will be provided for distribution once any necessary research fees have been paid.
Scanning documents to electronic format	Actual costs + contract services costs, if applicable. Fifteen percent (15%) Administrative Fee will be added to contract services costs.
Staff research, search, retrieval, redaction, and copying	Prorating of fees shall be based on increments of one-tenth (1/10) of an hour and will not exceed the prorated hourly wage of lowest pay classification of the staff member(s) who has the necessary skills and training to fulfill the request.



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Distribution of records methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pick-up at OJRSA Administrative Complex – No fee<sup>21</sup></li> <li>• U.S. First Class Mail – Actual cost of postage<sup>21</sup></li> <li>• Filesharing website or email – No fee<sup>21</sup></li> <li>• Flash drive – Actual cost of flash drive<sup>21,22</sup></li> </ul>
Copies	<p><u>Black &amp; white</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8.5 x 11 and 8.5 x 14 – Other applicable fees + \$0.10 per page</li> <li>• 11 x 17 – Other applicable fees + \$0.25 per page</li> <li>• Larger than 11 x 17 – Other applicable fees + \$0.50 per square foot or contract service costs + 15% Administrative Fee</li> </ul> <p><u>Color</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8.5 x 11 and 8.5 x 14 – Other applicable fees + \$0.15 per page</li> <li>• 11 x 17 – Other applicable fees + \$0.50 per page</li> <li>• Larger than 11 x 17 – Other applicable fees + \$0.50 per square foot or contract service costs + 15% Administrative Fee</li> </ul>
Other reproduction services	Other applicable fees + actual costs + 15% Administrative Fee

### 6.3 Penalties and Fines

Table 12: Penalties and fines

Illegal Taps or other illegal connections	\$2,000.00 penalty + Applicable Impact Fee(s) + Tap Fee(s) + Cost of Repairs and/or Cleaning to System + General Inspection Fees + Applicable Legal Fees
Users who violate the provisions of the <i>OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation</i> or fail to abide by any rules, requirements, or procedures that OJRSA implements in support of the Regulation	As stated in SECTION 8 of the <i>OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation</i>

**END OF FEES**

## Section 7 Appeal of Fees

- A. Items as stated within the *OJRSA Schedule of Fees* can be appealed to the OJRSA Board of Commissioners via the agency's standing Operations & Planning (O&P) Committee by requesting that OJRSA Administration add the matter to an O&P Committee meeting agenda. Dates of the meetings can be found on the OJRSA website ([www.ojrsa.org](http://www.ojrsa.org)) but it is recommended that the requestor filing for appeal contact the OJRSA office by phone at 864-972-3900 to confirm meeting dates and times. Requestors asking for a variance of this Policy shall attend all meetings to present their case for appeal and address questions and concerns from OJRSA Commissioners and staff; however, attending the meetings is not a substitute for submitting a written appeal as stated above.
- B. Requests for appeals must be received no less than five (5) business days prior to the upcoming meeting and must be in writing to:
 

Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority  
 ATTN: Executive Director  
 623 Return Church Road  
 Seneca, South Carolina 29678  
[info@ojrsa.org](mailto:info@ojrsa.org)
- C. If the request for variance is approved by the O&P Committee, then it will proceed to the OJRSA Board of Commissioners at the next scheduled meeting for consideration. The decision made by the Board of Commissioners shall be final.

## Endnotes (Comments, Examples, and Fee Justification)

- <sup>1</sup> Wholesale Residential Well Customer rate is based on estimated wastewater discharge of 150 gallons per day x 30 days per month = 4,500 gallons per month ÷ 1,000 = 4.5 thousand gallons per month x \$5.66 per 1,000 gallons per month = \$25.47.
- <sup>2</sup> Retail Residential Well Customer rate is based on estimated wastewater discharge of 150 gallons per day x 30 days per month = 4,500 gallons per month ÷ 1,000 = 4.5 thousand gallons per month x \$6.70 per 1,000 gallons per month = \$30.15.
- <sup>3</sup> To be determined by a special meter to measure water discharged to sewer ("sewer meter") or other means as recommended by a qualified engineering and/or rate consultant and approved by OJRSA Administration.
- <sup>4</sup> The formula for calculating surcharges is: (Monthly Concentration Average for Monitoring Parameter minus Surcharge Concentration Threshold for Same Parameter) x 8.34 conversion factor x (Total Flow for the Month in Gallons ÷ 1,000,000 Gallons) x Surcharge Rate = Surcharge Amount Due in Dollars NOTE: If an industry samples less frequently than monthly (i.e., quarterly), then the monthly average calculation will continue each month until the next month the parameter is sampled.  
The following calculation uses fictitious fees for demonstration purposes only (This example uses fees for BOD; however, the same formula applies for all monitored parameters. Fee calculations shall use those listed in the current OJRSA Schedule of Fees) – An industry has a monthly BOD average concentration of 500 mg/L. The total flow for the month is 310,000 gallons and the threshold limit for BOD is 250 mg/L. The BOD surcharge rate is \$0.30/lb of BOD.  
Step 1: (500 mg/L - 250 mg/L) x 8.34 x (310,000 gal/month ÷ 1,000,000 gal) x \$0.30/lb of BOD = BOD Surcharge Fee  
Step 2: 250 mg/L x 8.34 x 0.310 million gal/month x \$0.30/lb of BOD = BOD Surcharge Fee  
BOD Surcharge Fee Due = \$193.91
- <sup>5</sup> An industry will not be charged both BOD and COD, the surcharge will be calculated for both BOD and COD and the industry will be charged the higher rate.
- <sup>6</sup> The sum of organic nitrogen, ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>), and ammonium (NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>) in wastewater. TKN does not include Nitrate (NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>) and Nitrite (NO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>).
- <sup>7</sup> Total Industrial User capacity per month is equal to the facility's Permitted Allocated Capacity per day multiplied by the number of days for each month individually (e.g., 31 days for January, 28 days for February, etc.).  
The following calculation uses fictitious fees for demonstration purposes only (Fee calculations shall use those listed in the current OJRSA Schedule of Fees) – An industry is permitted for a maximum allocation of 20,000 gpd of process wastewater discharge. In January (31 days in the month), they discharge a total of 176,700 gallons. The Unused Capacity threshold is 50% (meaning if they do not average greater than or equal to 50% of their allocated maximum discharge as stated on the permit, then they are subject to paying an unused capacity fee for that month for the unused volume between their actual monthly discharge and 50% of their permitted volume). The rate is \$1.50/1,000 gallons, which is prorated (not rounded to nearest 1,000 gallons).  
Step 1: Determine if the industry is subject to an unused process wastewater allocation capacity fee. Is the facility's monthly discharge at least 50% of their allocation of 20,000 gpd?  
20,000 gpd x 31 days = 620,000 gal per month of maximum permitted discharge  
176,700 gal actually discharged in January ÷ 620,000 gal max allowed x 100 = 28.5% usage of capacity  
This facility DID NOT meet or exceed 50% of their discharge, so they will owe an unused capacity fee. (They would have needed to discharge at least 310,000 gallons in January to reach the 50% threshold.)  
Step 2: Determine the amount of fee owed.  
((Total Capacity Per Month x Allowed Percentage) – Total Monthly Discharge) ÷ 1,000 gal x \$1.50/1,000 gal = Fee Owed for Month  
(620,000 gpM x 50%) – 176,700 gpM ÷ 1,000 gal x \$1.50/1,000 gal = \$199.95 owed for January
- <sup>8</sup> Unused Industrial User capacity fees are collected for the purpose of treatment and conveyance system expansion and are held in the restricted Impact Fee Fund in accordance with the *OJRSA Impact Fee Policy* and *OJRSA Financial and Accounting Policy* for the Wholesale or Retail Service Area, as appropriate, to be used in accordance with the *OJRSA Impact Fee Policy*.
- <sup>9</sup> Industrial pretreatment expense billing Administrative Fee covers incidentals and general labor spent by other OJRSA staff that are involved in the pretreatment program as necessary, as well as general use materials used by the program collectively (e.g., fuel used for vehicle, general office supplies, electricity and other utilities for program, etc.). If specific industries require substantial time by other OJRSA staff, then the industries that the work is performed for shall be billed for this time based on the hourly wages of the lowest pay classification staff member(s) who have the necessary skills and training to perform the tasks.
- <sup>10</sup> Hauled Waste Disposal Permit fee is based on the calendar year (January through December), not the Fiscal Year. If waste hauler is issued a Hauled Waste Disposal Permit (HWDP), then they must pay for the entire month the HWDP is applied for. Providing the waste hauler is in good standing with the OJRSA, the HWDP will remain valid through December 31 of that year. Amount owed if HWDP is obtained anytime during that month (e.g., if they apply for the HWDP on May 31, they must pay the amount for May as shown in the list within this footnote):



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January = \$120.00	May = \$80.00	September = \$40.00
February = \$110.00	June = \$70.00	October = \$30.00
March = \$100.00	July = \$60.00	November = \$20.00
April \$90.00	August = \$50.00	December = \$10.00

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- <sup>11</sup> There are no refunds issued on Hauled Waste Disposal Permits.
- <sup>12</sup> Waste hauler also subject to other enforcement actions as stated in the *OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation* and other applicable regulations and policies.
- <sup>13</sup> Plan reviews based on average time and labor costs for an OJRSA staff member and/or third-party consultant employed by OJRSA to perform such functions.
- <sup>14</sup> For each review, including resubmittals. If the owner/developer changes the plans after the initial review or corrections must be made per the *OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation*, *OJRSA Development Policy*, other OJRSA policy, or requirements imposed by a Member City or other governmental agency, the fee must be paid for each review thereafter.
- <sup>15</sup> There are no fees for projects that are designed and installed by a Member City when they are paying for the installation themselves, such as if a city is installing a main line extension entirely at their own expense and is not funded by a developer or other party. In most cases, the projects that meet this exemption are when a Member City is installing infrastructure to replace or rehabilitate existing facilities or when they are extending their own system at their own expense (and not as a pay-in-advance or reimbursement project by third-party(ies)). Appeals can be made by the Member City to the OJRSA Board of Commissioners in accordance with the process stated within SECTION 7 of the *OJRSA Schedule of Fees* to determine if this fee should be waived for other projects.
- <sup>16</sup> Or in a subdivision that received a Permit for OJRSA Wastewater System Capacity (or equivalent) prior to January 1, 2020. These were considered at the time the original subdivision plans were reviewed.
- <sup>17</sup> This fee is used for the OJRSA to incorporate data from the record drawings and other supporting documents (e.g., GPS devices, surveys, etc.) into its Geographic Information System map, which is used for hydraulic modeling, manage and track work orders, asset management, planning, etc.
- <sup>18</sup> The following calculation uses fictitious fees for demonstration purposes only (*Fee calculations shall use those listed in the current OJRSA Schedule of Fees*) – A project has been designed that has a 900 linear feet of gravity sewer pipe, 400 feet of force main pipe, and one (1) pump station. The Base Fee for the first 1,000 linear feet of total pipe is \$200.00 and the fee per additional linear foot of pipe is \$0.25/foot. There is no cost for the pump station.
- Step 1: 900 feet of gravity + 400 feet of force main = 1,300 total linear feet of pipe for project
- Step 2: 1,300 total linear feet – 1,000 linear feet for base rate = 300 linear feet above the base
- Step 3: \$200.00 Base Fee + (300 linear feet x \$0.25/foot) + (1 pump station x \$0.00) = GIS fee due
- Step 4: \$200 + \$75 + \$0 = GIS fee due
- GIS Fee Due = \$275.00
- <sup>19</sup> Fee to pay for future maintenance of connection. The following calculation uses fictitious fees for demonstration purposes only (*Fee calculations shall use those listed in the current OJRSA Schedule of Fees*) – A contractor will bore into an existing OJRSA manhole to make one (1) 4-inch pipe diameter service connection. The Tap Maintenance Fee Due at the time is \$200/inch diameter. (*OR* contractor shall set a doghouse manhole on existing OJRSA pipeline with one (1) 4-inch pipe diameter service connection.)
- Step 1: \$200/inch diameter x 4-inch pipe diameter = Tap Maintenance Fee Due
- Step 2: \$800 = Tap Maintenance Fee Due
- <sup>20</sup> “Benefits fee” is a general term that covers employer costs for South Carolina Retirement System expenses, Social Security, Medicare, insurance, etc.
- <sup>21</sup> All copying, staff time, and other applicable fees must be paid prior to distribution of requested materials.
- <sup>22</sup> Device must be provided by the OJRSA to avoid risk of potential viruses that may be on flash drives belonging to the requester.

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### Revision History

As this document is an extension of the *OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation*, previous editions must be maintained in accordance with the *OJRSA Records Retention Policy*.

Revision Number	Effective Date	Description of Changes
0000	02/18/1980	Initial sewer user fees developed and approved by OCSC Board.
0001	08/04/1980	Hauled waste disposal fee modified.
0002	06/19/1984	Sewer use fees increased.
0003	01/01/1985	Revised sewer treatment fees developed and approved by OCSC Board via resolution approved on 01/07/1985.
0004	07/01/1985	Resolution approved on 01/07/1985 expired and rate structure changed.
0005	08/28/1989	Approved annual industry permitting fee on 08/28/1989.
0006	01/01/1990	Oconee County Ordinance [19]89-6 established Impact Fee for treatment capacity for future renovation, modernization, and expansion. OCSC approved on 08/28/1989.
0007	09/10/1990	Approved 2% late fee.
0008	10/07/1996	Approved increase of septic tank waste disposal and treatment fees.
0009	04/07/1997	Approved industrial surcharge fees.
0010	06/05/2000	Hauled waste fee increase approved.
0011	07/03/2006	Approved increase to Impact Fees and established a tap fee.
0012	04/01/2008	Approved addition of a "Transportation and Trunk Line Impact Fee."
0013	05/05/2008	Hauled waste fees increase based on percent increase on Member City fees.
0014	02/02/2009	Approved 20% Administrative Fee for permitted Industrial Users.
0015	10/03/2011	<i>OJRSA Schedule of Fees</i> updated.
0016	10/05/2015	Impact Fee calculation method changed.
0017	12/04/2017	Added fee for acceptance of portable toilet waste.
0018	11/06/2018	Inclusion of additional fees for credit card transactions, returned check, fats oils and grease program, engineering services, and FOIA. Approved by OJRSA Board on 11/05/2018.
0019	02/04/2019	Approved industrial facility flow surcharge and revised biosolids disposal fees.
0020	04/09/2021	Revised hauled waste program fees per <i>OJRSA Resolution 2021-11 Hauled Waste Policy Update</i> .
0021	07/01/2021	Revised Impact Fees per <i>OJRSA Resolution 2021-12 Impact Fee Policy Update</i> .
0022	10/01/2021	Approved comprehensive fee update on 09/13/2021.
0023	07/01/2022	Established unused capacity fee for Industrial Users. Includes other minor modifications.
0024	07/01/2023	Eliminated pro rata share model for user fees and established base plus volumetric model for Residential and Nonresidential Users.
0025	01/01/2024	Revised Impact Fees per <i>OJRSA Resolution 2024-04</i> .
0026	03/04/2024	Board approved newly established Retail Service Area rates.
0027	05/06/2024	Board approved updated fees per <i>OJRSA Resolution 2024-10</i> .
0028	06/02/2025	Board approved updated fees per <i>OJRSA Resolution 2025-05</i> .

END OF REVISIONS



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### OCONEE JOINT REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY Ad-Hoc Sewer Feasibility Implementation Committee April 10, 2025

The Ad-Hoc Feasibility Implementation Committee meeting was held at the Coneross Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Commissioners/Committee Members that were present:

- Joel Jones (ReWa) – Committee Chair
- Chip Bentley (Appalachian Council of Gov'ts.)
- Amanda Brock (Oconee County)
- Chris Eleazer (Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority)
- Scott McLane (City of Seneca)
- Celia Myers (City of Walhalla)
- Scott Parris (City of Westminster)
- Rivers Stilwell (Attorney, Maynard Nexsen) - *via Microsoft Teams*
- Scott Willett (Anderson Regional Joint Water System)

Committee Members that were not present:

- Sue Schneider (Citizen - formerly worked for Spartanburg Water)

OJRSA appointments and staff present were:

- Lynn Stephens, Secretary/Treasurer to the Board and Office Manager

Others present were:

- Lawrence Flynn (Pope Flynn - OJRSA Attorney) – *via Microsoft Teams*
- Norm Cannada, The Journal
- Katherine Amidon (Environmental Planner, Bolton & Menk)
- Tony Adams, Oconee Co. Citizen

**A. Call to Order** – Mr. Jones called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. He stated that Ms. Schneider is absent from the meeting today. He also said he hopes the Ad Hoc Committee will complete its work of developing a recommendation for the board by the June meeting. He stated today the committee will discuss Mr. Flynn's memo and add some more content at the next committee meeting and have a draft recommendation in June.

**B. Public Comment** – Mr. Adams stated there was a discussion at the last meeting about how sewer is allocated in Oconee County. Mr. Adams stated that, in his opinion, sewer service in Oconee County has been used in the past as a political tool for control, which has been prevalent in the last seven-to-eight (7-8) years. He mentioned the lawsuit against the county bond (an attempt to deny infrastructure in parts of the county that had been identified for potential) and the 5-year delay in the Sewer South Phase 2 Project (which resulted in a \$7 million increase in cost and the Rural Infrastructure Authority's grant being renewed twice). He stated this political factor needs to be addressed.

**C. Approval of Minutes:**

- **Ad Hoc Sewer Feasibility Implementation Committee Meeting of March 13, 2025** – Mr. Willett stated the word “seated” in his statement on page 5 needed to be changed to “ceded.” Mr. Eleazer stated that Mr. Bentley is part of the committee and needs to have his name added to the committee members’ list; however, he was not present at the March meeting. Ms. Myers said her statement on page 6 needed to be corrected to state she was concerned about “not” having someone with knowledge.

***Ms. Brock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Willett, to approve the March 13, 2025 Ad Hoc Feasibility Implementation Committee Meeting minutes as presented but with the noted corrections. The motion carried.***

**D. Committee Discussion and Action Items:**

1. **Review Summary of Reconstitution Memo and Discuss Next Steps** – Mr. Jones said Mr. Flynn was asked at the last meeting to revise his memo to include consolidation of all the sewer systems for the OJRSA and Member Cities. Mr. Eleazer handed out this revised memo, as well as the recommended changes to the statute, to the committee (*made a part of these minutes*).

Mr. Jones said, in reviewing this memo, major obstacles need to be identified and captured. He said he doesn’t know if this committee will address all of them, but at least it will acknowledge them as challenges that may lie ahead in the committee’s recommendation to the board. Mr. Jones added that if a committee member didn’t think their entity would approve of something, let it be known so everyone knows what the challenges are.

Mr. Jones asked Mr. Flynn to summarize the changes that have been made and any obstacles that he can see moving forward. Mr. Flynn said this memo also aligns with the draft language for the revised legislation as well. Although the memo looks similar to the previous one, various changes that came into effect because the recommendations largely around the constitution of the governing board from the last meeting were incorporated into the language around the consolidation options.

There were two (2) major changes:

- 1) To pivot towards the recommendation of getting out of the treatment-only business and taking over the collection systems of the various satellite sewer agencies that are currently members, with the idea of negotiating for the acquisition of the collection network by Seneca, Walhalla, and Westminster, and potentially the Town of West Union. The memo also includes the Member Cities’ outstanding debt, and the recommendations should be reviewed by the Member Cities’ bond counsels and financial advisors to determine how to decouple the assets without affecting bonds. The debt is secured by pledge of the combined utility systems (Seneca and Westminster have combined water, sewer, and electric systems; Walhalla has combined water and sewer systems), and that may require the redemption of certain debt (or payment of funds necessary to redeem debt) associated with the sewer systems as part of the acquisition. This is a moving target that is only addressed at a very high level in the memo recognizing the process will need to happen. It also lays the foundation that acquisition of the sewer systems can be sold, and acquired, under the terms of an ordinance of the respective Member City, because the referendum requirement that formerly existed with the state law had been repealed.
- 2) Then after deciding how the consolidation process will work, issues regarding recomposition of the existing Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority, which is the direction that has already been discussed, need to be figured out. The idea is to create new governance documents, new implementation documents, new debt proposals, and entire parameters around how

members are appointed. The committee will need to talk about governance and an operating agreement. The main structure of the governance will largely focus on the success of the newly proposed legislation.

Mr. Flynn said the direction he received from the last meeting was to keep the proposed five (5)-member board; however, with the three (3) Member Cities and adding Oconee County, that only brings it to four (4) members. The question is how do you get the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) member? The original proposal was to amend the legislation to allow for a joint agency with an even number of members and have the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) member recommended by the legislative delegation and appointed by the state governor.

Mr. Flynn added the open item still needing addressing is whether the members should be agents or employees of the entity, and he believes it is in the best interest of the OJRSA to have representation by members who are unaffiliated with the appointed bodies because of fiduciary considerations. He gave the following example: If mayor of a city is also on the OJRSA board, do you have capability to think in a fiduciary capacity acting in the best interest of the OJRSA?

Mr. Flynn said there were two (2) additional authorizations added into the statute:

- 1) Getting rid of the member-appointment methodology in its entirety (not allowing members to appoint members but having entire board appointed by the governor upon recommendation by the legislative delegation) to move towards how most Special Purpose Districts are appointed. This would be an election the members make at the outset and would default their decision-making authority on board membership to the delegation and governor; and
- 2) As recommended by Ms. Sue Schneider, having some experience with Ad Hoc members, ex-officio members, and some elected members: To have a full-blown elected commission, elected from the boundaries of the OJRSA service area, which would require the recommendation as an elector.

Mr. Flynn stated these two (2) new methods for appointing membership are to try and avoid the current situation with the fiduciary limitations and the potential for how additional members get appointed. This is in addition to acquiring the collection systems. Mr. Flynn also recommended that the number of board members should not go over seven (7), as it becomes more difficult to functionally operate a board with more than that amount.

Mr. Flynn added that all these options are explicitly conditional on the legislation being introduced and considered. This memo pre-supposes several things being introduced through legislative amendments based on every one of the governance structures that are being proposed.

Mr. Flynn said there were some general items in the legislation that were discussed in previous meetings, such as:

- 1) The voting mechanism (1 man/1 vote for certain matters and weighted voting for financial functions). He said the idea of having weighted voting becomes less important if you have membership elected from the service area at large or if you have appointed membership by the governor where there are no constituent duties or the potential conflicts if an appointed member by the respective governing body. Therefore, the voting mechanism may change depending on the governance structure that is put in place.
- 2) The expansion of debt parameters is the same thing as seen before to potentially expand, but also what it looks like to pre-approve debt (which was previously recommended knowing the capital budget is significant to the organization) by making some authorizations and approvals to do treatment plant expansions and collection system improvements as part of the reconstitution.



3) Discussion what the process is for a new rate structure that will come from the Willdan Financial reports.

Mr. Flynn stated that this is what the memo proposes at a high level to help identify the next steps to be taken forward: make appropriate arrangements for the proposed legislative amendments to be filed; engage all necessary professionals to start moving forward on the recommendation (including engineers, rate consultants, lawyers, and financial advisors) to determine how to redeem the outstanding debt of the current members as necessary for the transition and convey those various collection systems; obtain commitments from each of the Member Cities to consolidate the collection systems; and put deadlines in place to get all of this established. Then to ensure this is successful, the draft legislation needs to be approved, everyone needs to agree to the authorization, and a schedule for implementation needs to be set forth.

Ms. Amidon stated, regarding the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) option recommended by Ms. Schneider for the duly called election of the board, that it looks like it only applies for those in the current service area. She asked for clarity if it is actually the boundary by which the OJRSA can serve (the whole county as a whole). Mr. Flynn replied that this is a question to be run through legislative drafting. The constitution requires the person to be a qualified elector in order to serve, so the question is who becomes a qualified elector. OJRSA does not tax, so the argument would largely be that you only have the authority to serve in the areas in which OJRSA is currently serving, because those are the people ultimately affected by the business decisions being made. If OJRSA was a taxing agency and people were paying property taxes on debt or operations and not actually receiving service, there could be an argument that they were an elector, but this is not the case. The current legislation requires an elector to be a member or a service recipient from the OJRSA.

Ms. Amidon asked how that limits the OJRSA, because that would be a very tight area within Fair Play. Ms. Brock said Oconee County had funding for eighteen (18) years at \$613,000 per year to the entire system. That would not just be for Fair Play but would also include all the upgrades to Martin Creek and Seneca Creek, because they were high-dollar investments in the system. Ms. Amidon replied she's just trying to figure out where the service area is.

Mr. Jones said this was discussed in the last meeting and asked if this was a limitation in the current municipal joint legislation or outside of that. Mr. Flynn said it is a limitation of the constitution that says you can only be elected to a position in which you serve as a qualified elector, and the problem is how you identify who an elector is. Mr. Jones stated that this Authority will impact people outside the current customer base in the future and asked if there was a way to designate service territory (and not necessarily countywide). Mr. Flynn said he thinks it could, but it must be designated. Mr. Flynn added that the current definition of an elector is someone who is residing within the service area of the joint system, and this must be addressed with legislative drafting.

Mr. Stilwell said this will go to the legislative delegation in their next session, and he asked if the delegation was going to be asked to approve all three (3) options or is the committee going to ask the delegation to approve the one that is recommended. Mr. Flynn replied that all of these are options that will be put into the statute and then the members would get to choose which option to pursue.

Mr. Stilwell asked if Senator Alexander already has a draft of it. Mr. Flynn replied that he, Mr. Kevin Bronson (OJRSA Board Chair), and Mr. Eleazer had a conversation with Senator Alexander and his drafting attorney prior to this most recent draft. Due to timing and trying to get in at the end of the current session or at least beginning of the next session, it was decided to provide Senator Alexander with the draft that he could introduce but was conditioned that it was not reviewed or considered formally by the Ad Hoc Committee or the full OJRSA board.

Mr. Stilwell asked if the committee is going to recommend going with the legislation and a specific option or is the committee just going to say which legislation works. Mr. Jones said the committee must work out the consolidation and debt issue to find out if it's viable to decide which path to go with governance modeling. Mr. Stilwell agreed, saying if the money doesn't work then none of the legislative solutions will work. The critical path is determining what the systems are worth.

Mr. Stilwell said the county has a good amount of debt with essentially no customer base. Mr. Flynn replied the County is supported by taxes, but this is a revenue-only system, so the OJRSA must be able to support that debt, so that's why this is difficult. Each layer that is explored opens another set of issues to resolve.

Mr. Flynn added that the main thought was how to decide on the fiduciary questions. If you deal with the fiduciary issue, the finances can largely follow it because you won't have people making decisions based on other constituencies that are unrelated to the sewer service.

Mr. Flynn stated that it's been said you don't make money making sewer, but you can make money in sewer by setting rates and charges at a level sufficient to be able to recover those costs, and right now it is not happening. Mr. Stilwell said you can change the people in the chairs, but the money problem is still there. There is substantial debt with the members, the rates aren't sufficient, and the elephant in the room is deferred maintenance to the systems. Mr. Flynn said the new people could increase the rates to the level those repairs require, and you can afford anything if you create the rate base to support what you are trying to finance.

Mr. Willett asked how Oconee County is paying back its debt when it has no customer base. Ms. Brock replied with interest. Mr. Flynn said with property taxes. Ms. Brock said the interest that the County is earning on the bond itself is paying the debt as well as increased property taxes by new users. Mr. Willett said that if the debt is being paid by property taxes countywide, the service area shouldn't be limited. The County is a new member of the board, and everyone in Oconee County could be an elector and eligible to be on the board. Mr. Flynn replied that taxes could be levied based on a general benefit (such as non-parents paying school taxes as a general benefit). Mr. Flynn stated a definition of who is identified as an elector added to the statute might be the solution to this issue, but he added that it is difficult to identify what the electoral map looks like.

Mr. Jones asked if these items are something to be worked out by this implementation committee. He also asked if any of the three (3) items within the legislation that is before this committee is unworkable. Ms. Brock stated she didn't think the Oconee County Council would approve the board being fully elected. Mr. Jones asked if the committee was all for these three (3) opportunities for governance and representation. He said the committee can recommend what is most preferred under certain scenarios.

Ms. Brock said she was talking to committee members in the parking lot after the last Ad Hoc meeting about a possible compromise. She thinks there could be a formation of a transitional committee. Each member currently has the opportunity to appoint a person to serve as a transition person, because going from what it is now to a whole new system is not palatable to a lot of people holding the purse strings. The purse strings are the most difficult part of this organization. Although there would still be two bosses, there would be a five (5) member board, and they would have staggered terms. The County seat would be three (3) years, and each of the Member Cities could have two (2) years with two (2) consecutive terms. This would give an opportunity for a transition to occur, and when the seats run out, then you move on to the next step.

Ms. Brock added that the County Council is going to want someone from Oconee County sitting in the seat to go from start to finish. If that person knows someone else will be appointed in three (3) years that can learn the County structure of funding and the County's position without being an

employee or having strings tied to the purse, they could help find that person, and that would make a smoother transition. Less progress will be made with a flip of the coin. Mr. Flynn replied that this would require further manipulation of the statute, because that's not currently contemplated as the statute is currently drafted. Mr. Flynn said he's not saying it can't be done, but the statute was amended to authorize the governor to appoint to the board, and he doesn't know the practical benefit of adding this separate transitional authorization that doesn't solve any underlying issues that were the reason for going through this process to make recommendations on how to proceed. Ms. Brock said the benefit of doing it this way is to allow for the transition. She asked if the Member Cities were ready to flip a coin. Ms. Myers said no; Mr. Parris replied that some details needed to be worked out on handing everything over; it is going to take time.

Mr. Willett asked what the difficulties would be in using the existing entity and existing governance to bring on someone else and make that the transitional team, making it the last act of the existing and current joint water system; then on a certain date, the certification with the state is filed. Mr. Flynn replied to Mr. Willett that you cannot go through the reconstitution until you address the outside issues; you must transition and convey the entire system to the organization. In addition, a new system is not being created, but rather the existing system is being reconstituted to bypass all the real estate work of transferring the assets to a new organization. Everyone needs to agree upon the transfer of the assets, but then all of this can be subject to a certain date and tie that to the recomposition of the organization at large. This is not something that will happen in the next six (6) months. Mr. Willett said it doesn't look like changes to the Act will happen until next year, and it will probably stretch a year from that before you have a transition date. Mr. Flynn said it will be a couple of years at a minimum.

Mr. Jones said his biggest concern is who is going to hold the board accountable to get to that point; who is the authority that will enforce this? Mr. Jones asked where the fine line was. Mr. Flynn replied that the committee will make its recommendation, and then once the recommendation is made, the impetus to take some action falls back to the OJRSA Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Flynn said the state regulators, including the Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA), warned if OJRSA does not move forward on this, they will not receive any additional state funding. The pressure is coming from the state regulatory side and not the local government side. He added that Ms. Mettlen and her team were tasked with moving this forward, and he admitted he is concerned if the OJRSA loses that leadership. He said someone should stay in charge and on top of it.

Mr. Jones thinks that, along with the recommendation, the committee should suggest ways to ensure that implementation is successful. Ms. Brock suggested looking to Ms. Mettlen to continue to be the leadership.

Mr. Stilwell said of the three (3) choices in the memo, the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) choice seems to be the most attractive to him. He didn't think anyone on the committee would prefer to see elected commissioners. Ms. Brock agreed. Mr. Bentley asked if the committee would recommend the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) choice to the board, or would it give the board all three (3) options and have the board to decide. Mr. Jones said when it is drafted up, the committee will decide how to do it (that will be the committee's recommended option). Mr. Willett said having some weighting based on the members makes sense, and breaking the ties of answerability is important; the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) choice is the one that comes closest to doing that.

Mr. Flynn stated that no matter what option the committee determines is most preferred, the members who are reconstituting the organization have the flexibility to choose which option within the legislation that suits them. Mr. Willett replied that this committee has the task of making a recommendation, and he has no problem stating what is the preferred route to take.

There was some additional talk about debt and the rates needed to pay for it. Mr. Flynn felt the committee members were mixing concepts and took the time to explain that Oconee County had already issued the "GO bond" (general obligation bond) to run sewer improvements along the I-85 corridor of the county; this will continue unabated and should not be affected in any way by the consolidation that is being proposed, because it is untethered to the asset. The receipt of sewer service to a customer in the southern part of the county has nothing to do with rates. He added he understands the OJRSA will own that asset and will charge accordingly for it to be part of its regular rate base. Oconee County, regardless of what option is taken, will continue to have that GO bond outstanding and payable from the full faith and power of the County to pay off the debt.

Mr. Stilwell asked if someone could do the financial case and explain what the rates would have to be, because that is ultimately what the power of the purse will run back to. Mr. Flynn said this is where all the Member Cities need to agree to consolidation. He spoke about Walhalla having a \$21 million revenue bond from a couple of years ago exclusively done for expanding their water treatment plant. This is completely untethered from the sewer system; however, from a debt standpoint, the security for this obligation is the combined revenues of the water and sewer system together. The water system should be paying for all the debt on that bond without reliance on the sewer system, but that may not be the way it's working; therefore, there should be analysis with Walhalla's bond counsel and financial advisor to see if Walhalla can decouple and sell off the sewer system without having to touch the outstanding revenue bond, because the OJRSA is diminishing the security that the bond holders are receiving. Mr. Flynn added Seneca and Westminster have combined water, sewer, and electricity.

Mr. Stilwell asked if the Member Cities think the OJRSA is going to write them a check, or that they are going to unload \$10 million in debt on the OJRSA and say, "Take it"? Mr. Flynn replied that is a question of how the OJRSA obtains the systems. Mr. Stilwell said he feels this is the critical part. Mr. Flynn spoke more about the value of the conveyance systems, and Mr. Stilwell added that the deferred maintenance cost needs to be factored in as well. Mr. Flynn said he feels the only way this is going to work is if the systems are granted over to the OJRSA at no cost with a determination of what improvements need to be made for all those systems. This is way beyond the scope of this committee's work.

Mr. Jones said this committee needs to wrap up its work, and the recommendation should include a determination of who will continue the work of this recommendation. The easy stuff is about to be completed, but the hard work to come is the implementation. Someone must take the lead to make it happen, and there must be a reason to make it happen. Mr. Bentley agreed that the committee is about at a point of recommending the path forward and making sure the playing field is set for that with legislation, but some of these issues are beyond this committee's scope. The sooner this gets started, the quicker it goes. Mr. Jones thinks determining the value of the systems should be one of the starting points. Ms. Brock said it is also about figuring out if it's financially feasible for the Member Cities to make the move.

Mr. Eleazer summarized what he understood the discussion to be by saying they were taking the value of the conveyance and adding in the deferred maintenance costs, which sounds like the Member Cities could have to pay someone else to take their systems. During some laughter, Mr. Jones said that it is not viable, Ms. Brock replied that was not happening, and Ms. Myers joked that Mr. Eleazer might have just killed this plan. Mr. Eleazer said it sounded like there was no value to the system or even a negative value due to the deferred maintenance, and he said he wanted to understand if he was getting this correct. Mr. Bentley said in theory yes, but no one is going to see it like that. Mr. Jones said from the start you plan on what you must spend to create and maintain

a sewer system. He added that everyone must come forward in good faith to come up with the best solution, and if it all comes down to economics, you won't get anywhere.

Mr. Parris said that, in most circumstances, sewer is subsidized by water and electric revenue. He asked if taking the sewer off the books actually improve the comfort of the bondholders as that liability is gone. Mr. Flynn said that would be the case, but that is why someone has to do the analysis. Ms. Myers said that Walhalla spoke to the bond counsel already, and it would have to be voted on by the bondholders, and it would be up to them to decide whether they want to do it or not. It may not be left up to the Member City.

- 2. Discuss Final Recommendations for Steps Forward Towards Reorganization, Consolidation, and Other Matters Relevant to This Committee** – Mr. Jones asked if everyone agreed that consolidation will be part of the recommendation; everyone agreed. Mr. Jones added any major hurdles or obstacles that can be seen should also be included in the recommendation.

Mr. Bentley said next month it can be looked into: who moves this forward, who is responsible, and what the timeline is. Mr. Jones suggested that the committee recommend some type of transitional process that would help ensure this moves forward and is completed; everyone agreed with this.

Mr. Willett said looking over Mr. Flynn's recommendations, it spoke about pre-authorized/pre-approved projects. He said his personal experience with pre-approved projects that are written into a contract and turned over to the new organization can be a "death sentence." He said the cleaner the handoff to a future board to allow them to make fiduciary decisions that are best for the system at that time, the better it is.

Mr. Jones asked the committee to think on recommendations, how to pursue implementation, discuss a change in governance, and discuss the transitional process (framework). He said the committee should come back with a draft form of the recommendation at the May meeting.

Mr. Jones also asked what the OJRSA board expected from this (a written recommendation or a presentation). Ms. Brock suggested a joint meeting. Ms. Myers said it probably wasn't a bad idea to have a joint meeting. Mr. Jones replied they should give an option for a joint meeting. Mr. Bentley suggested doing a presentation at a minimum. Mr. Eleazer said the guidance for this committee as stated in the Feasibility Study Report was just to report back to the OJRSA and Oconee County, and there wasn't anything more requested.

Mr. Flynn spoke about defining an elector for clarification. Ms. Myers suggested that each committee member individually note what they would support out of the six (6) choices in the memo. Mr. Jones and Ms. Amidon suggested an electronic document be shared where everyone could put their ideas in notes that could be viewed by everyone on the committee.


- E. Public Comment Following Committee Discussion and Action Items** – Mr. Adams stated there was a comment made in the meeting that really shocked him about making money on sewer by jacking up the rates. Mr. Adams stated that this was not customer-friendly and added that the OJRSA could make money on sewer by adding customers, especially industrial customers.

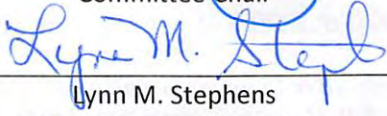
**F. Upcoming Meetings**

- 1. Executive Committee** – Thursday, April 10, 2025 at 11:15 a.m. *(called meeting)*
- 2. Operations & Planning Committee** – Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at 8:30 a.m.
- 3. Finance & Administration Committee** – Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
- 4. Board of Commissioners** – Monday, May 5, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.
- 5. Sewer Feasibility Implementation Ad Hoc Committee** – Thursday, May 8, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

- G. Adjourn** - The meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.



Approved By:  Date Approved: 5/8/25  
Joel Jones  
Committee Chair

Approved By:   
Lynn M. Stephens  
OJRSA Secretary/Treasurer

Notification of the meeting was distributed on March 7, 2025 to *Upstate Today*, *Anderson Independent-Mail*, *Westminster News*, *Keowee Courier*, WGOG Radio, WSNW Radio, City of Seneca Council, City of Walhalla Council, City of Westminster Council, Oconee County Council, SC DHEC, [www.ojrsa.org](http://www.ojrsa.org), and posted at the OJRSA Administration Building.



## **Ad Hoc Sewer Feasibility Implementation Committee**

OJRSA Operations & Administration Building

Lamar Bailes Board Room

April 10, 2025 at 9:00 AM

*This advisory committee was established by the OJRSA Board of Commissioners at its November 4, 2024 meeting to consider recommendations and report to the OJRSA Board and Oconee County as identified in the [Regional Feasibility Planning Study](#) as adopted by the OJRSA on September 9, 2024. The committee can neither create policy nor make decisions on behalf of the OJRSA or other wastewater service providers within the area. See the study at [www.ojrsa.org/info](http://www.ojrsa.org/info) for more information.*

*OJRSA commission and committee meetings may be attended in person at the address listed above. The OJRSA will also broadcast meetings live on its YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/@OconeeJRSA](http://www.youtube.com/@OconeeJRSA) (if there is a technical issue preventing the livestreaming of the meeting, then a recording will be published on the channel as soon as possible). For those not able to attend in person, then the OJRSA Board or Committee Chair will accept public comments by mail (623 Return Church Rd, Seneca, SC 29678) or at [info@ojrsa.org](mailto:info@ojrsa.org). Comments must comply with the public session instructions as stated on the meeting agenda and will be received up until one hour prior to the scheduled meeting. If there is not a public session scheduled for a meeting, then comments shall not be accepted.*

### **Agenda**

- A. Call to Order** – Joel Jones, Committee Chair
- B. Public Comment** – Receive comments relating to topics that may or may not be on this agenda. Session is limited to a maximum of 30 minutes with no more than 5 minutes per speaker.
- C. Approval of Minutes**
  - Ad Hoc Sewer Feasibility Implementation Committee Meeting of March 13, 2025
- D. Committee Discussion and Action Items**
  - 1. Review summary of reconstitution memo and discuss next steps – Joel Jones, Committee Chair
  - 2. Discuss final recommendations for steps forward towards reorganization, consolidation, and other matters relevant to this committee – Joel Jones, Committee Chair
- E. Public Comment Following Committee Discussion and Action Items** – Session is limited to a maximum of 30 minutes with no more than 5 minutes per speaker.
- F. Upcoming Meetings** *All meetings to be held in the Lamar Bailes Board Room unless noted otherwise.*
  - 1. Executive Committee – April 10, 2025 at 11:15 AM **Called Meeting**
  - 2. Operations & Planning Committee – April 16, 2025 at 8:30 AM
  - 3. Finance & Administration Committee – April 22, 2025 at 9:00 AM
  - 4. Board of Commissioners – May 5, 2025 at 4:00 PM
  - 5. Ad Hoc Sewer Feasibility Implementation Committee – May 8, 2025 at 9:00 AM
- G. Adjourn**





## Meeting Sign-in Sheet

Date: 4/10/25 Time: 9am Location: WWTP Board Room

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MEMORANDUM

To: Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority, South Carolina

From: Pope Flynn, LLC

Re: Consolidated Reconstitution

Date: March 31, 2025

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Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority, South Carolina (the “**Authority**” or “**Joint Authority**”) is a body politic and corporate, and a joint authority sewer system organized under Title 6, Chapter 25 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended (the “**Joint Authority Act**”). The Authority was created in 2007 under the provisions of the Joint Authority Act by its three-member municipalities (collectively, the “**Members**”)<sup>1</sup>: the City of Seneca, South Carolina (“**Seneca**”), the City of Walhalla, South Carolina (“**Walhalla**”), and the City of Westminster, South Carolina (“**Westminster**”).

Based on funding from the South Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority, the Joint Authority engaged a team comprised of W.K. Dickson & Co., Inc., Willdan Financial Services, and Bolton & Menk, Inc. to prepare a regional feasibility planning study, which was formally adopted by the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority Commission, as the governing body of the Authority, on September 9, 2024 (the “**Study**”). The purpose of the Study was to determine long-term sewer service options within Oconee County, South Carolina (the “**County**”). Contemporaneously with the Study, the Joint Authority also undertook its “Oconee County and Western Anderson County Sewer Master Plan” (the “**Master Plan**”). Major infrastructure recommendations in the Master Plan include: developing plans to expand the Coneross Creek Wastewater Reclamation Facility (the “**Coneross WRF**”); updating the regulatory checkbook to gain permitted capacity at Coneross WRF; reducing pump station infrastructure and wastewater travel time; and working with Members to improve collection infrastructure.

Based on the terms of the Study and the Master Plan, Pope Flynn, LLC previously prepared and presented two memoranda, one dated November 26, 2024, which described options for the reorganization of the Joint Authority, and another dated February 25, 2025, which summarized the steps for reconstitution of the Joint Authority.

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<sup>1</sup> For purposes of the reconstituted Joint Authority, such term would also include the County (as defined herein) once or if it is added as a Member.



Subsequent to the release of the memos, the *ad hoc* committee studying the Joint Authority recommended that the satellite sewer systems owned and maintained by Seneca, Walhalla, Westminster, and any other contributing public satellite sewer system (collectively, the “*Existing Systems*”) be conveyed to the Authority such that all sewer treatment and collection services in the County would be performed exclusively by the Joint Authority. As a result, a summary of procedures to acquire the Existing Systems and reconstitute the Joint Authority are separately described below.

### Acquisition of Existing Systems

The acquisition of the Existing Systems by the Joint Authority has a number of legal, practical and logical obstacles that must be considered and addressed prior to the reconstitution of the Authority. While the conveyance procedure for the Existing Systems could be done simultaneously with the reconstitution, it is advisable that such conveyance be implemented and finalized before the reconstitution occurs. By implementing such a procedure in advance of reconstitution, any attendant delays, failures to act, disagreements on value and other matters associated with the planned conveyance can be addressed and finalized prior to reconstitution such that any of the foregoing matters will not be an impairment to the reconstitution process. A summary of the matters necessary to implement the acquisition of the Existing Systems by the Joint Authority is provided below:

- Conveyance of Existing Systems to be conducted by ordinance of each respective Member. No referendum is required as a result of the Supreme Court’s determination in *Sojourner v. St. George*, 383 S.C. 679 S.E.2d 182 (2009).
- Review of outstanding utility debt obligations of each Member is required, and consideration must be made as to limitations for sale of system components secured by revenues of sewer systems, respectively:
  - Walhalla (combined water and sewer)<sup>2</sup>
    - \$17,945,000 principal amount still outstanding on originally issued \$20,620,000 Water and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Series 2018.
    - Various capital leases secured by utility system assets.
  - Seneca (combined water, sewer and electric)<sup>3</sup>
    - \$890,000 principal amount still outstanding on originally issued \$8,350,000 Combined Utility System Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2012.
    - \$460,015 principal amount still outstanding on originally issued \$3,762,930 Combined Utility System Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2020.
    - \$537,729 principal amount still outstanding on originally issued \$1,993,633 Combined Utility System Revenue Bond, Series 2007 (South Carolina Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund).
    - \$6,943,035 principal amount still outstanding on originally issued \$11,528,750 Combined Utility System Revenue Bond, Series 2014 (South Carolina Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund).

<sup>2</sup> Source: 2023 Audited Financial Statements

<sup>3</sup> Source: 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report



- \$4,791,937 principal amount still outstanding on originally issued \$6,031,455 Combined Utility System Revenue Bond, Series 2007 (South Carolina Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund).
- Potential capital leases secured by combined utility system assets.
- Westminster (combined water, sewer and electric)<sup>4</sup>
  - \$8,260,000 principal amount still outstanding on originally issued \$8,260,000 Combined Utility System Revenue Bond Anticipation Note, Series 2023<sup>5</sup>.
  - Originally issued \$369,947 Combined Utility System Revenue Bond, Series 2022 (ConserFund Loan).
  - Various capital leases secured by combined utility system assets.
- The terms and conditions of acquisition, including valuation, financial considerations, and transfer processes shall be reviewed and considered.

### Reconstitution of the Joint Authority

Once the Joint Authority acquires the Existing Systems, it is recommended that the Joint Authority be reconstituted to address governance, operations, voting, debt and regulatory matters that currently plague the Joint Authority as currently constituted. A summary of items to be addressed and considered during the reconstitution process are described in summary fashion below.

#### **1. Governance Structure**

- The Authority shall be reconstituted to include the County as a Member.
- Reconstitution shall provide that the Authority shall have the power to provide retail sewer services within its service area.
- The governing body of the Authority shall be a five-member commission (the “*New Commission*”). Draft legislation has been proposed to amend the Joint Authority Act to permit new methods for appointing or electing commissions. The draft legislation permits a variety of options, including:
  - *Status quo* appointment of commissioners by Members, with authorization to add a fifth, seventh, ninth or eleventh member appointed by the Governor upon the recommendation of the legislative delegation from Oconee County;
  - Full appointment of the New Commission by the Governor, upon the recommendation of the legislative delegation from Oconee County based upon an appointive index of total customers; or
  - Election of the New Commission in a duly called election to be held within the service boundaries of the Authority.

#### **2. Operating Agreement**

- A new operating agreement shall be executed with a minimum term of 40 years.
- The agreement shall define governance, financial obligations, operational responsibilities, and dispute resolution mechanisms.

<sup>4</sup> Source: 2024 Audited Financial Statements

<sup>5</sup> To be taken out by long-term financing with United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development.

- This expressly includes the authorization to provide retail sewer services within its service area.
- 3. Voting Mechanism**
  - General matters shall be determined by per capita voting.
  - Option for weighted voting for finance-related matters shall be subject to a voting mechanism that assigns voting rights based on an agreed-upon formula. Note, this may not be necessary if the Members are not appointing the Commissioners.
- 4. Expansion & Debt Parameters**
  - A framework shall be established for funding system growth, including capital improvements and infrastructure expansions.
  - Preapproval mechanisms shall be established for financing certain projects.
  - Member approval requirements shall be clearly defined for all other debt issuances, or alternatively, if the New Commission is elected, the draft legislation contemplates that separate approval of the Members will not be required.
- 5. Addition of New Members**
  - The Authority shall establish clear parameters and a defined mechanism for admitting new members.
- 6. Rate Structure**
  - An equitable rate structure shall be developed, ensuring fairness among all Members and customers.

#### Next Steps

As the *ad hoc* committee works to complete its mission of reviewing the Joint Authority and considering the entity's future options, it has definitively determined that acquisition of the Existing Systems by the Joint Authority and reconstitution of the organization are required. Next steps to ensure that such recommendations are timely fulfilled, include the following:

- Make arrangements to file proposed amendments to the Joint Authority Act.
- Engage necessary professionals (engineers, rate consultants, lawyers, and financial advisors) to develop engineering models, financial models and legal framework for completing the asset transfers and redeeming or restructuring the debt associated with the Existing Systems.
  - Commitments must be secured by each Member as to its willingness and agreement to conveyance of their respective sewer systems to the Joint Agency, eschewing continued operations of the same.
  - Deadlines shall be imposed for deliverables from professional consultants, and the necessary commitments from the Members.
- Contingent on successful enactment of draft legislation, (i) finalize governance details and plans for New Commission; and (ii) create a timeline for implementation of the reconstitution.



TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6, CHAPTER 25 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN CLARYIFYING AMENDMENTS REGARDING COMMISSIONERS, RECONSTITUTION, BOND APPROVAL AND DURATION.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

**SECTION 1. Section 6-25-20 shall be amended to add the following defined terms:**

**§ 6-25-20. Definitions.**

*(14) "Legislative Delegation" means all members of the South Carolina Senate and South Carolina House representing any county where a joint system is located.*

*(15) "Governor" means the Governor of the State of South Carolina.*

**SECTION 2. 6-25-50 shall be amended and restated as follows:**

**SECTION 6-25-50.** ~~Agreement as to number of commissioners each member may appoint;~~  
Application filed with Secretary of State; corporate certificate.

(A) The governing bodies of the members of a joint system shall form an agreement specifying the number of commissioners ~~each member may appoint to a commission created to govern the joint system pursuant to Section 6-25-60.~~

(B) ~~Two or more commissioners~~ The proposed members of a joint system shall jointly file an application with the Secretary of State ~~an application signed by the commissioner or each proposed member setting forth:~~

(1) ~~the names of~~ number of proposed members of the joint system, the number of proposed commissioners, and their ~~respective appointed commissioners~~ the method of appointment or election of commissioners pursuant to Section 6-25-60(B);

(2) ~~(a) the a~~ certified copy of a resolution of each member determining it is in its best interest to participate in the proposed joint system; and

~~(b) the resolution appointing the member's commissioner;~~

(3) the desire that the joint system be organized as a public body corporate and politic under this chapter;

(4) the name which is proposed for the joint system; and

(5) the purpose for creation of the joint system.

The Secretary of State shall file the application if after examining it and determining that it complies with the requirements in this section and that the proposed name of the joint system is not identical with that of any other corporation of the State or any agency or instrumentality or so nearly similar as to lead to confusion and uncertainty.

After the application has been filed, the Secretary of State shall issue a corporate certificate that must be filed with the application, and the joint system then must be constituted a public body corporate and politic under the name proposed in the application. The corporate certificate shall set forth ~~the names of all voting member and~~ the name of the joint system. There also must be stated upon the corporate certificate the purpose for which it has been created, as set forth in the application. Notice of the issuance of such corporate certificate must be given to all members of the joint system by the Secretary of State.

In any suit, action, or proceeding involving the validity or enforcement of, or relating to, contract of a joint system, the joint system in the absence of establishing fraud shall be conclusively considered to have been established in accordance with the provisions of this chapter upon proof



of the issuance of the certificate by the Secretary of State. A copy of the certificate, duly certified by the Secretary of State, is admissible in evidence in any suit, action, or proceeding and is conclusive proof of the filing and contents.

**SECTION 3. 6-25-60 shall be amended and restated as follows:**

**§ 6-25-60.** Joint system to be managed and controlled by commission; ~~appointment of commissioners; oath; records; seal; quorum; vacancies; expenses.~~

(A) The management and control of a joint system is vested in a commission that may consist of no fewer than five members and no more than eleven members. A commissioner has one vote and may have additional votes as a majority of the members of the joint system determines.

(B) As contemplated by the initial application to the Secretary of State, commissioners serving on the commission may be appointed or elected under one of the following procedures:

(1) Appointment by member. The governing body of each voting member of a joint system shall appoint a commissioner, pursuant to Section 6-25-50(A), to serve as a commissioner of the joint system. ~~A commissioner has one vote and may have additional votes as a majority of the members of the joint system determines.~~ A commissioner serves at the pleasure of the governing body by which he was appointed. A commissioner, before entering upon his duties, shall take and subscribe to an oath before a person authorized by law to administer oaths to execute the duties of his office faithfully and impartially, and a record of each oath must be filed with the governing body of the appointing authority.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection requiring the commission managing a joint system to have no fewer than five members and no more than eleven members, a joint system in existence on this section's effective date and having fewer than five members or more than eleven members on this section's effective date may continue to maintain the number of members serving on the section's effective date and may add additional members as its commissioners determine. Further, and notwithstanding the appointment requirements above, in the event there are an even number of members of a joint system (i.e. 4, 6, 8, 10), the project contract, bylaws or other similar agreement for the joint system may authorize one additional member of the commission; such additional member of the commission shall be recommended by the legislative delegation from each county where the joint system is located, and upon receipt of such recommendation, appointed by the governor. Any gubernatorial appointment shall be for a term of four years and shall serve until a duly appointed successor is appointed and qualified. Any vacancy of such member must be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment. If a new member of a joint system is added under the provisions hereof such that there becomes an odd number of members of a joint system, any gubernatorial appointed commissioner shall be deemed to automatically vacate his position as a commissioner as of the date of the admission of such new member of a joint system and their respective appointment of a new commissioner.

(2) Appointment by Governor. The commissioners may be appointed by the Governor in accordance with the following procedures:

(a) The total number of customers served by the joint system (including customers served by members of the joint system) must be divided by the total number of commission seats, the result being an apportionate average;

(b) The respective number of customers of each member of the joint system must be divided by the apportionate average to determine an appointive index.

(c) The Governor, based upon the recommendation of the legislative delegation from each county that the joint system operates, shall appoint a number of commissioners to the commission from each member of the joint system equal to the whole number

indicated by its appointive index. If by this method there are insufficient members appointed to complete the commission, an appointive index closest to the next highest whole number shall be authorized to have an additional commissioner. Further, and notwithstanding the appointive index, there shall be at least one commissioner appointed for the service area of each member of the joint system.

(d) Excepting the initial appointments as necessary to create a staggered commission which may be two or four years, respectively, each commissioner must be appointed and serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualifies, provided that the terms of the commissioners must be staggered such that approximately one-half of the total members appointed by the Governor must be appointed or reappointed every two years. A vacancy must be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term in the manner of the original appointment.

(3) Election. The commissioners may be elected on an at-large basis in accordance with the following procedures:

(a) After the application is filed with the Secretary of State, at the next general election or on the date of a special election as requested by the members of the joint system upon request to the applicable county election agency, an election shall be held for commissioners to serve on the commission.

(b) At the initial election to establish the commission, the electors shall vote for commissioners to serve on the commission. The persons necessary to create a quorum of the commission (if fully convened as contemplated by subsection (D) hereinbelow) and receiving the highest number of votes in the initial election shall serve for a term of four years. After the persons sufficient to create a quorum of the commission have been determined, the remaining persons receiving the next highest number of votes in the initial election shall serve for a term of two years. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the initial election is held on a special election date that is not a general election date within the county or counties of the joint system, the term of all initial commissioners may be reduced as necessary to ensure subsequent elections are held on a general election date.

(c) All successor commissioners must be elected in the regular election for commission members for terms of office of four years. All commissioners shall serve until their successors are elected and qualify. Vacancies in any new positions must be filled in the same manner as other vacancies on the board of commissioners of public works are filled.

~~(B)~~ (C) The commissioners of the joint system shall annually, or biennially, if provided in the bylaws of the joint system, elect, with each commissioner having one vote, one of the commissioners as chairman, another as vice chairman, and other persons who may, but need not be commissioners, as treasurer, secretary and, if desired, assistant secretary. The office of treasurer may be held by the secretary or assistant secretary. The commission may also appoint such additional officers as it deems necessary. The secretary or assistant secretary of the joint system shall keep a record of the proceedings of the joint system, and the secretary must be the custodian of all books, records, documents, and papers filed with the joint system, the minute book or journal of the joint system, and its official seal.

~~(G)~~ (D) A majority of the commissioners of the joint system shall constitute a quorum. A vacancy on the commission of the joint system shall not impair the right of a quorum to exercise all rights and perform all the duties of a joint system. Any action taken by the joint system under the provisions of this chapter may be authorized by resolution at any regular or special meeting held pursuant to notice in accordance with bylaws of the joint system, and each resolution shall take effect immediately and need not be published or posted. Except as is otherwise provided in this chapter or in the bylaws of the joint system, a majority of the votes which the commissioners present are entitled to cast, with a quorum present, shall be necessary and sufficient to take any

action or to pass any resolution. No commissioner of a joint system shall receive any compensation solely for the performance of duties as a commissioner, but each commissioner may be paid per diem, mileage, and subsistence expenses, as provided by law for state boards, committees, and commissions, incurred while engaged in the performance of such duties.

(E) All commissioners shall hold the qualifications of an elector. In the case of a gubernatorial appointment, such appointee must be a qualified elector residing within the area served by the joint system.

(F) Commissioners appointed under subsection (B)(2) or elected under subsection (B)(3) above may not be an officer or employee of a member of a joint system, and no commissioner shall be permitted to service on an ex officio basis. Separately, for commissioners appointed under subsection (B)(1) above, the members of the joint system may include a restriction in the project contract, bylaws or other agreement for the joint system that no commissioner may be an officer or employee of a member of a joint system, and no commissioner shall be permitted to service on an ex officio basis.

(G) Any commissioner appointed hereunder shall be deemed to forfeit his respective position if he (1) lacks at any time during his term of office any qualifications for the office prescribed by general law and the Constitution, or (2) is convicted of any crime, other than civil infractions or misdemeanors for which no imprisonment is imposed.

#### **SECTION 4. 6-25-70 shall be amended and restated as follows:**

##### **SECTION 6-25-70. Change in membership of joint system.**

(A) After the creation of a joint system, any other authority may become a member of the joint system upon:

(1) adoption of a resolution or ordinance by the governing body complying with the requirements of Section 6-25-40 including publication of notice;

(2) submission of an application to the joint system; and

(3) approval of the application by resolution of the governing body of each member of the joint system except in the case of a joint system organized for the purpose of creating a financing pool, in which case the application must be approved by resolution of the commission.

(B) A member may withdraw from a joint system by resolution or ordinance of its governing body. A contractual right acquired or contractual obligation incurred by a member while it was a member remains in full force and effect after the member's withdrawal.

(C) Notice of a change in membership must be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State. No change is final until this filing occurs. The filing is not required if a joint system is organized only for the purpose of creating a financing pool.

(D) If a new member of the joint system is added hereunder, the approval documentation required under subsection (A)(3) above shall determine whether any new commissioners shall be added to the commission as necessary to support such new member of the joint system. If a new commissioner is added, appointed commissioners, either by the member of the joint system or the Governor, as applicable, shall be appointed immediately. If the commission is elected, the new commissioner shall not be added until the next occurring general election.

#### **SECTION 5. 6-25-80 shall be amended and restated as follows:**

##### **§ 6-25-80. Dissolution of system.**

Whenever the commission of a joint system and the governing body of each of its members shall by resolution or ordinance determine that the purposes for which the joint system was formed have been substantially fulfilled and that all bonds issued and all other obligations incurred by the joint system have been fully paid or satisfied, the commission and members may declare the joint system

to be dissolved. On the effective date of the resolution or ordinance, the title to all funds and other income and property owned by the joint system at the time of dissolution must be disbursed to the voting members of the joint system according to its bylaws.

*In the discretion of the members of a joint system for the proper and efficient operation of any joint system, an existing joint system may be reconstituted by following the procedures for the creation of a new joint system, mutatis mutandis.*

**SECTION 6. 6-25-110 shall be amended and restated as follows:**

**§ 6-25-110.** Authorization to incur debt and issue bonds.

A joint system may incur debt for any of its purposes and may issue bonds pledging to the payment as to both principal and interest the revenues, or any portion, derived or to be derived from all or any of its projects and any additions and betterments or extensions or contributions or advances from its members or other sources of funds available to it. A joint system may not undertake a project required to be financed, in whole or in part, with the proceeds of bonds without the approval of the governing bodies of each member which is obligated or to be obligated under any contract for the payment of amounts to be pledged as security therefore and a favorable vote of two-thirds of all commissioners. *Notwithstanding the foregoing, when commission is elected under Section 6-25-60(B)(3), no separate approval of the governing bodies of each member shall be required for the issuance of any bonds, and such bonds shall be authorized and approved by a simple majority of the commissioners. Any project may be preauthorized, preapproved or otherwise permitted under the terms of the project contract for the joint system, and such authority, approval or permission shall constitute all necessary approval of the respective governing bodies of each member herein.* A joint system formed only for the purpose of creating a financing pool may issue notes in anticipation of the issuance of bonds by its members to the government.

**SECTION 7. Section 6-25-128 shall be amended and restated as follows:**

**§6-25-128.** Contracts between authority and joint system; duration.

An authority may contract to buy from the joint system water required for its present or future requirements, including the capacity and output, or a portion or share of one or more specified projects. An authority also may contract for the collection or treatment of wastewater, including present or future capacity, or a portion or share of another project. The creation of a joint system is an alternative method whereby an authority may obtain the benefits and assume the responsibilities of ownership in a project, so a contract may provide that the authority forming the contract is obligated to make a payment required by the contract whether or not a project is completed, operable, or operating notwithstanding the suspension, interruption, interference, reduction, or curtailment of the output of a project or the water contracted for, and that the payments under the contract are not subject to reduction, whether by offset or otherwise, and are not conditioned upon the performance or nonperformance of the joint system or any other member of the joint system under the contract or any other instrument. A contract with respect to the sale or purchase of capacity or output, or a portion or share of them, of a project entered into between a joint system and its member authorities also may provide that if an authority or authorities default in the payment of its or their obligations with respect to the purchase of the capacity or output, or a portion or share of them, in that event the remaining member authorities which are purchasing capacity and output under the contract are required to accept and pay for and are entitled proportionately to and may use or otherwise dispose of the capacity or output which was to be purchased by the defaulting authority.



A contract concerning the sale or purchase of capacity and output from a project may extend for a period not exceeding fifty years from the date of the contract and may be renewable and extended upon terms as the parties may agree for not exceeding an additional fifty years; and the execution and effectiveness is not subject to any authorizations or approvals by the State or any agency, commission, or instrumentality or political subdivision of them. To the extent any bonds or other indebtedness of the joint system exceeds the term of an initial or existing contract between or among the joint system and the respective members of the joint system, the duration of the joint system and the obligations of the members of the joint system shall automatically extend and continue unabated for so long as any bonds or other indebtedness are outstanding.

Payments by an authority under a contract for the purchase of capacity and output from a joint system may be made from the revenues derived from the ownership and operation of the water system of the authority or from such other sources of funds as may be available, including any amounts received as payments in lieu of taxes. An authority may not pledge its full faith, credit, and taxing power to secure its obligations to the joint system or the bonds of the joint system. An authority is obligated to fix, charge, and collect rents, rates, fees, and charges for water or sewer services, facilities, and commodities sold, furnished, or supplied through its water or sewer system sufficient to provide revenues adequate to meet its obligations under any contract and to pay any and all other amounts payable from or constituting a charge and lien upon the revenues, including amounts sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on general obligation bonds, if any, heretofore or hereafter issued by the authority for purposes related to its water or sewer system.

An authority that is a member of a joint system may furnish the joint system with money derived from the ownership and operation of its water or sewer system or facilities and provide the joint system with personnel, equipment, and property, both real and personal, and from any other sources legally available to it for such purposes. An authority also may provide services to a joint system.

A member of a joint system may contract for, advance, or contribute funds derived from the ownership and operation of its water or sewer system or facilities or from another legal source to a joint system as agreed upon by the joint system and the member, and the joint system shall repay the advances or contributions from the proceeds of bonds, operating revenue, or other funds of the joint system, together with interest as agreed upon by the member and the joint system.

**SECTION 8. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.**

**CHAPTER 25**  
**Joint Authority Water and Sewer Systems Act**

**Editor's Note**

2007 Act No. 59, Section 1, changed the title of this chapter which was formerly "Joint Municipal Water Systems".

**SECTION 6-25-5. Legislative findings.**

The General Assembly finds that:

(1) The availability of water and sewer services to assist economic development and to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of its people is a very critical matter for this State.

(2) It is appropriate to make it possible for a member of a joint authority water system to utilize certain sources of revenues available to them, including payments in lieu of taxes, to assist in the development of additional water and sewer treatment capacity and the provision of collection and distribution lines.

(3) It is desirable to facilitate a joint authority water and sewer system in accommodating the desires of its members in projects and financings that affect only those members.

**HISTORY:** 1997 Act No. 74, Section 1; 2007 Act No. 59, Section 1, eff June 6, 2007.

**Code Commissioner's Note**

This section was classified at the direction of the Code Commissioner.

**Effect of Amendment**

The 2007 amendment, in item (2), substituted "authority" for "municipal"; and, in item (3), substituted "joint authority water and sewer system" for "joint water system".

**SECTION 6-25-10. Short title.**

This chapter may be cited as the "Joint Authority Water and Sewer Systems Act".

**HISTORY:** 1983 Act No. 82, Section 2; 2007 Act No. 59, Section 1, eff June 6, 2007.

**Effect of Amendment**

The 2007 amendment substituted "Joint Authority Water and Sewer" for "Joint Municipal Water".

**SECTION 6-25-20. Definitions.**

For purposes of this chapter:

(1) "Joint Authority Water and Sewer System" or "joint system" means a government entity organized under this chapter to undertake or acquire a water or sewer project.

(2) "State" means the State of South Carolina.

(3) "Project" means a project undertaken by a joint authority water and sewer system to:

(a) impound, produce, treat, transmit, distribute, sell, and service water to a member, or to an authority that is not a member but who is engaged in providing water or sewer service, or to any other person or entity if water service is not otherwise available from any other source when approved by the governing body of each member; and

(b) collect, transport, process, treat, dispose, and control municipal, domestic, industrial, or communal waste, flood water, or storm water, whether in fluid, solid, or composite state, including specifically the control, abatement, or reduction of pollution for a member, or for an authority that is not a member and is engaged in waste and wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal, or to any other person or entity if sewer service is not otherwise available from any other source when approved by the governing body of each member.

(4) "Cost" or "cost of a project" means, but is not limited to, the cost of acquisition, construction, reconstruction, improvement, enlargement, or extension of any project, including the cost of studies, plans, specifications, surveys, and estimates of costs and revenues relating to the project; the cost of land, land rights, rights-of-way and easements, water rights, fees, permits, approvals, licenses, certificates, franchises, and the preparation of applications for and security for them; administrative, legal, professional,

engineering, and inspection expenses; financing fees, expenses, and costs; working capital; insurance; interest on the bonds during the period of construction and for a reasonable period after construction as may be determined by the commission of the joint system; establishment of reserves; and all other expenditures of the joint system incidental, necessary, or convenient to the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, improvement, enlargement, or extension of any project and the placing of the project in operation.

(5) "Governing body" means with respect to an authority; the board, commission, council, or other entity charged by law with governing the authority.

(6) "Authority" includes:

- (a) a county or municipality incorporated under the laws of this State;
- (b) a consolidated political subdivision of this State;
- (c) a commission of public works; and
- (d) an agency or public body created under the laws of this State and authorized by legislation to be engaged in the sale and service of water for industrial and domestic purposes, or the collection for treatment of wastewater.

(7) "Revenue bonds" and "bonds" mean bonds, notes, certificates, or other obligations of a joint system issued pursuant to the provisions of this chapter and include a refinancing or refunding of bonds, notes, certificates, or other obligations, but which must be paid solely from the revenue or another source of funds available to a joint system.

(8) "Member of a joint system" means an authority that has taken the actions necessary to form or join the joint system.

(9) "Construction note" or "note" means a note of a joint system issued to provide funding for the creation of a financing pool and the costs associated with it.

(10) "Financing agreement" means an agreement entered into by a joint system organized to create a financing pool and a member of it in connection with the lending of the proceeds of construction notes or portion thereof by the joint system to the member so as to provide for the repayment of amounts loaned and interest on it by the member to the joint system.

(11) "Financing pool" means a fund of money, obtained through the issuance of a construction note of a joint authority water and sewer system, which may be loaned to the members of it by way of interim financing. A joint system may not lend more than five percent of the principal amount of a financing pool to a not-for-profit corporation established pursuant to Chapter 35 of Title 33.

(12) "Government" means the United States of America, acting through the United States Department of Agriculture, or its successor, and the agencies and divisions of it.

(13) "Interim financing" means bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to the provisions of Sections 11-17-10 to 11-17-120 in anticipation of the issuance of bonds of an authority to be sold to the government.

(14) "Legislative Delegation" means all members of the South Carolina Senate and South Carolina House representing any county where a joint system is located.

(15) "Governor" means the Governor of the State of South Carolina.

HISTORY: 1983 Act No. 82, Section 2; 1986 Act No. 312, Section 1; 1986 Act No. 456, Sections 1-4; 1997 Act No. 74, Section 2; 1999 Act No. 113, Sections 4, 5; 2001 Act No. 78, Section 3; 2007 Act No. 59, Section 1, eff June 6, 2007.

Effect of Amendment

The 2007 amendment redesignated items (a) to (m) as items (1) to (13); and rewrote items (1), (3), (5), (6), (7), (8), (11) and (13).

**SECTION 6-25-25.** Authority to purchase, construct, etc., facilities.

In addition to all other project purposes, the joint system formed under the Joint Authority Water and Sewer Systems Act is authorized to purchase, construct, acquire, own, operate, maintain, repair, and improve any and all works, improvements, facilities, plants, equipment, transportation lines, pump stations, sewage treatment plants, apparatus, and appliances incidental, helpful, or necessary to its members upon request and approval of its members in accordance with the bylaws of the joint system.



HISTORY: 1986 Act No. 312, Section 2; 2007 Act No. 59, Section 1, eff June 6, 2007.

Effect of Amendment

The 2007 amendment substituted "Joint Authority Water and Sewer" for "Joint Municipal Water", and added "transportation lines, pump stations, sewage treatment plants, apparatus,".

**SECTION 6-25-30.** Creation of joint systems.

(A) The governing body of an authority may join another authority to form a joint system after ascertaining by resolution that a joint system best serves the interests of the authority, its citizens, and its customers.

(B) A joint system may be formed:

(1) to plan, finance, develop, construct, acquire, improve, enlarge, sell, lease, maintain, and operate a project to service the needs of its service area;

(2) to create a finance pool; or

(3) both.

(C) A governing body of a member of a joint system may plan and enter a contract in connection with a project of the joint system consistent with the terms of this chapter.

(D) An authority may conduct a study to assess the necessity and feasibility of a project.

HISTORY: 1983 Act No. 82, Section 2; 1999 Act No. 113, Section 6; 2007 Act No. 59, Section 1, eff June 6, 2007.

Effect of Amendment

The 2007 amendment rewrote this section.

**SECTION 6-25-35.** Extension of provisions applicable to water.

A reference to the purpose of a project in this chapter pertaining specifically to water includes all the purposes as provided in Sections 6-25-20(3) and 6-25-25 and a power or authority provided for in this chapter to a joint system or a member of a joint system may be exercised with respect to any project or purpose of the joint system.

HISTORY: 1986 Act No. 312, Section 3; 1995 Act No. 145, Part II, Section 91A; 2007 Act No. 59, Section 1, eff June 6, 2007.

Effect of Amendment

The 2007 amendment made nonsubstantive and conforming changes.

**SECTION 6-25-40.** Notice of ordinance or resolution creating system; objections; exception.

An authority adopting a resolution to create a joint system shall publish notice of the adoption of the resolution in a newspaper of general circulation within the county in which the governing body is located. The publication must be made once a week for two consecutive weeks following the adoption of the resolution. A person affected by the adoption of the resolution may institute an action in the circuit court for the county in which the governing body is located within twenty days following the last publication of the notice prescribed challenging the action of the governing body and not thereafter.

HISTORY: 1983 Act No. 82, Section 2; 1999 Act No. 113, Section 7; 2007 Act No. 59, Section 1, eff June 6, 2007.

Effect of Amendment

The 2007 amendment rewrote this section.

**SECTION 6-25-50.** ~~Agreement as to number of commissioners each member may appoint; a~~ Application filed with Secretary of State; corporate certificate.



(A) The governing bodies of the members of a joint system shall form an agreement specifying the number of commissioners ~~each member may appoint to a commission created~~ to govern the joint system pursuant to Section 6-25-60.

(B) ~~Two or more commissioners~~ The proposed members of a joint system shall jointly file an application with the Secretary of State ~~an application signed by the commissioner of each proposed member~~ setting forth:

(1) ~~the names of all~~ number of proposed members of the joint system, the number of proposed commissioners, and their respective appointed commissioner ~~the method of appointment or election of commissioners pursuant to Section 6-25-60(B);~~

(2) a certified copy of:

~~(a) the~~ a resolution of each member determining it is in its best interest to participate in the proposed joint system; ~~and~~

~~(b) the resolution appointing the member's commissioner;~~

(3) the desire that the joint system be organized as a public body corporate and politic under this chapter;

(4) the name which is proposed for the joint system; and

(5) the purpose for creation of the joint system.

The Secretary of State shall file the application if after examining it and determining that it complies with the requirements in this section and that the proposed name of the joint system is not identical with that of any other corporation of the State or any agency or instrumentality or so nearly similar as to lead to confusion and uncertainty.

After the application has been filed, the Secretary of State shall issue a corporate certificate that must be filed with the application, and the joint system then must be constituted a public body corporate and politic under the name proposed in the application. The corporate certificate shall set forth ~~the names of all voting members and of~~ the name of the joint system. There also must be stated upon the corporate certificate the purpose for which it has been created, as set forth in the application. Notice of the issuance of such corporate certificate must be given to all members of the joint system by the Secretary of State.

In any suit, action, or proceeding involving the validity or enforcement of, or relating to, contract of a joint system, the joint system in the absence of establishing fraud shall be conclusively considered to have been established in accordance with the provisions of this chapter upon proof of the issuance of the certificate by the Secretary of State. A copy of the certificate, duly certified by the Secretary of State, is admissible in evidence in any suit, action, or proceeding and is conclusive proof of the filing and contents.

HISTORY: 1983 Act No. 82 Section 2; 1999 Act No. 113, Section 8; 2007 Act No. 59, Section 1, eff June 6, 2007.

Effect of Amendment

The 2007 amendment designated the first sentence as subsection (A) and rewrote it; designated the second sentence and items (a) to (e) as subsection (B), redesignated items (a) to (e) as paragraphs (1) to (5) and substituted "commissioner" for "representative" throughout; and made nonsubstantive changes in the second and third undesignated paragraphs.

**SECTION 6-25-60.** Joint system to be managed and controlled by commission; ~~appointment of commissioners; oath;~~ records; seal; quorum; vacancies; expenses.

(A) The management and control of a joint system is vested in a commission that may consist of no fewer than five members and no more than eleven members. A commissioner has one vote and may have additional votes as a majority of the members of the joint system determines.

(B) As contemplated by the initial application to the Secretary of State, commissioners serving on the commission may be appointed or elected under one of the following procedures:

(1) Appointment by member. The governing body of each voting member of a joint system shall appoint a commissioner, pursuant to Section 6-25-50(A), to serve as a commissioner of the joint system. ~~A~~



~~commissioner has one vote and may have additional votes as a majority of the members of the joint system determines.~~ A commissioner serves at the pleasure of the governing body by which he was appointed. A commissioner, before entering upon his duties, shall take and subscribe to an oath before a person authorized by law to administer oaths to execute the duties of his office faithfully and impartially, and a record of each oath must be filed with the governing body of the appointing authority.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection requiring the commission managing a joint system to have no fewer than five members and no more than eleven members, a joint system in existence on this section's effective date and having fewer than five members or more than eleven members on this section's effective date may continue to maintain the number of members serving on the section's effective date and may add additional members as its commissioners determine. Further, and notwithstanding the appointment requirements above, in the event there are an even number of members of a joint system (i.e. 4, 6, 8, 10), the project contract, bylaws or other similar agreement for the joint system may authorize one additional member of the commission; such additional member of the commission shall be recommended by the legislative delegation from each county where the joint system is located, and upon receipt of such recommendation, appointed by the governor. Any gubernatorial appointment shall be for a term of four years and shall serve until a duly appointed successor is appointed and qualified. Any vacancy of such member must be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment. If a new member of a joint system is added under the provisions hereof such that there becomes an odd number of members of a joint system, any gubernatorial appointed commissioner shall be deemed to automatically vacate his position as a commissioner as of the date of the admission of such new member of a joint system and their respective appointment of a new commissioner.

(2) Appointment by Governor. The commissioners may be appointed by the Governor in accordance with the following procedures:

(a) The total number of customers served by the joint system (including customers served by members of the joint system) must be divided by the total number of commission seats, the result being an apportionate average;

(b) The respective number of customers of each member of the joint system must be divided by the apportionate average to determine an appointive index.

(c) The Governor, based upon the recommendation of the legislative delegation from each county that the joint system operates, shall appoint a number of commissioners to the commission from each member of the joint system equal to the whole number indicated by its appointive index. If by this method there are insufficient members appointed to complete the commission, an appointive index closest to the next highest whole number shall be authorized to have an additional commissioner. Further, and notwithstanding the appointive index, there shall be at least one commissioner appointed for the service area of each member of the joint system.

(d) Excepting the initial appointments as necessary to create a staggered commission which may be two or four years, respectively, each commissioner must be appointed for a term of four years and serve until his successor is appointed and qualifies, provided that the terms of the commissioners must be staggered such that approximately one-half of the total members appointed by the Governor must be appointed or reappointed every two years. A vacancy must be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term in the manner of the original appointment.

(3) Election. The commissioners may be elected on an at-large basis in accordance with the following procedures:

(a) After the application is filed with the Secretary of State, at the next general election or on the date of a special election as requested by the members of the joint system upon request to the applicable county election agency, an election shall be held for commissioners to serve on the commission.

(b) At the initial election to establish the commission, the electors shall vote for commissioners to serve on the commission. The persons necessary to create a quorum of the commission (if fully convened as contemplated by subsection (D) hereinbelow) and receiving the highest number of votes in the initial election shall serve for a term of four years. After the persons



sufficient to create a quorum of the commission have been determined, the remaining persons receiving the next highest number of votes in the initial election shall serve for a term of two years. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the initial election is held on a special election date that is not a general election date within the county or counties of the joint system, the term of all initial commissioners may be reduced as necessary to ensure subsequent elections are held on a general election date.

(c) All successor commissioners must be elected in the regular election for commission members for terms of office of four years. All commissioners shall serve until their successors are elected and qualify. Vacancies in any new positions must be filled in the same manner as other vacancies on the board of commissioners of public works are filled.

(CB) The commissioners of the joint system shall annually, or biennially, if provided in the bylaws of the joint system, elect, with each commissioner having one vote, one of the commissioners as chairman, another as vice chairman, and other persons who may, but need not be commissioners, as treasurer, secretary and, if desired, assistant secretary. The office of treasurer may be held by the secretary or assistant secretary. The commission may also appoint such additional officers as it deems necessary. The secretary or assistant secretary of the joint system shall keep a record of the proceedings of the joint system, and the secretary must be the custodian of all books, records, documents, and papers filed with the joint system, the minute book or journal of the joint system, and its official seal.

(DE) A majority of the commissioners of the joint system shall constitute a quorum. A vacancy on the commission of the joint system shall not impair the right of a quorum to exercise all rights and perform all the duties of a joint system. Any action taken by the joint system under the provisions of this chapter may be authorized by resolution at any regular or special meeting held pursuant to notice in accordance with bylaws of the joint system, and each resolution shall take effect immediately and need not be published or posted. Except as is otherwise provided in this chapter or in the bylaws of the joint system, a majority of the votes which the commissioners present are entitled to cast, with a quorum present, shall be necessary and sufficient to take any action or to pass any resolution. No commissioner of a joint system shall receive any compensation solely for the performance of duties as a commissioner, but each commissioner may be paid per diem, mileage, and subsistence expenses, as provided by law for state boards, committees, and commissions, incurred while engaged in the performance of such duties.

(E) All commissioners shall hold the qualifications of an elector. In the case of a gubernatorial appointment, such appointee must be a qualified elector residing within the area served by the joint system.

(F) Commissioners appointed under subsection (B)(2) or elected under subsection (B)(3) above may not be an officer or employee of a member of a joint system, and no commissioner shall be permitted to service on an ex officio basis. Separately, for commissioners appointed under subsection (B)(1) above, the members of the joint system may include a restriction in the project contract, bylaws or other agreement for the joint system that no commissioner may be an officer or employee of a member of a joint system, and no commissioner shall be permitted to service on an ex officio basis.

(G) Any commissioner appointed hereunder shall be deemed to forfeit his respective position if he (1) lacks at any time during his term of office any qualifications for the office prescribed by general law and the Constitution, or (2) is convicted of any crime, other than civil infractions or misdemeanors for which no imprisonment is imposed.

HISTORY: 1983 Act No. 82, Section 2; 1988 Act No. 569; 1999 Act No. 113, Section 9; 2007 Act No. 59, Section 1, eff June 6, 2007.

Effect of Amendment

The 2007 amendment redesignated subsections (a) to (c) as subsections (A) to (C); in subsection (A), in the first paragraph in the first sentence added "that may consist of no fewer than five members and no more than eleven members", in the second sentence substituted "commissioner, pursuant to Section 6-25-50(A), to serve as" for "representative who must be", deleted the third sentence which provided "The representative may be an officer or employee of the member and may also serve ex officio as a member of the



commission", and made nonsubstantive changes in the remaining sentences; and rewrote the second undesignated paragraph which related to appointment of additional representatives.

**SECTION 6-25-70.** Change in membership of joint system.

(A) After the creation of a joint system, any other authority may become a member of the joint system upon:

(1) adoption of a resolution or ordinance by the governing body complying with the requirements of Section 6-25-40 including publication of notice;

(2) submission of an application to the joint system; and

(3) approval of the application by resolution of the governing body of each member of the joint system except in the case of a joint system organized for the purpose of creating a financing pool, in which case the application must be approved by resolution of the commission.

(B) A member may withdraw from a joint system by resolution or ordinance of its governing body. A contractual right acquired or contractual obligation incurred by a member while it was a member remains in full force and effect after the member's withdrawal.

(C) Notice of a change in membership must be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State. No change is final until this filing occurs. The filing is not required if a joint system is organized only for the purpose of creating a financing pool.

(D) If a new member of the joint system is added hereunder, the approval documentation required under subsection (A)(3) above shall determine whether any new commissioners shall be added to the commission as necessary to support such new member of the joint system. If a new commissioner is added, appointed commissioners, either by the member of the joint system or the Governor, as applicable, shall be appointed immediately. If the commission is elected, the new commissioner shall not be added until the next occurring general election.

HISTORY: 1983 Act No. 82, Section 2; 1999 Act No. 113, Section 10; 2000 Act No. 404, Section 10; 2007 Act No. 59, Section 1, eff June 6, 2007.

Effect of Amendment

The 2007 amendment designated subsections (A) to (C) and redesignated items (a) to (c) as paragraphs (A)(1) to (A)(3); in subsection (A), substituted "authority" for "municipality"; in subsection (B), made nonsubstantive changes and added "after the member's withdrawal"; and, in subsection (C), made nonsubstantive changes.

**SECTION 6-25-80.** Dissolution of system.

Whenever the commission of a joint system and the governing body of each of its members shall by resolution or ordinance determine that the purposes for which the joint system was formed have been substantially fulfilled and that all bonds issued and all other obligations incurred by the joint system have been fully paid or satisfied, the commission and members may declare the joint system to be dissolved. On the effective date of the resolution or ordinance, the title to all funds and other income and property owned by the joint system at the time of dissolution must be disbursed to the voting members of the joint system according to its bylaws.

In the discretion of the members of a joint system for the proper and efficient operation of any joint system, an existing joint system may be reconstituted by following the procedures for the creation of a new joint system, *mutatis mutandis*.

HISTORY: 1983 Act No. 82, Section 2; 1999 Act No. 113, Section 11; 2007 Act No. 59, Section 1, eff June 6, 2007.

Effect of Amendment

The 2007 amendment reprinted this section with no apparent change.



**SECTION 6-25-90.** Executive committee; composition; powers; terms of office; vacancies; filing notice of change with Secretary of State.

The commission of a joint system may create an executive committee, the composition of which must be set forth in the bylaws of the joint system. The composition of the executive committee shall afford a fair representation of the members. The executive committee may exercise such powers during intervals between the commission's meetings as provided by the commission. The terms of office of the members of the executive committee and the method of filling vacancies must be fixed by the bylaws of the joint system. A change in membership of a joint system is not final until notice of the change is filed with the Secretary of State, except where a joint system is organized to create a financing pool.

**HISTORY:** 1983 Act No. 82, Section 2; 2007 Act No. 59, Section 1, eff June 6, 2007.

**Effect of Amendment**

The 2007 amendment added the fifth sentence relating to filing membership changes with the Secretary of State.

**SECTION 6-25-100.** Powers of joint system.

A joint system shall have all the rights and powers of a public body politic and corporate of this State, necessary or convenient to carry out the provisions of this chapter, including, without limitation, the power or right to:

- (1) have perpetual succession;
- (2) sue and be sued;
- (3) adopt, use, and alter a corporate seal;
- (4) maintain a principal office;
- (5) make bylaws for the management and regulation of its affairs;
- (6) receive, administer, and comply with the conditions and requirements respecting any gift, grant, or donation of any property or money;
- (7) purchase, build, construct, maintain, rent, lease, and operate ditches, tunnels, culverts, equipment, flumes, conduits, mains, pipes, dykes, dams, reservoirs, water treatment facilities, and any facilities to impound, treat, produce, transmit, distribute, operate, service, or sell water or to collect and treat wastewater in connection with the project;
- (8) acquire and operate machines, appliances, or appurtenances necessary or useful to construct, operate, or maintain the system;
- (9) enter contracts to purchase or sell water or provide sewer service;
- (10) prescribe rates or regulations under which water is sold;
- (11) make contracts and execute instruments or documents necessary or convenient to carry on the business of the joint system;
- (12) sell, lease, exchange, transfer, or otherwise dispose of or to grant an option concerning an interest in property in conformity with state law;
- (13) acquire by purchase, lease, gift, or otherwise, or to obtain an option for the acquisition of property, real or personal, improved or unimproved, including an interest in land less than the fee in conformity with state law;
- (14) borrow money and issue revenue bonds or notes of the joint system, to loan the proceeds of any borrowing to any member of the joint system to be paid solely from revenues of the system, the loan repayments of members, and such other funds as may be available therefor with a favorable vote of two-thirds of the commissioners. A bond or note may not be issued, the payment for which depends upon a contract or agreement with a member except with the approval of the governing body of such member, by resolution of the governing body of the member. The requirements of this item are satisfied and no further action is required with respect to a bond or note issued to finance a project that has been approved by the governing body of the member as provided in Section 6-25-110. The approval of a note or bond under this chapter shall include an issuance in one or more series and any refunding or refinancing of them so that only the original issuance of the debt must be approved. The members of a joint system may

prescribe additional procedures and requirements as they determine appropriate to issue a note or bond in the bylaws of a joint system;

(15) pledge or assign money, rents, charges, or other revenue and proceeds derived by the joint system from the sale of property, insurance, or a condemnation award;

(16) authorize the construction, operation, or maintenance of a project by a person, firm, or corporation, including a political subdivision and agency of a state of the United States;

(17) apply to the appropriate agencies of the State, the United States or another state, and to another proper agency to obtain a permit, license, certificate, or approval as necessary; and to construct, maintain, and operate the project in accordance with such a license, permit, certificate, or approval;

(18) appoint officers, agents, employees, and servants to prescribe the duties of such, to fix their compensation, and to determine if and to what extent they shall be bonded for the faithful performance of their duties;

(19) employ engineers, architects, attorneys, appraisers, financial advisors, or other consultants or employees required, and to fix and pay their compensation from funds available to the joint system;

(20) make use of county and state highway rights-of-way in which to lay pipes and lines, in such manner and under such conditions as the appropriate officials in charge of such rights-of-way shall approve;

(21) exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by the laws of this State;

(22) before, and in connection with the acquisition of a project, study, plan, finance, own, operate, and maintain the project, and after the acquisition, to study, plan, finance, acquire, construct, reconstruct, improve, enlarge, extend, own, operate, and maintain an additional project;

(23) acquire by negotiated purchase or lease an existing project, a project under construction, or other property, either individually or jointly, with another authority in this State or another state owning a water or sewer facility or with a political division or agency of another state, or another joint system created pursuant to this chapter;

(24) dispose of by negotiated sale or lease, an existing project, a project under construction, or other property, either individually or jointly, with one or more authority in this State or another state owning a water or sewer facility or with a political subdivision or agency of another state or with another joint system created pursuant to this chapter;

(25) fix, charge, and collect rents, rates, fees, and charges for water or sewage services, and commodities sold, furnished, or supplied through a project; and

(26) acquire and operate a water treatment system, water distribution system, or sewer system, including the system of a member if its consent is first obtained and referendum approval is obtained in those instances where required by law.

Provided, that the provisions of (7), (8), (9), (11), (17), (18), (21), (22), (23), (24), (25), and (26) do not apply to a joint system organized solely for the purpose of creating a financing pool.

**HISTORY:** 1983 Act No. 82, Section 2; 1986 Act No. 456, Section 5; 1995 Act No. 145, Part II, Section 91B; 1997 Act No. 74, Section 3; 1999 Act No. 113, Sections 12, 13; 2007 Act No. 59, Section 1, eff June 6, 2007.

#### **Effect of Amendment**

The 2007 amendment redesignated items (a) et seq. as items (1) et seq.; deleted items (i) relating to contracts to sell water to member and nonmember municipalities, (z) relating to contracts with joint systems and municipalities, and (bb) relating to sale of water at retail and wholesale; and made conforming amendments throughout.

#### **SECTION 6-25-110. Authorization to incur debt and issue bonds.**

A joint system may incur debt for any of its purposes and may issue bonds pledging to the payment as to both principal and interest the revenues, or any portion, derived or to be derived from all or any of its projects and any additions and betterments or extensions or contributions or advances from its members or other sources of funds available to it. A joint system may not undertake a project required to be financed, in whole or in part, with the proceeds of bonds without the approval of the governing bodies of each member



which is obligated or to be obligated under any contract for the payment of amounts to be pledged as security therefore and a favorable vote of two-thirds of all commissioners. Notwithstanding the foregoing, when commission is elected under Section 6-25-60(B)(3), no separate approval of the governing bodies of each member shall be required for the issuance of any bonds, and such bonds shall be authorized and approved by a simple majority of the commissioners. Further, any project may be preauthorized, preapproved or otherwise permitted under the terms of the project contract for the joint system, and such authority, approval or permission shall constitute all necessary approval of the respective governing bodies of each member herein. A joint system formed only for the purpose of creating a financing pool may issue notes in anticipation of the issuance of bonds by its members to the government.

HISTORY: 1983 Act No. 82, Section 2; 1997 Act No. 74, Section 4; 1999 Act No. 113, Section 14; 2007 Act No. 59, Section 1, eff June 6, 2007.

Effect of Amendment

The 2007 amendment made nonsubstantive changes.

**SECTION 6-25-111.** Issuance, sale, and execution of bonds; use of proceeds; issuance of temporary bonds; replacement of bonds.

(A) A joint system may issue bonds for the purpose of paying all or any part of the cost of any of the purposes authorized in this chapter. The principal of, premium, if any, and the interest on the bonds are payable solely from the respective funds provided for such payment by this chapter. The bonds of each issue may be sold at public or private sale. The bonds may be sold at a price, and must bear interest at a rate, as may be determined by the commission of the joint system. The bonds of each issue must be dated and must mature in amounts and at times not exceeding fifty years from their respective dates, as may be determined by the commission of the joint system, and may be made redeemable before maturity at a price and under terms and conditions as may be fixed by the commission of the joint system before the issuance of the bonds. The commission of the joint system shall determine the form and the manner of execution of the bonds, including any interest coupons to be attached to them, and shall fix the denomination of the bonds and the place of payment of principal and interest, which may be at any bank or trust company within or without the State. In case any officer whose signature or a facsimile of whose signature appears on any bonds or coupons ceases to be an officer before the delivery of the bonds, the signature of the facsimile is nevertheless valid and sufficient for all purposes the same as if he had remained in office until the delivery. The commission of the joint system also may provide for the authentication of the bonds by a trustee or fiscal agent. The bonds may be issued in coupon or in fully registered form, or both, as the commission of the joint system may determine, and provisions may be made for the registration of any coupon bonds as to the principal alone and also as to both principal and interest; and for the reconversion into coupon bonds of any bonds registered as to both principal and interest, and for the interchange of registered and coupon bonds.

(B) The proceeds of the bonds of each issue may be used solely for the purposes for which the bonds are issued, and must be disbursed in a manner and under restrictions, if any, as the commission of the joint system may provide in the resolution authorizing the issuance of the bonds or in any trust agreement securing them. The joint system may issue interim receipts or temporary bonds, with or without coupons, exchangeable for definitive bonds when the bonds have been executed and are available for delivery. The joint system also may provide for the replacement of any bonds which have become mutilated or have been destroyed or lost.

(C) Bonds may be issued under provisions of this chapter without obtaining the consent or approval of the State or any political subdivision or any agency, commission, or instrumentality of them, but no joint system shall undertake any project required to be financed, in whole or in part, with the proceeds of bonds without the approval of the governing bodies of members as prescribed in Section 6-25-110.

HISTORY: 1986 Act No. 456, Section 6; 1997 Act No. 74, Section 5; 2007 Act No. 59, Section 1, eff June 6, 2007.

#### Effect of Amendment

The 2007 amendment, in subsection (A), in the first sentence deleted "at one time or from time to time its" preceding "bonds".

#### **SECTION 6-25-112.** Trust agreements or resolutions providing for issuance of bonds.

In the discretion of the commission of the joint system, any bonds issued under the provisions of this chapter may be secured by a trust agreement by and between the joint system and a corporate trustee, which may be any trust company or bank having the powers of a trust company within or without the State. The trust agreement or the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds may contain provisions for protecting and enforcing the rights and remedies of the bondholders and of the trustees as may be reasonable and proper and not in violation of law, and may restrict the individual right of action by bondholders. The trust agreement or the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds may contain covenants including, but not limited to, the following:

- (1) the pledge of the revenue derived from the project to be financed by the bonds or from the water system or facilities of a joint system;
- (2) the rents, rates, fees, and charges to be established, maintained, and collected, and the use and disposal of revenues, gifts, grants, and funds received or to be received by the joint system;
- (3) the setting aside of reserves and the investment, regulation, and disposition of the reserves;
- (4) the custody, collection, securing, investment, and payment of any monies held for the payment of bonds;
- (5) limitations or restrictions on the purposes to which the proceeds of sale of bonds then or thereafter issued may be applied;
- (6) limitations or restrictions on the issuance of additional bonds; the terms upon which additional bonds may be issued and secured; or the refunding of outstanding or other bonds;
- (7) the procedure to amend the terms of a contract with bondholders, the percentage of bonds the bondholders of which must consent thereto, and the manner in which the consent may be given;
- (8) events of default and the rights and liabilities arising on default, the terms and conditions upon which a bond issued under this chapter becomes or may be declared due before maturity, and the terms and conditions upon which the declaration and its consequences may be waived;
- (9) the preparation and maintenance of a budget;
- (10) the retention or employment of engineers, independent auditors, and other technical consultants;
- (11) limitations on or the prohibition of free service to any public or private person;
- (12) the acquisition and disposal of property, but no project or part of a project may be mortgaged by the trust agreement or resolution;
- (13) provisions for insurance and for accounting reports and the inspection and audit of them;
- (14) the continuing operation and maintenance of the project; or
- (15) conditions under which the bonds may be defeased.

**HISTORY:** 1986 Act No. 456, Section 6; 2007 Act No. 59, Section 1, eff June 6, 2007.

#### Effect of Amendment

The 2007 amendment redesignated items (a) to (o) as items (1) to (15) and made nonsubstantive changes.

#### **SECTION 6-25-113.** Revenues from which bonds payable; statement of restriction.

The bonds are special obligations of the joint system issuing them. The principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the bonds are not payable from the general funds of the joint system, nor do they constitute a legal or equitable pledge, charge, lien, or encumbrance upon any of its property or upon any of its income, receipts, or revenues, except the funds which are pledged under the resolution authorizing the bonds or the trust agreement securing the bonds. Neither the faith and credit nor the taxing power of the State or an authority is, or may be, pledged for the payment of the principal of or interest on the bonds, and no holder of the bonds has the right to compel the exercise of the taxing power by the State or an authority or the forfeiture of any of its property in connection with any default. However, the provisions of this section do



not affect the ability of any member county or authority from providing a pledge of all or part of any revenues derived as payments in lieu of taxes with respect to a project. Every bond must recite in substance that the principal of and interest on the bond is payable solely from the revenues and other funds pledged to its payment and that the joint system is not obligated to pay the principal or interest except from such revenues and funds so pledged.

**HISTORY:** 1986 Act No. 456, Section 6; 1997 Act No. 74, Section 6; 2007 Act No. 59, Section 1, eff June 6, 2007.

**Effect of Amendment**

The 2007 amendment substituted "authority" for "municipality" throughout.

**SECTION 6-25-114. Issuance of refunding bonds.**

A joint system may provide by resolution for the issuance of refunding bonds of the joint system for the purpose of refunding outstanding bonds that have been issued under the provisions of this chapter, including the payment of any redemption premium and interest accrued or to accrue to the date of redemption of the bond. The issuance of the bonds, their maturities, and other details, the rights of their holders, and the rights, duties, and obligations of the joint system in respect to the bonds are governed by the provisions of this chapter that relate to the issuance of bonds.

**HISTORY:** 1986 Act No. 456, Section 6; 2007 Act No. 59, Section 1, eff June 6, 2007.

**Effect of Amendment**

The 2007 amendment made nonsubstantive changes.

**SECTION 6-25-115. Financing pools and construction notes.**

(A) A joint system organized only for the purpose of creating a financing pool may issue from time to time its construction notes for the purpose of creating a financing pool and providing funds to defray the cost of administration of the financing pool and the costs of issuance of the construction notes. The principal, applicable premium, and interest on an issue of construction notes must be payable solely from the proceeds of the construction notes, earnings on the proceeds, the proceeds of bonds issued to the government by members of the joint system, financing agreements between the joint system and its members, and such funds and accounts of the joint system as provided by the resolution of the commission authorizing the issuance of such issue of construction notes or a trust agreement securing the issue of construction notes. Each issue of construction notes may be sold at public or private sale. The construction notes may be sold at a price, and must bear interest at a rate, as may be determined by the commission of the joint system. The construction notes of each issue must be dated and must mature in amounts and at times not exceeding two years from their respective dates, as may be determined by the commission of the joint system, and may be made redeemable before maturity at a price and under terms and conditions as may be fixed by the commission of the joint system before the issuance of the construction notes. The commission of the joint system shall determine the form and the manner of execution of the construction notes, including any interest coupons to be attached to them, and shall fix the denomination of the construction notes and the place of payment of principal and interest, which may be at any bank or trust company within or without the State. In case any officer whose signature or a facsimile of whose signature appears on any construction note or coupons ceases to be an officer before the delivery of the construction notes, the signature of the facsimile is nevertheless valid and sufficient for all purposes the same as if he had remained in office until the delivery. The commission of the joint system also may provide for the authentication of the construction notes by a trustee or fiscal agent. The construction notes may be issued in bearer or in fully registered form, or both, as the commission of the joint system may determine.

(B) The proceeds of the construction notes of each issue may be used solely for the purposes for which the construction notes are issued, and must be disbursed in a manner and under restrictions, if any, as the commission of the joint system may provide in the resolution authorizing the issuance of the construction

notes or in any trust agreement securing them. The joint system also may provide for the replacement of any construction notes which have become mutilated or have been destroyed or lost.

(C) The proceeds of the construction notes must be applied solely to the costs of issuance thereof, the cost of administration of the joint system, to capitalized interest on the notes, and to create a financing pool.

(D) Money in a financing pool may be loaned to members of the joint system upon such terms and conditions as are set forth by the resolution of the commission authorizing construction notes issued to provide funds for the financing pool or a trust agreement securing the issue of construction notes, provided, however, that the loan made from the financing pool may be only made upon the delivery by the borrower of such funds of a letter of commitment from the government to provide permanent financing for the capital project to be initially financed by the loan.

(E) A construction note must be a special obligation of the joint system that issued the note, and the full faith, credit, and the taxing power of this State and its political subdivisions may not be pledged for these notes. All construction notes shall include a legend substantially similar to the following:

THIS NOTE IS A SPECIAL AND LIMITED OBLIGATION OF (NAME OF JOINT SYSTEM), A BODY CORPORATE AND POLITIC OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA. THE PRINCIPAL OF, PREMIUM, IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON THIS NOTE IS NOT PAYABLE FROM THE GENERAL FUNDS OF THE (NAME OF JOINT SYSTEM), NOR DOES IT CONSTITUTE A LEGAL OR EQUITABLE PLEDGE, CHARGE, LIEN, OR ENCUMBRANCE UPON ANY OF ITS PROPERTY OR UPON ANY OF ITS INCOME, RECEIPTS, OR REVENUES, EXCEPT THE FUNDS WHICH ARE PLEDGED UNDER THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF THIS NOTE OR THE TRUST AGREEMENT SECURING THIS NOTE. THIS NOTE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A DEBT, LIABILITY, OR OTHER OBLIGATION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, OR ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF IT. THE (NAME OF JOINT SYSTEM) IS NOT OBLIGATED TO PAY THIS NOTE OR THE INTEREST HEREON EXCEPT FROM THE REVENUES, FUNDS, AND ASSETS PLEDGED THEREFORE, AND NEITHER THE FAITH AND CREDIT NOR THE TAXING POWER OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA. THE (NAME OF JOINT SYSTEM) OR ITS MEMBER ENTITIES IS PLEDGED TO THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF OR INTEREST ON THIS NOTE. NO HOLDER OF THIS NOTE HAS THE RIGHT TO COMPEL THE EXERCISE OF THE TAXING POWER BY THE STATE OR ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF IT OR THE FORFEITURE OF ANY OF ITS PROPERTY IN CONNECTION WITH ANY DEFAULT.

(F) A construction note may be issued pursuant to this chapter without obtaining the consent or approval of this State or its political subdivision, or an agency, commission, or instrumentality of this State, but such a construction note may not be issued without the prior approval of a majority of the commissioners of the joint system present and voting at a duly called meeting of it. A member is not liable for a payment in respect of a construction note issued by a joint system except with the approval of the governing body of the member, by resolution or ordinance of the governing body of the member.

(G) In the discretion of the commission of the joint system, any construction notes issued under the provisions of this chapter may be secured by a trust agreement by and between the joint system and a corporate trustee, which may be any trust company or bank having the powers of a trust company within or without the State. The trust agreement or the resolution providing for the issuance of the construction notes may contain provisions for protecting and enforcing the rights and remedies of the holders of the construction notes and of the trustees as may be reasonable and proper and not in violation of law, and may restrict the individual right of action by holders of construction notes. The trust agreement or the resolution providing for the issuance of the construction notes may contain covenants including, but not limited to, the following:

- (1) the pledge of the proceeds of the construction notes, earnings on the proceeds, the proceeds of bonds issued to the government by members of the joint system, agreements between the joint system and its members, and the funds and accounts of the joint system;

- (2) the terms and conditions of loans to be made from the financing pool;

- (3) the setting aside of reserves and the investment, regulation, and disposition of the reserves;

(4) the custody, collection, securing, investment, and payment of any monies held for the payment of construction notes;

(5) limitations or restrictions on the purposes to which the proceeds of sale of construction notes then or thereafter issued may be applied;

(6) limitations or restrictions on the issuance of additional construction notes, the terms upon which additional construction notes may be issued and secured, or the refunding of outstanding or other construction notes;

(7) the procedure by which the terms of any contract with holders of construction notes may be amended, the percentage of construction notes the holders of which must consent to, and the manner in which the consent may be given;

(8) events of default and the rights and liabilities arising on default, the terms and conditions upon which construction notes issued under this chapter become or may be declared due before maturity, and the terms and conditions upon which the declaration and its consequences may be waived;

(9) the retention or employment of financial advisors, attorneys, independent auditors, and other technical consultants;

(10) provisions for insurance and for accounting reports and the inspection and audit of them; or

(11) conditions under which the construction notes may be defeased or redeemed.

**HISTORY:** 1999 Act No. 113, Section 1; 2007 Act No. 59, Section 1, eff June 6, 2007.

**Effect of Amendment**

The 2007 amendment made nonsubstantive changes.

**SECTION 6-25-120. Repayment of notes, obligations, or bonds.**

A joint system may not pledge the full faith, credit, or taxing power of its members when borrowing money or issuing a bond, note, or other obligation. Only revenues and other funds available to the joint system may be used to pay or pledged to the repayment of any notes, obligations, or bonds.

**HISTORY:** 1983 Act No. 82, Section 2; 1997 Act No. 74, Section 7; 1999 Act No. 113, Section 15; 2007 Act No. 59, Section 1, eff June 6, 2007.

**Effect of Amendment**

The 2007 amendment rewrote this section.

**SECTION 6-25-125. Charges for services; pledges.**

A joint system may fix, charge, and collect rents, rates, fees, and charges for its services. For so long as any bonds of a joint system are outstanding and unpaid, the rents, rates, fees, and charges must be fixed to provide revenues at least sufficient, together with other available funds, to pay all costs of and charges and expenses in connection with the proper operation and maintenance of its projects, and all necessary repairs, replacements, or renewals; to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on all bonds payable from the revenues; to create and maintain reserves and comply with covenants as may be required by any resolution or trust agreement authorizing and securing bonds; and to pay any and all amounts which the joint system may be obligated to pay from the revenues by law or contract.

A pledge made by a joint system pursuant to this chapter is valid and binding from the date the pledge is made. The revenues, securities, and other monies so pledged and then held or thereafter received by the joint system or any fiduciary is immediately subject to the lien of the pledge without any physical delivery or further act, and the lien of the pledge is valid and binding as against all parties having claims of any kind in tort, contract, or otherwise against the authority or joint system without regard to whether the parties have notice.

**HISTORY:** 1986 Act No. 456, Section 7; 2007 Act No. 59, Section 1, eff June 6, 2007.

**Effect of Amendment**

The 2007 amendment, in the first undesignated paragraph, in the first sentence substituted "its services" for "water and other services, related to the impounding, production, treatment, transmission, distribution, sale, and service of water"; and, in the second undesignated paragraph, in the second sentence substituted "authority" for "municipality".

**SECTION 6-25-126.** Temporary investment of funds pending disbursements.

The resolution authorizing the bonds or construction notes of any issue or the trust agreement securing the bonds or construction notes may provide that any of the monies may be temporarily invested and reinvested pending disbursements and the securities and other investments provided in the resolution or trust agreement, and must provide that any bank or trust company with which the monies are deposited shall act as trustee of the monies and shall hold and apply them for the purposes of this chapter, subject to regulation as this chapter and the resolution or trust agreement may provide.

**HISTORY:** 1986 Act No. 456, Section 7; 1999 Act No. 113, Section 16; 2007 Act No. 59, Section 1, eff June 6, 2007.

**Effect of Amendment**

The 2007 amendment reprinted this section with no apparent change.

**SECTION 6-25-127.** Enforcement of bondholder and construction note holder rights.

Any holder of bond or construction notes issued under the provisions of this chapter or any of the coupons appertaining to them, and the trustee under any trust agreement, except to the extent the rights given by this chapter may be restricted by the trust agreement or the resolution authorizing the issuance of the bonds or construction notes, may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus, or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights under the laws of the State or granted under this chapter, or, to the extent permitted by law, under the trust agreement or resolution authorizing the issuance of the bonds or under any agreement or other contract executed by the joint system pursuant to this chapter, and may enforce and compel the performance of all duties required by this chapter or by the trust agreement or resolution to be performed by any joint system or authority or by their officers, including the fixing, charging, and collecting of rents, fees, and charges.

**HISTORY:** 1986 Act No. 456, Section 7; 1999 Act No. 113, Section 17; 2007 Act No. 59, Section 1, eff June 6, 2007.

**Effect of Amendment**

The 2007 amendment substituted "authority" for "municipality".

**SECTION 6-25-128.** Contracts between authority and joint system; duration.

An authority may contract to buy from the joint system water required for its present or future requirements, including the capacity and output, or a portion or share of one or more specified projects. An authority also may contract for the collection or treatment of wastewater, including present or future capacity, or a portion or share of another project. The creation of a joint system is an alternative method whereby an authority may obtain the benefits and assume the responsibilities of ownership in a project, so a contract may provide that the authority forming the contract is obligated to make a payment required by the contract whether or not a project is completed, operable, or operating notwithstanding the suspension, interruption, interference, reduction, or curtailment of the output of a project or the water contracted for, and that the payments under the contract are not subject to reduction, whether by offset or otherwise, and are not conditioned upon the performance or nonperformance of the joint system or any other member of the joint system under the contract or any other instrument. A contract with respect to the sale or purchase of capacity or output, or a portion or share of them, of a project entered into between a joint system and its member authorities also may provide that if an authority or authorities default in the payment of its or their obligations with respect to the purchase of the capacity or output, or a portion or share of them, in that event the remaining member authorities which are purchasing capacity and output under the contract are required



to accept and pay for and are entitled proportionately to and may use or otherwise dispose of the capacity or output which was to be purchased by the defaulting authority.

A contract concerning the sale or purchase of capacity and output from a project may extend for a period not exceeding fifty years from the date of the contract and may be renewable and extended upon terms as the parties may agree for not exceeding an additional fifty years; and the execution and effectiveness is not subject to any authorizations or approvals by the State or any agency, commission, or instrumentality or political subdivision of them. To the extent any bonds or other indebtedness of the joint system exceeds the term of an initial or existing contract between or among the joint system and the respective members of the joint system, the duration of the joint system and the obligations of the members of the joint system shall automatically extend and continue unabated for so long as any bonds or other indebtedness are outstanding.

Payments by an authority under a contract for the purchase of capacity and output from a joint system may be made from the revenues derived from the ownership and operation of the water system of the authority or from such other sources of funds as may be available, including any amounts received as payments in lieu of taxes. An authority may not pledge its full faith, credit, and taxing power to secure its obligations to the joint system or the bonds of the joint system. An authority is obligated to fix, charge, and collect rents, rates, fees, and charges for water or sewer services, facilities, and commodities sold, furnished, or supplied through its water or sewer system sufficient to provide revenues adequate to meet its obligations under any contract and to pay any and all other amounts payable from or constituting a charge and lien upon the revenues, including amounts sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on general obligation bonds, if any, heretofore or hereafter issued by the authority for purposes related to its water or sewer system.

An authority that is a member of a joint system may furnish the joint system with money derived from the ownership and operation of its water or sewer system or facilities and provide the joint system with personnel, equipment, and property, both real and personal, and from any other sources legally available to it for such purposes. An authority also may provide services to a joint system.

A member of a joint system may contract for, advance, or contribute funds derived from the ownership and operation of its water or sewer system or facilities or from another legal source to a joint system as agreed upon by the joint system and the member, and the joint system shall repay the advances or contributions from the proceeds of bonds, operating revenue, or other funds of the joint system, together with interest as agreed upon by the member and the joint system.

HISTORY: 1986 Act No. 456, Section 7; 1997 Act No. 74, Section 8; 2007 Act No. 59, Section 1, eff June 6, 2007.

#### Effect of Amendment

The 2007 amendment, in the first undesignated paragraph, added the second sentence relating to wastewater; in the third undesignated paragraph, in the third sentence added "or sewer" in two places; and substituted "authority" for "municipality" and made nonsubstantive changes throughout.

#### **SECTION 6-25-129.** Governmental functions; state tax exemption.

A joint system is an instrumentality of local government, and is authorized by this chapter exclusively for the performance of governmental functions, and the income of a joint system is exempt from state taxes.

HISTORY: 1999 Act No. 113, Section 2; 2007 Act No. 59, Section 1, eff June 6, 2007.

#### Effect of Amendment

The 2007 amendment reprinted this section with no apparent change.

#### **SECTION 6-25-130.** Employment or appointment of personnel; rights, privileges, and benefits.

Personnel employed or appointed by a member to work for a joint system shall have the same authority, rights, privileges, and immunities including coverage under the Workers' Compensation laws which the officers, agents, and employees of the appointing member enjoy within the territory of that member whether

within or without the territory of the appointing member when they are acting within the scope of their authority or in the course of their employment.

Personnel employed or appointed directly by a joint system shall be qualified for participation in the South Carolina Retirement System with the same rights, privileges, obligations, and responsibilities as they would have if they were employees of an authority, if they are residents of this State.

**HISTORY:** 1983 Act No. 82, Section 2; 2007 Act No. 59, Section 1, eff June 6, 2007.

**Effect of Amendment**

The 2007 amendment, in the second undesignated paragraph, substituted "an authority" for "a municipality".

**SECTION 6-25-131.** Restriction as to who may benefit from joint system income, profit or assets; exception.

The income, profit, or assets of a joint system may not inure to the benefit of an individual or private entity, except for a joint authority water and sewer system created under this chapter.

**HISTORY:** 1999 Act No. 113, Section 3; 2007 Act No. 59, Section 1, eff June 6, 2007.

**Effect of Amendment**

The 2007 amendment added ", except for a joint authority water and sewer system created under this chapter", and made nonsubstantive changes.

**SECTION 6-25-140.** Annual system audit; reports.

There shall be an annual audit of each joint system and reports given to the governing body of each of the members. The costs shall be considered as part of the construction costs or part of expenses of administration.

**HISTORY:** 1983 Act No. 82, Section 2; 2007 Act No. 59, Section 1, eff June 6, 2007.

**Effect of Amendment**

The 2007 amendment reprinted this section with no apparent change.

**SECTION 6-25-145.** Investment by fiduciaries in bonds and construction notes.

It is lawful for any executor, administrator, guardian, committee, or other fiduciary to invest any monies in his hand in bonds and construction notes issued under the provisions of this chapter.

**HISTORY:** 1986 Act No. 456, Section 8; 1999 Act No. 113, Section 18; 2007 Act No. 59, Section 1, eff June 6, 2007.

**Effect of Amendment**

The 2007 amendment reprinted this section with no apparent change.

**SECTION 6-25-150.** Contracts with federal and state government and agencies.

The commission of any joint system may make application for grants and enter into contracts for and accept grants in aid and loans from the federal and state governments and their agencies in connection with the planning, acquiring, constructing, expanding, maintaining, and operating any project, or participating in any research or development program in connection therewith. The commission may agree to comply with any reasonable conditions which are imposed upon such grants, loans, or aids, and may accept such without a contract.

**HISTORY:** 1983 Act No. 82, Section 2; 2007 Act No. 59, Section 1, eff June 6, 2007.

**Effect of Amendment**

The 2007 amendment reprinted this section with no apparent change.

**SECTION 6-25-155.** Bonds, interest coupons and construction notes as investment securities.

Whether or not the bonds and interest coupons appertaining to them and construction notes are of a form and character as to be investment securities under Chapter 8 of Title 36, all bonds and interest coupons appertaining to them and construction notes issued under this chapter are hereby made investment securities within the meaning of and for all the purposes of Chapter 8 of Title 36, subject only to the provisions of the bonds and construction notes pertaining to registration.

**HISTORY:** 1986 Act No. 456, Section 9; 1999 Act No. 113, Section 19; 2007 Act No. 59, Section 1, eff June 6, 2007.

**Effect of Amendment**

The 2007 amendment reprinted this section with no apparent change.

**SECTION 6-25-160.** Tax status of evidences of indebtedness issued by joint system.

The principal and interest on the bonds, notes, construction notes, or other evidences of indebtedness issued pursuant to this chapter have the tax-exempt status prescribed by Section 12-2-50.

**HISTORY:** 1983 Act No. 82, Section 2; 1999 Act No. 113, Section 20; 2007 Act No. 59, Section 1, eff June 6, 2007.

**Effect of Amendment**

The 2007 amendment reprinted this section with no apparent change.

**SECTION 6-25-170.** Construction of chapter.

The provisions of this chapter must be liberally construed.

**HISTORY:** 1983 Act No. 82, Section 2; 2007 Act No. 59, Section 1, eff June 6, 2007.

**Effect of Amendment**

The 2007 amendment reprinted this section with no apparent change.





## OCONEE JOINT REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY

### Operations & Planning Committee

May 21, 2025

The Operations & Planning Committee meeting was held at the Coneross Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Commissioners that were present:

- Seat 1 (Seneca): Bob Faires, III  
(Committee Chairman)
- Seat 6 (Walhalla): Laramie Hinkle
- Seat 9 (Walhalla & Westminster): David Dial

Commissioners that were not present:

- Seat 3 (Seneca): Scott McLane

OJRSA appointments and staff present were:

- Lynn Stephens, Secretary/Treasurer to the Board and Office Manager
- Chris Eleazer, Executive Director

Others present were:

- Josh Riches, Seneca Assistant City Administrator
- David Fales, Citizen (Cross Creek S/D)
- Rich St. John, Citizen (Cross Creek S/D)
- Kathy St. John, Citizen (Cross Creek S/D)
- Jim Sites, Citizen (Cross Creek S/D)

**A) Call to Order** - Mr. Faires called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

**B) Public Session** – Several residents of Cross Creek Plantation Subdivision attended the meeting. Mr. David Fales spoke on their behalf. Mr. Fales stated the residents at today's meeting want to focus on the cause of the increase in the odor, the number of complaints about the odors, and the long-term activity (investigative or mediation) to address the issue. In addition, he stated if this is going to be an on-going issue, what is the best way to speak with OJRSA personnel for the residents to get answers to questions and concerns. Mr. Hinkle asked if it was a lack of response from the OJRSA side; Ms. St. John said she spoke to a lady at the OJRSA who said she would call back and never did.

Mr. Faires spoke about OJRSA being a small organization and how it would be beneficial to have one Cross Creek resident as a contact person who OJRSA personnel could speak with about the situation (and then that person would pass on the information to the other residents) instead of OJRSA personnel having to contact multiple residents. Mr. Eleazer added that it bothers him some that OJRSA personnel didn't call Ms. St. John back. Mr. Eleazer said he spoke to a resident on a Friday when Mr. Lindsay was out of work to give an update and not make the person wait through the weekend for a reply. He said he thought the Operations Director, Mr. Kyle Lindsay, had called everyone back and added he would look into this.

Ms. St. John spoke about letters that Mr. Al Shadwick from Cross Creek sent out about the odor. Mr. Eleazer said the letters weren't sent to the OJRSA but rather the OJRSA attorney, Mr. Larry Brandt. Mr. Fales stated that the number of complaints was sparked by the fact that the Cross Creek residents didn't feel like they were being heard and the issue not addressed. Mr. Eleazer spoke a little about the complaint process and how the OJRSA heard them.



Mr. Eleazer said he looks at the flag at the plant when he comes in each morning, and it generally is blowing in the direction of Cross Creek. He said he also pays attention to the weather situation and the smell in the area on his way in. He said that the plant normally has a mild earthy/mulchy-type smell and explained how it is a lengthy process to get odors under control if something goes wrong. He stated that OJRSA personnel don't like bad odors that permeate into the office building either.

The Director said the discussion about the odor complaints is on the agenda to be discussed later in the meeting but asked if it should be discussed now; Mr. Faires replied yes. (Item E.2. of this agenda moved up to here).

Mr. Eleazer said the OJRSA started getting complaint calls during the first week of May. A week prior to this, the OJRSA received a call from the owner/operator of another local treatment plant that served a truck stop along the interstate. Some cleaning supplies were disposed of in the sewer at the truck stop and killed the biological process of treatment plant. They were in a bind and had to remove their product and restart their plant. They asked the OJRSA if they could haul small loads of their waste to the OJRSA plant for treatment (which the OJRSA could handle in small amounts), and they would take some of the OJRSA product back to their plant to try and reseed their facility.

The OJRSA started to receive multiple loads from this plant for several days in a row. It wasn't long after that the OJRSA staff started getting smells in the administration building. The Director said he made mental notes about it for a couple of days during which time the complaints started coming in.

Mr. Eleazer said he spoke with OJRSA staff to discuss what had changed in the past few weeks that may have caused this strong odor. Personnel discovered three (3) items had changed: 1) The OJRSA started receiving the truck stop plant waste; 2) There were solids stored on the pad at the plant over the weekend; and 3) The OJRSA started receiving wastewater flow from the Welcome Center for the Sewer South project (which the OJRSA was aware may have stronger odor due to hydrogen sulfide). In addition, Mr. Eleazer said the temperature was cool in the mornings and then warmed up in the afternoons during this time (called a "temperature inversion") which kept the odor in the low-lying areas.

The Director said he and the OJRSA Operations Supervisor, Mr. Johnny McCall, feel it was item #1 that was causing the odor, because: A) It is not unheard of to keep solids on the pad over a weekend at the facility due to a hauling truck breaking down or weather-related issues, and typically any odor from the solids is limited to the area around where it is stored, and B) The wastewater from the Welcome Center did not have hydrogen sulfide odor (rotten egg smell) associated with it.

As time has gone on, it seems like that logic was validated, as the OJRSA is no longer getting loads from the truck stop, and the odor has dissipated.

Then on Monday morning, Mr. Eleazer said a person was walking along the OJRSA force main right-of-way in the woods near Cross Creek golf course and saw some water bubbling up. They contacted the OJRSA. The OJRSA went out and verified there was a break in the 18" ductile iron force main. Mr. Al Shadwick (President, Cross Creek Development of Oconee, Inc.) was notified what was going on, and Mr. Shadwick had questions about the pipe. Mr. Eleazer explained that the pipe is original to the system, having been installed around 1978-1979. He said he has been working for the OJRSA for eight (8) years now, and to his knowledge, this is the first leak on that line in his time here. He said there was a 3' crack at the bottom of the pipe, but just because the pipe is about fifty (50) years old doesn't mean it's at the end of its life. The Director added that there have been multiple breaks on the Speeds Creek Force Main with no odor complaints in the vicinity of the leaks, so he believes this was just coincidental to have happened near the time of the odor issue. Mr. Eleazer noted that on Friday, May 9, 2025, OJRSA personnel had ridden an ATV along the line and no leak was noticed; however, they noticed the strong smell coming from the plant; they went back around 3:00 p.m. that afternoon, and there was still no sign of any leak and the smell was gone as well.

The Director said the spill was estimated to be approximately 145,000 gallons with 50,000 gallons recovered at the site and hauled back to the plant for proper treatment. The spill was managed during the repair work by holding flow at the Martins Creek Pump Station and doing a pump and haul to the

plant. Ms. Amy Towe of SC Department of Environmental Services (SCDES) was notified of the spill and kept in the loop. The OJRSA staff got the pipe repaired around midnight and then cleaned up the site (still have some cleanup left to do and lime to spread out today). The OJRSA put an advisory out for the public on social media and local news, put signs in the general area, and will pull samples from the creek. The advisory will be dismissed when the contamination level downstream is back to the ambient level as per standard SCDES protocol. Mr. Sites asked where the advisory was posted, as he didn't see one; Mr. Eleazer replied that the OJRSA has control over posting on social media, but the news organizations control over whether they want to report on it or not.

Mr. Fales stated he didn't mind being a contact point, but he will reach out to Mr. Shadwick to see how he wants communication handled in the future. Mr. Fales said he will take what was learned today back to the community.

There was some discussion about the lengthy process of finding sources of odor at the plant, including ruling out industrial discharges and using odor loggers. Mr. Fales suggested that odor loggers be placed in the Cross Creek area to get data.

Mr. Eleazer ended the discussion by inviting all the guests to take a tour of the wastewater plant in the future to further understand the process and how the odors can occur. Mr. Sites said he would like to take a tour. All the guests thanked the committee members for their time.

**C) Presentation and Discussion Items:**

- 1. Update on Current Projects (Exhibit A)** – Mr. Eleazer distributed the updated projects list (*made a part of these minutes*). He stated there were no issues to point out at this time.
- 2. General Review and Discussion Fiscal Year 2026 Budget (Exhibit B)** – Mr. Dial stated that the budget looked good to him. Mr. Eleazer stated that the anticipated revenues are based on an average of the last twelve (12) months that determine the volumetric flow. He said there is a reduction in this flow every year due to aging meters that may not record as well, business closures, and new equipment and fixtures such as low-flow toilets. He stated that it may come in higher this year.

The Director stated that he would like to address the expenses in regard to how to retain staff. He said that seven (7) operational staff (in the maintenance, operations, and conveyance departments) have turned over in the past year due to pay. Mr. Eleazer stated the OJRSA has a merit-only pay system with no cost-of-living raises. Every three (3) to four (4) years, there is a reassessment of the pay ranges which is supposed to capture cost of living increases, but the next assessment will only occur in 2026 but not be in use until Fiscal Year 2027 if approved by the board.

The Director also stated that the budget will include addressing items in the Capital Improvement Plan.

- 3. Satellite Sewer System Corrective Action Plan Update** – Mr. Eleazer stated that the City of Westminster completed a cost-of-service study. He also stated that he and Ms. Allison McCullough (OJRSA Regulatory Services Coordinator) discussed inflow and infiltration (I&I) and developed a plan to address it.

Mr. Dial asked what Mr. Kevin Bronson (OJRSA Chairman) meant in an email he sent regarding postponement. Mr. Eleazer stated that with the Ad Hoc Committee recommending consolidation of the sewer systems, it wouldn't make sense for the Member Cities to put money into this, so it was decided to postpone until the recommendation is made and the board decides how to proceed.

**D) Action Items to Recommend to the Board for Consideration** – None.

**E) Executive Director's Discussion and Compliance Matters** – The Executive Director reported on the following:

**1. Environmental and Regulatory Compliance Matters:**

Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) – *Discussed earlier during Public Session*

Toxicity Failure – The OJRSA had a toxicity failure during the first quarter of the year as a result of high conductivity (or high Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)). This is suspected to have come from an

industry based on past sample data. This industry self-reports quarterly to the OJRSA at the same level that the OJRSA reports to the SC Department of Environmental Services (SCDES); however, they have recently been issued a new permit that will change their monitoring requirements to monthly and require them to do monthly sampling. The OJRSA is unsure at this time if there will be a formal Notice of Violation (NOV) from the state for this violation.

2. **Odor Complaints** – *Discussed earlier during Public Session*
3. **Miscellaneous (If Any)** – None.

**F) Committee Members' Discussion** – None.

**G) Upcoming Meetings:**

1. **Finance & Administrative Committee** – Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
2. **Board of Commissioners** – Monday, June 2, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.
3. **Sewer Feasibility Implementation Ad Hoc Committee** – Monday, June 16, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
4. **Operations & Planning Committee** – Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at 8:30 a.m.

There was some discussion about this being Mr. Faires' last meeting as a board member of the OJRSA. Mr. Faires stated that Mr. Riches will be taking his place on the board. Mr. Riches added that the Seneca City Council will vote for his appointment on June 10, 2025. Mr. Eleazer stated he will email an agreement and the resolution template to Mr. Moulder and Mr. Riches to review for this new appointment. Mr. Eleazer said the OJRSA will require two (2) signed resolutions to be turned in.

Mr. Faires also suggested that Mr. McLane be considered as the new chairman of the Operations & Planning Committee. It was agreed that the board would consider whether Mr. Riches will be on the O&P Committee and then would be up to the committee to elect its new chairman.

**H) Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

Notification of the meeting was distributed on May 9, 2025 to *Upstate Today*, *Anderson Independent-Mail*, *Westminster News*, *Keowee Courier*, WGOG Radio, WSNW Radio, City of Seneca Council, City of Walhalla Council, City of Westminster Council, Oconee County Council, SC DHEC, [www.ojrsa.org](http://www.ojrsa.org), and posted at the OJRSA Administration Building.



## Operations & Planning Committee Meeting

OJRSA Operations & Administration Building

Lamar Bailes Board Room

May 21, 2025 at 8:30 AM

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### Agenda

- A. Call to Order** – Bob Faires, Committee Chair
- B. Public Session** – Receive comments relating to topics on this agenda. Session is limited to a maximum of 30 minutes with no more than 5 minutes per speaker.
- C. Presentation and Discussion Items** *[May include vote and/or action on matters brought up for discussion]*
  - 1. Update on current projects (Exhibit A) – Chris Eleazer, Director and Kyle Lindsay, Operations Director
  - 2. General review and discussion Fiscal Year 2026 Budget (Exhibit B) – Chris Eleazer, Director and Kyle Lindsay, Operations Manager
  - 3. Satellite Sewer System Corrective Action Plan update – Chris Eleazer, Director
- D. Action Items to Recommend to the Board for Consideration**
  - None
- E. Executive Director's Discussion and Compliance Matters** – Chris Eleazer, Director
  - 1. Environmental and regulatory compliance matters
  - 2. Odor complaints
  - 3. Miscellaneous *(if any)*
- F. Committee Members' Discussion** – Led by Bob Faires, Committee Chair  
Discussion can be related to matters addressed in this meeting or for future consideration by the Board or Committee. Voting is not permitted during this session.
- G. Upcoming Meetings** *All meetings to be held in the OJRSA Lamar Bailes Board Room unless noted otherwise.*
  - 1. Finance & Administration Committee – May 27, 2025 at 9:00 AM
  - 2. Board of Commissioners – June 2, 2025 at 4:00 PM
  - 3. Sewer Feasibility Implementation Ad Hoc Committee – June 16, 2025 at 9:00 AM
  - 4. Operations & Planning Committee – June 18, 2025 at 8:30 AM
- H. Adjourn**





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Row #	FY 2025 O&M Project <i>(Project # (if applicable); PM)</i> <b><u>CANNOT CARRY OVER TO NEXT FISCAL YEAR WITHOUT BUDGET APPROVAL</u></b>	Approx % Complete	Anticipated Completion	PO/Contract Amount (\$)	O&M PROJECT MILESTONES					Budget Remaining (\$)	GL Code <i>(XXXXX = get from Office Mgr)</i>
					Bids/RFQ/etc. Issue/Advertised	Req/Contract Signed	Started Work	Completed	Obligated/ Spent (\$)		
1	Consent Order 21-025-W Project: Biannual Compliance Report <i>(CE)</i>	100%	5/9/2025	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11/8/2024	0	0	N/A
2	GIS Update and Upgrade <i>(CE)</i>	100%	11/10/2024	32,000	N/A	7/30/2024	8/1/2024	12/18/2024	38,641	(6,641)	Con Sys: Prof Svcs 601-02430
3	For Feasibilty Study: Establish Sewer Feasibility Implementation Ad Hoc Committee <i>(CE)</i>	100%	11/13/2024	0	N/A	N/A	9/9/2024	11/4/2024	0	0	N/A
4	For Feasibilty Study: Legal counsel prepare new governance and consolidation evaluations <i>(CE)</i>	100%	12/6/2024	0	N/A	N/A	9/10/2024	11/26/2024	0	0	Admin Services 501-02420
5	For Feasibilty Study: Financial/Rate Cost of Service Study <i>(CE)</i>	100%	3/10/2025	29,800	N/A	N/A	10/21/2024	3/6/2025	25,330	4,470	Admin Services 501-02420
6	For Feasibilty Study: Ad Hoc Committee to Report to Board and County its Recommendations <i>(CE)</i>	0%	5/13/2025	0	N/A	N/A			0	0	N/A
7	ISS PS Generator Installation <i>(JG)</i>	N/A	3/31/2025	TBD	On Hold	On Hold	On Hold	On Hold	0	0	Conv Sys R&M: PS 601-05090
8	Coneross Creek PS Pump Control Upgrade <i>(JG)</i>	N/A	4/30/2025	47,353	N/A Prof Services	3/6/2025			47,353	0	Con Sys R&M: PS 601-05030
9	Martin Creek PS Pump Restraint System <i>(JG)</i>	100%	3/31/2025	35,000	In-kind replacement	2/9/2024	7/30/2024	7/30/2024	32,017	2,983	Con Sys R&M: PS 601-05100
10	Martin Creek Storage Aerator Motor Replacement <i>(JG)</i>	0%	4/25/2025	12,422 also need crane	N/A OEM Equip/Svc				0	0	Con Sys R&M: PS 601-05100
11	Pelham Creek PS Manual Transfer Switch Installation <i>(JG)</i>	100%	4/30/2025	24,134	9/11/2024	11/6/2024	3/25/2025	3/26/2025	24,134	0	Con Sys R&M: PS 601-05120
12	<del>Perkins Creek PS Wet Well Cleanout <i>(KL, MD)</i></del>	<del>0%</del>	<del>12/15/2024</del>	<del>N/A</del>	<del>N/A</del>	<del>N/A</del>	<del>N/A</del>	<del>N/A</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>Con Sys R&amp;M: PS 601-05130</del>
13	Richland Flow Meter Station Electrical Rewiring <i>(JG)</i>	0%	4/30/2025	13,000	9/4/2024	11/13/2024	5/6/2025		0	13,000	Con Sys R&M: FMS 601-04030
14	Paint Flow Meter Stations <i>(JG)</i>	100%	5/30/2025	3,800	2/17/2025	4/16/2025	4/14/2025	4/15/2025	0	3,800	Con Sys Bldgs & Grnds 601-02550
15	Martin Creek PS/FM H2S Control <b><u>ENGINEERING AND PERMITTING</u></b> <i>(KL)</i>	N/A	FY 2026	For FY 2026	For FY 2026	For FY 2026	For FY 2026	For FY 2026	0	0	Con Sys R&M: PS 601-05100
16	Southern Oconee Sewer PS/FM H2S Control <b><u>STUDY</u></b> <i>(CE,KL)</i>	100%	1/31/2025	22,500	N/A	10/31/2024	11/4/2024	4/2/2025	22,500	0	Retail O&M: Prof Svcs 1301-02430
17	Martin Creek PS Basin and Southern Westminster Trunk Sewer CCTV/Clean <i>(KL, CE)</i>	100%	12/20/2024	264,202	6/6/2024	8/6/2024	8/6/2024	9/19/2024	237,926	26,276	Con Sys: Prof Svcs 601-02430
18	Seneca Creek FM Replacement Constr Administration/Inspect <i>(#2023-05; CE, KL)</i>	50%	TBD	140,000	N/A	4/29/2024	2/3/2025		9,000	131,000	O&M CIP: Con Sys 1401-06071
19	WRF Replace Disinfection System Lightning Mixer <i>(JM)</i>	100%	5/30/2025	49,381	12/4/2024	12/4/2024	2/27/2025	2/27/2025	49,381	0	WRF R&M 701-03000
20	WRF Util Water Pump (1 unit only)/Valve, Flow Eq Flow Control, RAS/WAS Pump/Mag Meter/Valve Install <i>(JM)</i>	35%	5/30/2025	362,100	RFB #2025-05 11/1/2024	1/8/2025	1/8/2025		140,310	221,790	WRF R&M 701-03000
21	WRF Waterproofing Admin Building Roof/Walls and Chloring Building Roof <i>(KL)</i>	95%	6/1/2025	125,145	RFB #2025-07 11/18/2024	1/9/2025	3/5/2025		108,733	16,413	Admin Contingency 501-02440

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22	WRF Paving Around Biosolids Storage Pad and Solids Processing Building (KL)	0%	5/30/2025	31,500	12/6/2024				0	31,500	WRF Bldgs & Grnds 701-02550
23	WRF Tank & Wet Well Clanouts (Primary Splitter Box and Digester #1) (JM)	100%	2/28/2025	45,680	RFB #2025-04 10/24/2024	12/16/2024	2/17/2025	3/8/2025	45,680	0	WRF R&M 701-03000
24	WRF Replace/Paint Walkway Handrails (continued from FY 2024) (JM)	100%	11/30/2024	N/A	N/A	N/A	As time allows	As time allows	N/A	N/A	WRF R&M 701-03000
25	WRF Digesters/Solids Handling Tanks Grinder Rebuild (JG)	100%	10/31/2024	17,000	8/26/2024	8/26/2024	9/30/2024	10/4/2024	16,999	1	WRF R&M 701-03000
26	WRF Biological Reactor Basin Oxid Zone Gearbox Replacement (JM)	100%	5/30/2025	46,848	12/4/2024	12/4/2024	1/6/2025	1/28/2025	46,848	0	WRF R&M 701-03000
27	EMERGENCY Hurricane Helene Debris Removal (KL, MM)	100%	2/28/2025	262,500	Emergnecy Procurement	1/13/2025	1/13/2025	1/24/2025	54,350	208,150	Con Sys: Prof Svcs 601-02430
28	EMERGENCY Hurricane Helene Debris & FEMA Management (KL, MM)	75%	6/30/2025	99,000	Emer 10/18/2024 RFP 12/30/2024	Emer 10/18/2024 RFP 1/23/2025	Emer 10/18/2024 RFP 1/23/2025		91,439	7,561	Con Sys: Prof Svcs 601-02430
29	Operating Agreement (Draft) for Oconee County/OJRSA I-85 Sewer O&M (CE)	0%	5/31/2025	TBD	N/A	N/A	2/3/2025		0	0	
30	Evaluation of CCTV/Smoketesting of Line Segments from MH29 to WRF (KL)	0%	TBD	TBD					0	0	
31	Manhole Resiliency Plan & HMGP Grant Administration (CE)	0%	4/30/2025	53,000	Proj #2025-10 N/A	4/21/2025	4/21/2025		7,508	45,493	Con Sys: Prof Svcs 601-02430
32									0	0	
33									0	0	
TOTAL AWARDED				1,703,942	TOTAL FUNDS OBLIGATED/ACTUAL TO DATE:				998,146	705,796	TOTAL AWARDED BUDGET REMAINING

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1	<b>Consent Order 21-025-W Project: Biannual Compliance Report (CE)</b>	OJRSA Chris Eleazer	<b>DUE TO SCDES EVERY SIX MONTHS.</b> Reports submitted: 11/14/2021, 5/9/2022, 11/10/2022, 5/9/2023, 11/9/2023, 5/10/2024, 11/8/2024. 5/9: Submitted report via ePermitting. <b>COMPLETE.</b> <b>Next report due 11/10/2025.</b>
2	<b>GIS Update and Upgrade (CE)</b>	Weston & Sampson Danny Gant	Project to begin updating OJRSA, Satellite Sewer System, and other User assets and information for asset management and compliance purposes. 9/18: Met with D Gant to review easement progress. 11/22: Progress meeting with D Gant. 2/17: Training today.
3	<b>For Feasibilty Study: Establish Sewer Feasibility Implementation Ad Hoc Committee (CE)</b>	OJRSA Chris Eleazer	10/7: Discussed at board meeting. Will consider committee at next meeting. 11/4: List approved by Board. <b>COMPLETE. Update sent to Bonnie Ammons and Sophia Mazza with RIA on 11/13.</b> First meeting to be held 12/2.
4	<b>For Feasibilty Study: Legal counsel prepare new governance and consolidation evaluations (CE)</b>	OJRSA Chris Eleazer	11/26: Received from Pope Flynn. <b>COMPLETE. Shared memo with ad hoc committee at 12/2 meeting. Update sent to Bonnie Ammons and Sophia Mazza with RIA on 12/9.</b>
5	<b>For Feasibilty Study: Financial/Rate Cost of Service Study (CE)</b>	Willdan Daryll Parker	1/24/2025: To be presented to board on 3/6. 3/6: Presented to board. <b>COMPLETE. Update sent to Bonnie Ammons and Sophia Mazza with RIA on 3/11. Will also update ad hoc committee at 3/13 meeting.</b>
6	<b>For Feasibilty Study: Ad Hoc Committee to Report to Board and County its Recommendations (CE)</b>	Ad Hoc Comm Comm Chair	
7	<b>ISS PS Generator Installation (JG)</b>	OJRSA OJRSA Maint	4/1: On hold with Justin Gillespie's departure. 5/6: Paul Davis with Davis Electrical said this 277/480V generator will not work here; it will only work at Halfway Branch PS.
8	<b>Coneross Creek PS Pump Control Upgrade (JG)</b>	Border States Stuart Reynolds	3/18: Waiting on Border States to do site visit before set-up. 5/4: Contractor says this needs to be engineered, will need to reassess in future.
9	<b>Martin Creek PS Pump Restraint System (JG)</b>	TBD	Ordered during FY 2024 but did not receive until FY 2025. 7/15/2024: Ordered as in-kind unit with new pump head assembly. 7/30: <b>COMPLETE</b>
10	<b>Martin Creek Storage Aerator Motor Replacement (JG)</b>	OJRSA OJRSA Maint	1/7/2025: Motor to be delivered tomorrow. Likely need to contract out install. 2/4: Delivery will now be April. Total cost \$12,422. 4/1: Still waiting on delivery. 5/6: Aerator has arrived, waiting for staff level to increase.
11	<b>Pelham Creek PS Manual Transfer Switch Installation (JG)</b>	Mason Electric TBD	11/4. Approved low bid for equipment and installation. 12/11: Ordered. We purchased ATS for WW Williams (5,664). Mason will do install (\$18,470). 2/4/2025: KL will call to make sure they have us on schedule. 2/17: Scheduled 3/25. 4/1: <b>COMPLETE.</b>
12	<del><b>Perkins Creek PS Wet Well Cleanout (KL, MD)</b></del>	<del>TBD</del>	<del>8/6: Will need to bid. Will do with splitter box and digeter #1. 9/3: KL nearly complete with RFB. 9/17: After further evaluation, do not need to perform and money will be better spent on Coneross PS. <b>REMOVED.</b></del>
13	<b>Richland Flow Meter Station Electrical Rewiring (JG)</b>	Davis Power TBD	2/4/2025: KL will call to make sure they have us on schedule. 2/17: Scheduled 3/31. 4/1: Waiting on power panel, think it will be done end of April. 5/6: Paul Davis started today. Estimate 2 days to complete.
14	<b>Paint Flow Meter Stations (JG)</b>	Chavez Painting	9/3: Waiting on quotes. 9/17: Need 2 more quotes. 11/5: Still waiting on quotes. 12/11: Met with painters for stations. 2/5/2025: Received low bid. Will schedule soon. 2/17: Received quotes. Will award - \$3,800. 3/18: Scheduled 4/18. 4/15: <b>COMPLETE.</b>
15	<b>Martin Creek PS/FM H2S Control <u>ENGINEERING AND PERMITTING</u> (KL)</b>	Garver Will Nading	9/3: KL to reach out to Garver for next steps. 9/17: Need to determine permanent fix to this and where it goes in overall OJRSA priority list. 10/10: Spoke with W Nading and he is putting together scope. 11/4: OJRSA will need to publicly solicit work (est. \$140,000)
16	<b>Southern Oconee Sewer PS/FM H2S Control <u>STUDY</u> (CE, KL)</b>	Garver Will Nading	<b>Project #2025-06</b> 3/3: Sent message asking for update. 3/18: Haven't received update, called Nading and scheduled visit for next week. 3/27: Met with Nading, he will finalize report very soon. 4/2: <b>COMPLETE.</b> 4/9: Sent to A Brock.
17	<b>Martin Creek PS Basin and Southern Westminster Trunk Sewer CCTV/Clean (KL, CE)</b>	Secure Sewer & Svc Michael Bevelle	10/1: All contracted work is complete. OJRSA staff have to finish inspecting manholes and smoketest. 12/5: Finished additional work. 1/17: Smoke testing complete by OJRSA. <b>COMPLETE.</b>
18	<b>Seneca Creek FM Replacement Constr Administration/Inspect (#2023-05; CE, KL)</b>	GMC Daniel Mosher	<b>Reimbursible by Fountain Residential Properties LLC per agreement.</b> 1/17/2025: Preconstruction meeting scheduled for 1/29. 2/3: Contractor began mobilization. 3/25: Railroad bore to occur in next 2-4 weeks.
19	<b>WRF Replace Disinfection System Lightning Mixer (JM)</b>	OJRSA OJRSA Maint	10/14: Receive updated quote but it did not include upper bearing cost. 12/11: Ordered and expect to receive in February. \$44,432. Still need motor, which is easy to get. 2/4: Delivery date at end of February. 2/27: <b>COMPLETE.</b>
20	<b>WRF Util Water Pump (1 unit only)/Valve, Flow Eq Flow Control, RAS/WAS Pump/Mag Meter/Valve Install (JM)</b>	Cove Utility Jeff Caffrey	1/10: Longer lead items have been ordered by Cove. 2/17: Cove verified items at site. Everything has now been ordered. 3/18: Waiting on equipment to arrive. 4/1: KL reviewing submittals. 4/18: Began work onsite. 5/13: Last pump being shipped today.
21	<b>WRF Waterproofing Admin Building Roof/Walls and Chloring Building Roof (KL)</b>	CE Bourne Kenneth Fennell	<b>To be funded with O&amp;M Contingency \$110,145 plus owner contingency of NTE\$15,000.</b> 3/10: Began work on admin bldg. 4/24: Nearly complete. Still need to do final walkthrough and punchlist. Will need to install flashing on window beside front entry.



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22	WRF Paving Around Biosolids Storage Pad and Solids Processing Building (KL)	TMS Asphalt TBD	10/14: KL cannot get anyone to return calls or come see site. Will need to begin again. 12/11: Have 3 quotes, will award soon. 2/4/2025: Have awarded. 2/17: Work to be done in March or April. 5/6: Will be done the last part of May. 5/16: Scheduled to start 5/19.
23	WRF Tank & Wet Well Clanouts (Primary Splitter Box and Digester #1) (JM)	Greenstone Const TBD	2/17/2025: Started work on Digester 1. 3/8: <b>COMPLETE</b> . 3/25: Processed Change Order #1 for additional \$5,000 for additional work to complete task. Still came in below budgeted amount.
24	WRF Replace/Paint Walkway Handrails (continued from FY 2024) (JM)	TBD	8/6: Purchased more paint. 10/14: Front end of plant complete. Now painting some items on back end of plant.
25	WRF Digesters/Solids Handling Tanks Grinder Rebuild (JG)	TBD	8/6: Getting updated quotes. 9/3: Has been ordered. 9/17: Rebuild kit arrived last week. 10/4: <b>COMPLETE</b> .
26	WRF Biological Reactor Basin Oxic Zone Gearbox Replacement (JM)	OJRSA OJRSA Maint	9/17: Need updated quote for this and WRF Disinfection System Lightning Mixer. 10/14: KL to review. 12/11: Ordered. \$42,187. Still need motor, which is easy to get. 1/28/2025: <b>COMPLETE</b> .
27	<b>EMERGENCY</b> Hurricane Helene Debris Removal (KL, MM)	Strick's Forestry Donald Strickland	<b>Contract not to exceed \$262,500.</b> Grinding/removing debris from OJRSA easements. 1/24/2025: <b>COMPLETE</b> .
28	<b>EMERGENCY</b> Hurricane Helene Debris & FEMA Management (KL, MM)	ICF Incorporated Larry Hughes	Have multi-term contract with ICF Incorporated LLC (1/23/2025 through 1/23/2028 with possibility for extension Contract NTE \$99K/FY. 2/12/2025: Cat A debris removal documentation presented to FEMA. 3/18: FEMA did site visit. 4/1: Met with FEMA, SCEMD for update.
29	Operating Agreement (Draft) for Oconee County/OJRSA I-85 Sewer O&M (CE)	Bryan Kelley & Michael Traynham	4/17/2025: Emailed BK and MT for update. 4/21: BK to get MT a draft this week. 5/9: Emailed BK for update. 5/12: Received draft from BK. Will review soon.
30	Evaluation of CCTV/Smoketesting of Line Segments from MH29 to WRF (KL)	TBD	
31	Manhole Resiliency Plan & HMGP Grant Administration (CE)	WK Dickson Angie Mettlen	4/27: HMGP grant application submitted and is awaiting review. Ardurra has communicated with Bio-Nomic Services for estimate and schedule for potential change order to perform tasks with SCIIP grant.
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PROJECTS MAY CARRY ACROSS BUDGET YEARS

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								Bids/RFQ/etc. Issue/Advertised	PO/Contract Signed	Started Work	Completed	Obligated/ Spent Curr + Prev Years (\$)	Budget Remaining (\$)	GL Code <i>(XXXXX = get from Office Mgr)</i>	Comp. Performing <i>(and Project Mgr)</i>
A	Consent Order SSES/Rehab 2022 <u>CONSTRUCTION</u> <b>SCIIP MATCH</b> <i>(CE, KL)</i>	2024-02	100%	4/30/2024	351,291	0	351,291	7/28/2023	10/17/2023	12/4/2023	7/15/2024	316,577	34,714	PROJ & CONT 1501-09008	Tugaloo Pipeline Ed Hare
B	Consent Order SSES/Rehab 2023 <u>ENGINEERING</u> <b>SCIIP MATCH</b> <i>(CE, KL)</i>	2024-08	75%	9/29/2025	398,000	0	398,000	N/A	9/15/2023	10/3/2023		259,447	138,553	PROJ & CONT 1501-09009	WK Dickson Priya Verravalli
B1	Consent Order SSES/Rehab 2023 Manhole Resiliency Plan: Project 1c <b>SCIIP MATCH</b> <i>(CE)</i>		0%	6/21/2025	38,000	0	38,000	N/A	4/21/2025			0	38,000	PROJ & CONT 1501-09009	WK Dickson Priya Verravalli
C	Consent Order SSES/Rehab 2023 <u>CONSTRUCTION</u> <b>SCIIP GRANT</b> <i>(CE, KL)</i>		30%	SC: 8/25/2025 FC: 9/29/2025	0	4,059,554	4,076,461	8/14/2024	11/20/2024	1/27/2025		93,825	3,982,636	PROJ & CONT 1501-09009	Frank Brinkley Bio-Nomic Services
D	Dewatering Equipment Replacement <u>ENGINEERING</u> <b>SCIIP MATCH</b> <i>(KL)</i>	2024-06	75%	PHASE II 6/30/2026	440,300	0	440,300	9/15/2023	12/19/2023	1/11/2024		283,100	157,200	PROJ & CONT 1501-09011	KCI Technologies Tom Vollmar
E	Dewatering Equipment Replacement <u>CONSTRUCTION</u> <b>SCIIP GRANT</b> <i>(KL)</i>		5%	PHASE II 6/30/2026	0	4,201,858	4,023,098	3/22/2024	7/30/2024	7/26/2024		0	4,023,098	PROJ & CONT 1501-09011	Harper GC Justin Jones
F	Exit 4/Oconee Manufacturing Park ("Sewer South Phase III") PS/Sewer <u>ENGINEERING</u> <i>(CE)</i>	TBD	99%	11/1/2024	0	0	N/A OCONEE CO PROJ	N/A OCONEE CO PROJ	N/A OCONEE CO PROJ	Sometime in 2022		0	0	TBD	Thomas & Hutton Lee Brackett
G	Flat Rock PS Replacement <u>ENGINEERING/CONST</u> <b>SVCS SCIIP MATCH</b> <i>(CE)</i>	2022-03	100%	10/23/2024	177,800	0	177,800	2/14/2022	7/5/2055	7/1/2022	10/10/2024	151,548	26,252	PROJ & CONT 1501-09005	KCI Technologies Tom Vollmar
H	Flat Rock PS Replacement <u>CONSTRUCTION</u> <b>SCIIP GRANT</b> <i>(CE)</i>	2024-03	100%	9/30/2024	0	1,321,656	1,321,656	6/7/2023	8/29/2023	3/25/2024	8/27/2024	1,321,656	0	PROJ & CONT 1501-09005	Cove Utilities Jeff Caffery
I	Oconee County & Western Andeson County Sewer Master Plan <i>(CE)</i>	2022-01	100%	6/3/2024	217,800	100,000	317,800	N/A	8/9/2023	9/12/2023	7/1/2024	317,476	324	PROJ & CONT 1501-09007	Weston & Sampson Kip Gearhart
J	Regional Sewer Feasibility Study <b>RIA GRANT</b> <i>(CE)</i>	2024-01	100%	11/29/2024	0	100,000	100,000	5/26/2023	10/10/2023	11/8/2023	9/9/2024	100,000	0	PROJ & CONT 1501-09010	WK Dickson Angie Mettlen
K	I-85 Corridor Phase II <u>ENG/INSPECT SVCS</u> <b>COUNTY FUNDED</b> <i>(CE)</i>	2019-XX	99%	10/31/2024	0	480,850	480,850	Inherited from Oconee Co	5/4/2023	5/4/2023		396,601	84,249	SSF: CIP 1401-06050	Davis & Floyd John Reynolds
L	I-85 Corridor Phase II <u>CONSTRUCTION</u> <b>EDA/RIA/COUNTY FUNDED</b> <i>(CE)</i>	2023-06	100%	10/31/2024	0	12,311,447	11,687,329	9/27/2022	3/23/2023	6/1/2023	2/4/2025	11,687,329	(0)	SSF: CIP 1401-06050	Kevin Moorhead Moorhead Construct
M	Martin Creek PS Basin Trunk Sewer CCTV Engineer Review <i>(KL, CE)</i>	2025-03	90%	3/31/2025	96,000	0	96,000	Consent Order Prof Svcs	9/30/2024			67,200	28,800	PROJ & CONT 1501-09012	Priya Verravalli WK Dickson
N	Southern Westminster Basin Trunk Sewer CCTV Engineer Review <i>(KL, CE)</i>	2025-03	100%	3/31/2025	76,000	0	76,000	Consent Order Prof Svcs	9/30/2024			63,465	12,535	PROJ & CONT 1501-09012	Priya Verravalli WK Dickson
O	Martin Crk PS Basin Flow Study and Compare to Perkins Crk PS Basin to Quantify I/I <i>(CE)</i>	2025-03	90%	3/31/2025	45,000	0	45,000	Consent Order Prof Svcs	9/30/2024			33,937	11,063	PROJ & CONT 1501-09013	Priya Verravalli WK Dickson
P	Speeds Creek PS Force Main Replacement <b>ENGINEERING</b> <i>(CE, KL)</i>	TBD	0%	TBD								0	0	PROJ & CONT 1501-TBD	TBD
Q	Speeds Creek PS Force Main Replacement <u>CONSTRUCTION</u> <i>(CE, KL)</i>		0%	TBD								0	0	PROJ & CONT 1501-TBD	TBD
R	I-85 Corridor Phase II Streambank Stabilization & Welcome Center Waterline <i>(CE)</i>	2019-XX	0%	TBD	0	78,650	78,650	Contract Amend #3	2/20/2025			0	78,650	SSF: CIP 1401-06050	Davis & Floyd John Reynolds
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					1,840,191	22,654,015	23,708,234	TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS OBLIGATED/ACTUAL TO DATE:					15,092,161	8,616,073	TOTAL AWARDED BUDGET REMAINING

FY2025 RESTRICTED FUND PROJECTS

PROJECTS MAY CARRY ACROSS BUDGET YEARS

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Row #	Restricted Fund Projects <i>(Project Manager)</i>	Notes
A	Consent Order SSES/Rehab 2022 <b>CONSTRUCTION</b> <b>SCIIP MATCH</b> <i>(CE, KL)</i>	Carryover from FY 2023 <i>OJRSA CONG: \$40,000</i> . 5/20: <b>COMPLETE</b> . Used \$6,785.98 of budgeted/approved Owner Contingency for additional concrete work on final repair.
B	Consent Order SSES/Rehab 2023 <b>ENGINEERING</b> <b>SCIIP MATCH</b> <i>(CE, KL)</i>	PO/Contract Amount includes \$700,000 owner contingency 1/21/2025: Bio-Nomic was scheduled to start this week but delayed one week due to incoming winter weather. 1/27: Began CCTV work. 3/5: Pre-CCTV work is complete and in process of review. 3/11: Engineer says project is behind schedule. 3/18: \$0 change order processed to allow for schedule modification 4/7: Pay App #1 processed. 4/28: All point repairs complete. Will start lining once material and resin in stock, which should be in about 3 weeks. 5/9: Shop drawing and submittal reviews by Ardurra.
B1	Consent Order SSES/Rehab 2023 Manhole Resiliency Plan: Project 1c <b>SCIIP MATCH</b> <i>(CE)</i>	
C	Consent Order SSES/Rehab 2023 <b>CONSTRUCTION</b> <b>SCIIP GRANT</b> <i>(CE, KL)</i>	
D	Dewatering Equipment Replacement <b>ENGINEERING</b> <b>SCIIP MATCH</b> <i>(KL)</i>	1/6/2025: Received 90% plans, Jackson Electric visited site to assess. 1/22: Received SCDES construction permit application payment request of \$550. 2/4: Board approved contracts. Signed, submitted stormwater permit application. 3/10: Received feedback from SCRIA on contract. KCI will need to oversee a few items and respond. 3/28: Received final contract as approved by RIA for signature. Barbian asked Harper to sign then forward for OJRSA signature. 4/17: Signed contract.
E	Dewatering Equipment Replacement <b>CONSTRUCTION</b> <b>SCIIP GRANT</b> <i>(KL)</i>	
F	Exit 4/Oconee Manufacturing Park ("Sewer South Phase III") PS/Sewer <b>ENGINEERING</b> <i>(CE)</i>	2/19: G Hart mentioned that he found that A Brock had submitted it and they haven't heard anything from SCDES yet. 3/18: Issued revised Conditional Acceptance letter to A Brock for her to send to T&H if she agreed with conditions.
G	Flat Rock PS Replacement <b>ENGINEERING/CONST</b> <b>SVCS</b> <b>SCIIP MATCH</b> <i>(CE)</i>	9/3: Rain over weekend caused washing. Contractor to better stabilize area. 9/17: Cove/KCI have identified some solutions for stabilization. 9/18: Received SCDES Permit to Operate. Need record drawings, electronic files, site stablitation completion, etc. 10/10: Received final engineering invoice. 10/14: Received GIS information. <b>COMPLETE. Retained approx. \$26,252 for PM and inspection funds not used, making OJRSA funding amount \$151,548.</b>
H	Flat Rock PS Replacement <b>CONSTRUCTION</b> <b>SCIIP GRANT</b> <i>(CE)</i>	
I	Oconee County & Western Andeson County Sewer Master Plan <i>(CE)</i>	To continue under #2022-01 (Fair Play and Townville Area Sewer Basin Plan). 6/26: Provided W&S comments on draft. Have received 1/2 of "grant" for study. 7/1: Presentated to Board and report finalized and put on website. 8/5: Board adopted. <b>COMPLETE</b> .
J	Regional Sewer Feasibility Study <b>RIA GRANT</b> <i>(CE)</i>	8/5: Presented to Board as draft. Needs to be finalized. Will be considered 9/9. 9/9: Board approved. Next phase is implementation. This will be tracked in FY2025 O&M Projects. <b>COMPLETE</b> . 10/31: Received RIA Grant Close Out Letter.
K	I-85 Corridor Phase II <b>ENG/INSPECT SVCS</b> <b>COUNTY FUNDED</b> <i>(CE)</i>	2/5: Still need GIS from D&F. 2/5: Received message from A Brock saying county approved Amendment #3 contract for streambank stabilization and water line. She will sign. Amount-\$78,650. 2/6: Received update letter from Justin Brooks w/ Moorhead. 2/26: Received SCRIA Final Closeout letter.
L	I-85 Corridor Phase II <b>CONSTRUCTION</b> <b>EDA/RIA/COUNTY FUNDED</b> <i>(CE)</i>	3/5: Signed , submitted Stormwater Notice of Termination 3/24: Signed/sent EDA Federal Financial Report to ACOG. SCDES NPDES Permit Notice of Termination docs sent to Columbia.
M	Martin Creek PS Basin Trunk Sewer CCTV Engineer Review <i>(KL, CE)</i>	1/9: Received prelim report from WKD. Will review and provide comments. 1/27: Provided comments to Priya. 5/9: Final report to be submitted after the flow study portion is completed. 5/9: Ardurra to send final signed, sealed report to OJRSA.
N	Southern Westminster Basin Trunk Sewer CCTV Engineer Review <i>(KL, CE)</i>	1/27: Provided smoke test data to engineer. 3/11: Prefinal report expected for comments by end of week. 3/18: Received draft report for review. 3/27: CE provided feedback to WKD. 5/15: Received final report. <b>COMPLETE</b> .
O	Martin Crk PS Basin Flow Study and Compare to Perkins Crk PS Basin to Quantify I/I <i>(CE)</i>	12/12: Rainfall event on 12/10 considered first qualifying event. WKD continuing to monitor flow meters. 12/27: Second qualifying rain event. 2/12/2025: This is possibly the 3rd qualifying event. WKD is assessing data. 5/5: Received draft report to review.
P	Speeds Creek PS Force Main Replacement <b>ENGINEERING</b> <i>(CE, KL)</i>	<b>CONSENT ORDER ITEM</b> 7/15/2024: As identified in the 20 Year Master Plan, this force main should be replaced with similar sized pipe. 2/3/2025: Mentioned during board meeting that we had another break on line and it was mentioned that OJRSA will have to begin design during next fiscal year. B Faires asked to have this added as an agenda item for O&P Comm meeting.
Q	Speeds Creek PS Force Main Replacement <b>CONSTRUCTION</b> <i>(CE, KL)</i>	
R	I-85 Corridor Phase II Streambank Stabilization & Welcome Center Waterline <i>(CE)</i>	2/10/2025: Received signed agreement from A Brock, CE executed agreement and sent to D&F. 2/10: Roger Sears responded to R Love's email saying water line will need to be handled through encroachment process.
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# OJRSA Fiscal Year 2026 Comprehensive Budget Request

May 14, 2025

This budget request includes funding for operations, capital improvements, and other requirements necessary to comply with federal and state laws, regulations, and operating permits for the existing wastewater trunk sewer and treatment system, as well as the I-85 Corridor (“Sewer South”) retail system. The budgets and funds as described herein are as established by the *OJRSA Financial and Accounting Policy* and other applicable policies as adopted by the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority (“OJRSA”) Board of Commissioners (“Board”).

This draft budget is to be presented to the OJRSA Finance & Administration Committee at their May 28, 2025 meeting for consideration.

As requested by the Board, changes to the rates and fees assessed by the OJRSA are included in this request and all revenues associated with the FY 2026 Budget include these proposed rates. If these rates and fees are modified by the Board as part of the budget consideration process, then the annual budget will also need to be modified to reflect these changes.

Unlike previous years, the OJRSA will not include specific budgeted costs for items and/or services which are to be competitively bid, thus not disclosing these projections to perspective bidders. This practice has been approved by Pope Flynn LLC, the attorneys that developed the current *OJRSA Procurement and Property Disposal Policy* and is meant to allow the OJRSA to get the best possible prices.

Fiscal Year 2026 for the OJRSA begins July 1, 2025 and ends June 30, 2026.

## **ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGETS (UNRESTRICTED FUND)**

The purpose of the two (2) Operations & Maintenance (O&M) budgets is to pay for operating expenses associated with the OJRSA’s wholesale and retail wastewater conveyance and treatment systems. In accordance with intergovernmental agreements between Oconee County and other entities, neither of these funds can subsidize the O&M of the other.

The OJRSA maintains two (2) unrestricted funds for O&M—one for the wholesale sewer system that serves the Member Cities and one that is for the retail system often referred to as the “I-85 Corridor Sewer System, also known as “Sewer South.”

### **Wholesale Operations & Maintenance Fund**

The proposed Wholesale O&M (“WO&M”) Budget is balanced and anticipated revenues equal expenses (\$6,759,426 revenues<sup>1</sup> vs. \$6,759,426 expenses<sup>2</sup>).

#### **Wholesale Operations & Maintenance Fund Revenues**

Anticipated total revenue for WO&M without carryforward (\$110,714) and net position transfer in (\$0) is \$6,648,712, which is an increase of \$315,831 (5.0%) from FY 2025.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Includes Carryforward from Previous Year (\$110,714). No net position (“fund balance”, “retained earnings”, or “savings”) funds, American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) funds, or other monies are used to supplement the FY 2026 WO&M Fund budget.

<sup>2</sup> Includes transfers to other funds (\$469,338) but not depreciation (\$1,238,863). Including depreciation, WO&M expenses are \$7,998,289.

<sup>3</sup> FY 2025 WO&M budget included \$26,500 in carryforward funds and \$0 in net position transfer in funds, thus the total FY 2025 WO&M budget without these inclusions was \$6,332,882.



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User Fees

Customer user fees are the primary source of all OJRSA WO&M revenue. Including a proposed 5% increase, user fees are conservatively projected to increase by \$411,144 (+7.2%) during FY 2026.<sup>4</sup>

A breakdown of the proposed user rates is included in Table 1 below. There is a 5% proposed increase to the volumetric rate user fees for FY 2026; however, it has been advised by the rate consultant performing the Regional Sewer Feasibility Planning Study that the OJRSA increase rates considerably in the coming years in order to fulfill operation and maintenance obligations, complete necessary improvements, and expansion projects over the next 10 years.<sup>5</sup>

It should be noted that the OJRSA does not receive *ad valorem*<sup>6</sup> funding from the cities or county, nor can the OJRSA legally impose such a tax to fund operations or capital improvements. The agency may occasionally receive grants or other in-kind capital contributions from local, state, or federal agencies or other parties. If such funding is received (or anticipated to be received), then it will be identified within this summary and the proposed budget.

Table 1: User fees and anticipated revenues

	Per Sewer Customer	Anticipated Annual Revenue
<b>Residential User Fees</b>		
Base Rate (per water meter)	\$10.00/month	\$962,157
Volumetric Rate	\$5.66/1,000 gallons	\$2,102,122
<b>Nonresidential User Fees</b>		
Base Rate (per water meter)	\$15.00/month	\$273,913
Volumetric Rate	\$7.74/1,000 gallons	\$2,789,556
<b>Other User Fees (Well Users, etc.)</b>		
Res Base Rate (per well)	\$10.00/month	\$120
Res Flat Rate	\$25.42/month	\$305
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,128,172</b>

Other Revenues Worth Noting

- Hauled Waste Services is anticipated to remain about the same as FY 2025.
- Net Position Transfer In – The OJRSA does not plan to use net position (also known as “fund balance”, “retained earnings”, or “savings”) during FY 2026.
- Carryforward Expenditures – \$110,714 in FY 2025 budgeted expenses will carry over into FY 2026. Included in this is \$80,000 for the Fountain Residential Partners LLC reimbursement for the force main replacement engineering administration and inspection and \$30,714 insurance payment for MV-26 wreck. These “revenues” are to be offset by expenses in the proposed WO&M Budget.

**Wholesale Operations & Maintenance Fund Expenses**

Anticipated expenses for the WO&M Budget are \$6,759,426, which is an increase of \$481,859 (+7.7%) from FY 2025.<sup>7</sup> When coupled with inflation<sup>8</sup>, workforce shortages (both internally and externally of the agency), and limited revenue, the OJRSA must be selective as to what tasks and projects to perform, meaning we are

<sup>4</sup> 5% increase on volumetric (per gallon) fees only as discussed at May 5, 2025 board meeting. “Conservatively projected” means that it is assumed that residential usage will decrease by 0.25% (equal to a reduction of 2.5 gal/account) and nonresidential usage will decrease by 0.50% (5 gal/account) during the budget year. This approach considers a reduction of usage for reasons such as active or passive conservation efforts by the users and/or water meters underreporting usage, among other causes.

<sup>5</sup> Willdan Financial Services presented this to the Commissioners on March 6, 2025. In sum, the OJRSA should consider 74% increases for FYs 2026 and 2027 due to complete the highest priority capital considerations using pay-as-you-go (“paygo”) funding. The issuance of debt would reduce the amount of increase needed. See the meeting minutes for more information.

<sup>6</sup> Taxes imposed on real or personal property, such as vehicles and homes.

<sup>7</sup> Includes transfers to other funds totaling \$469,338. If these are not included, the WO&M expenses are \$6,290,088. All fund transfers proposed in this year’s budget request are to be spent on capital projects and/or equipment replacement.

<sup>8</sup> Consumer Price Index rose [2.96% for the United States](#) and [2.97% for the Southeast](#) during calendar year 2024.

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continuing to conduct business from a reactionary position. The FY 2026 Budget was prepared conservatively with a small contingency to account for price increases included in some estimates<sup>9</sup>; however, the agency will continue to prioritize work associated with the 2021 DHEC Consent Order instead of growth-related projects.

Administration (Total: \$3,306,560, not including depreciation or fund transfers out)<sup>10</sup>

Including transfers to other funds, the Administration department budget increased by \$987,580 (+35.4%) from FY 2025. Department line items of emphasis:

- There are several line items that have been combined to make coding easier on staff. The budgets for the ones that have absorbed others will show what may appear to be a considerable increase; however, these have been offset by the line items that have been removed—note that some of these may have been in other department budgets during FY 2025. Combined items include:
  - 501-02210 Temporary Employee moved to 501-01300 Payroll: Salaries
  - 501-02230 Unemployment Insurance and 501-02240 Workers' Compensation moved to 501-02250 Insurance-Property/General
  - 501-02270 Uniforms moved to 501-02260 Employee Uniforms & Wellness
  - 501-02880 Travel & POV Mileage moved to 501-02530 R&M: Vehicles, Trailers, & Equipment
  - 501-02290 Agency Memberships and 501-02310 Seminars/Workshops & Training moved to 501-02300 Licenses/Certifications/Memberships
  - 501-02340 Public Relations & Advertising and 501-02360 Mailing/Shipping moved to 501-02420 Administration Services
  - 501-/601-/701-02520 Fuel: Vehicles & Equipment moved to 501-02530 R&M Vehicles, Trailers, & Equipment
- Salaries and benefits costs:
  - The OJRSA continues to utilize a merit-only system of compensation increases instead of an across-the-board cost of living adjustments equally given to all staff. At the recommendation of Priority Performance Group (Bob DiAntonio in 2018-2019) and Find Great People (Carrie Cavanaugh, 2021-current), the Board decided to make market adjustments for all positions, which accounts for inflation and what others are paying similar positions, every three-to-four years through updated compensation studies. The last such assessment was completed in May 2023 and implemented at the beginning of FY 2024. **Due to the turnover of seven key water reclamation facility ("WRF") operators, maintenance technicians, and conveyance system technicians for more compensation in the public and private sector since July 1, 2024,** the OJRSA is recommending an update to this study be performed during the spring of FY 2026 and implemented at the beginning of FY 2027, which is in line with the market adjustment recommendation of three years as stated by the consultants. *The OJRSA is addressing this by utilizing more contractor services for treatment plant operation and pump station maintenance.*
  - Payroll: Salaries increased by \$177,747 (+15.4%) to include the hiring of three additional staff members—Engineer/Project Manager, Conveyance System Technician, and Maintenance Technician. These additional staff will also cause increases to other employee-related costs, such as FICA, Medicare, retirement, workers' compensation, health insurance, and employee wellness.
- Safety increased by \$17,305 (+52.4%) due to the need to perform the arc flash assessment as defined in NFPA 70E Standard for Electrical Safety in the Workplace. These studies, which must be conducted every five years (max), will be performed at the Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) and all pump stations as required by OSHA per 29 CFR 1910.303, 1910.335, and others.

<sup>9</sup> OJRSA practice is to receive as many cost estimates from vendors as possible when developing the budget, but some of these may have been received many months earlier. The contingency included accounts for these increases and is typically in the range of 2-3%.

<sup>10</sup> Fund transfers out include \$225,000 be transferred to the Projects & Contingency Fund. Depreciation expense is \$1,222,487. If these are to be included, the department expense would be \$3,789,878.

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- Office Supplies increased \$218,966 (+274.3%) to purchase and implement an integrated work order, asset management, financial, and accounting software solution—collectively referred to as computerized maintenance management system or “CMMS”—as recommended by the CMOM audit and OJRSA staff.
- Administrative Services are anticipated to increase by approximately \$42,591 (+17.9%), which includes assistance with legal fees to assist with the sewer feasibility implementation project, increased efforts to perform the annual audit for the combined wholesale and retail sewer systems, and integrating and updating the new CMMS (in lieu of onboarding additional staff to perform this).
- R&M: Vehicles, Trailers, & Equipment is expected to increase to perform maintenance on generators and heavy equipment. The substantial change in this line item is the inclusion of generator maintenance at the WRF and pump stations. Please note this is one of the line items that was combined with several others.
- Rolling Stock & Equipment includes the purchase of two compact 4-wheel drive trucks, one for the Engineer/Project Manager and the other to replace MV-26, which was totaled in a February 2025 wreck. (OJRSA was not at fault.)
- Because there are many unpredicted mechanical and electrical issues experienced with aging wastewater conveyance and treatment assets, O&M Contingency increased by \$100,000 to cover these unexpected expenses. This will allow the Operations Director and his leadership to address unexpected repairs and replacement of equipment without having to “sacrifice” other budgeted repairs/replacement projects. Contingency funds not used during the budget year will be retained for future projects and contingency or other purchases as approved by the Board.

Fund Transfer to Projects & Contingency Fund

There is a budgeted transfer of \$469,338 to the Projects & Contingency Fund to pay for the following projects, all of which are associated with the DHEC Consent Order:

1. Engineering MH1A-29 CCTV-MH Review
2. Manhole Flood Resilience Plan: Engineering (grant funding assistance, design, permitting, etc.)
3. Speeds Creek Force Main Replacement design and easements

Conveyance System (Total: \$964,406)

The Conveyance System department budget decreased by \$549,118 (-36.3%) from FY 2025. Department line items of emphasis:

- Supplies/Tools is projected to increase by \$42,342 (+282.3%) with the largest additions being to purchase new NASSCO CCTV software, replacement parts for Hach FL902 flow meters, and additional equipment to monitor inflow and infiltration (“I/I”).
- Professional & Contract Services has substantially decreased by \$333,554 (-70.1%) from FY 2025. OJRSA leadership staff determined that there was not a need to fund additional CCTV and cleaning during FY 2026 because funds were not yet available to perform the design and construction to rehabilitate the conveyance system for the portions of the sewer that were inspected during FY 2025 (entire OJRSA basin upstream of Martin Creek PS and the Southern Westminster Trunk Sewer).
- The price of sodium hypochlorite has decreased, leading to a \$9,773 (-27.3%) reduction in anticipated costs for the coming year.
- Equipment Rentals will increase by \$3,000 (+25%) due to the anticipated rental cost of an excavator to perform streambank stabilization projects and other repairs.
- R&M: Gravity & Force Mains increases by \$15,000 (+11.5%) to purchase additional rings, covers, risers, and other materials to rehabilitate manholes, air release valves, and other components of the conveyance system.
- Rolling Stock & Equipment requests include:
  - Inline hydrogen sulfide (“H<sub>2</sub>S”) meters that can report conditions in near-real time to the

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- New utility trailer for the utility terrain vehicle (“UTV”)
- Brush cutter for skid steer
- R&M: Flow Meter Stations is projected to decrease by \$16,500 (-100%) as there are no anticipated projects associated with these facilities.
- R&M: Pump Stations is expected to decrease by approximately \$16,040 (-6.6%). Besides general maintenance costs, it includes the following special purchases and projects:
  - Rotating Assemblies for Pumps #4 and #5 at Coneross Creek PS
  - Pump motor for Choestoea PS
  - Replace motor base with new restraint system at Martin Creek PS

Water Reclamation Facility (Total: \$1,702,295)

The Water Reclamation Facility department budget increased by \$130,755 (+8.3%) from FY 2025.

Department line items of emphasis:

- Professional & Contract Services has decreased by \$2,352 (-13%) because the NPDES Permit renewal process should be complete by that time. The budget does include construction administration and permitting work to be performed on the chlorine replacement project (conversion to peracetic acid, or “PAA”). The next NPDES Permit renewal will likely begin during FY 2028 or 2029.
- Line items for both chlorine/PAA and sodium bisulfite (used for chlorine neutralization) will collectively increase due to higher costs for chemicals and usage; however, sometime during FY 2026, the OJRSA anticipates converting to PAA, at which time it is possible to actually reduce costs as chlorine neutralization will no longer be necessary.
- Biosolids Disposal is expected to decrease by \$133,900 (-41.9%) because the agency is not planning any largescale tank cleaning projects during FY 2026.
- Buildings & Grounds will decrease by \$65,500 (-78.5%) because two large projects funded during FY 2025 will be completed by that time: paving around solids storage pad/solids building and painting/replacing handrails.
- Rolling Stock & Equipment requests include:
  - Replacement of utility cart
  - New zero-turn lawn mower
- R&M: Water Reclamation Facility is projected to increase by \$300,469 (+48.5%) as the agency has several projects planned that address either Capital Improvement Project (“CIP”) items or facility needs to continue operations within the confines of all applicable permits. These include:
  - CIP Priority 1A Item: Replace aeration system gates
  - CIP Priority 1A Item: Aeration motor repair/replacement
  - CIP Priority 1A Item: Replace Primary Clarifier sludge pump (swing pump)
  - CIP Priority 1A Item: Wired connection for portable generator (including engineering)
  - CIP Priority 2 Item: Replace Scum Pump
  - Installation of a flow pulse and channel sensor at Headworks
  - Install flow meter on Secondary Clarifier return activated sludge (“RAS”) line
  - Replace aerobic zone mixer motor at Biological Reactor Basin
  - Install check valves at Secondary Clarifier RAS line
  - Install Secondary Clarifier return activated sludge motor
  - Replace one utility water pump

Pretreatment (Total: \$158,859)

The Pretreatment department budget increased slightly by \$12,856 (+8.8%) from FY 2025. It is worth noting that all expenses incurred by the OJRSA that are associated with the industrial pretreatment program are reimbursable by those facilities operating under the requirements of an OJRSA-issued Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit.



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Laboratory (Total: \$58,830)

The Laboratory department budget is expected to decrease by \$25,547 (-30.3%) from FY 2025.

Department line items of emphasis:

- Professional & Contract Services are reduced by \$26,147 (-35.6%) because of savings associated with contract laboratory sampling.

Contract Operations (Total: \$19,432)

These expenses are for work performed by OJRSA staff associated with operating and maintaining Oconee County's Golden Corner Commerce Park Pump Station and force mains. All costs are reimbursable by the County, including routine labor expenses (non-emergency/afterhours) at a flat rate of \$26,000 per year, which is new for FY 2026 and is included as a revenue item only. In the past the OJRSA billed the county based on actual time spent performing work during the year and was included as an OJRSA expense; for FY 2025, this amount was estimated to be \$12,399.

Capital Improvement Projects (Total: \$80,000)

The Capital Improvement Projects (O&M funded) budget will be used to pay for the remainder of the inspection and construction administration services for the Seneca Creek Pump Station force main installation project. These expenses are to be paid for using budgeted carryover funds from FY 2025.

NOTE: This to be reimbursed by Fountain Residential Partners, LLC (or as assigned), thus is also counted as a revenue to offset this expense.

**Retail Operations & Maintenance Fund**

There is currently not a separate capital fund for the retail sewer system and all capital expenditures are paid from this fund.

The Retail Operations & Maintenance ("RO&M") account is to fund the construction and operation of the I-85 Corridor/Fair Play retail sewer system ("Sewer South"). Since Oconee County government is subsidizing the operation of this system, all revenues collected from this system must remain in this fund and cannot intermingle with other OJRSA funds except as necessary for operating shared assets, such as the Coneross Creek Water Reclamation Facility. If revenues do not equal or exceed expenses, then Oconee County is responsible for "making the budget whole" per various intergovernmental agreements because the Member Cities and their customers cannot subsidize this enterprise.

**Retail Operations & Maintenance Fund Revenues**

Anticipated revenues for RO&M, without net position transfer in (\$0) and carryforward (\$0), is \$105,802. The majority of this revenue is to be paid through reimbursement from Oconee County as it is not anticipated that the user fees collected will exceed the expenses associated with this system.<sup>11</sup>

**Retail Operations & Maintenance Fund Expenses**

FY 2026 expenses for the fund are estimated to be \$105,802, which is a decrease of \$3,607,229 (-97.2%) from the previous year. Since the construction phase of the project previously referred to as "Sewer South Phase II" is now complete, most of the costs are to be what the OJRSA believes to be the first year operational expenses for the retail sewer system. The only expenses that are anticipated beyond normal O&M are for the portion of the financial audit that is necessary with this system and engineering associated with streambank stabilization and the design of a potable waterline that will serve the Welcome Center Pump Station.<sup>12</sup>

**RESTRICTED FUNDS**

Per the *OJRSA Financial and Accounting Policy* and legal counsel's advice, funds in restricted accounts must be used for specific purposes for which they were obtained.

<sup>11</sup> These revenues received from Oconee County are in addition to those collected in the WO&M Fund.

<sup>12</sup> Engineering costs have already been approved by Oconee County.

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**Projects & Contingency Fund**

The Projects & Contingency Fund (“P&CF”) is primarily used for the purpose of performing capital projects and restoring or replacing depreciated or obsolete units of the system.

**Projects & Contingency Fund Revenue**

Anticipated revenues for P&CF, without net position transfer in (\$0) and carryforward (\$330,000), is \$8,226,158. The sources of revenue include SCIP grants (\$7,773,098) and transfers from the WO&M Fund (\$453,060). The carryforward expenditures are for engineering associated with the two SCIP projects (Consent Order Conveyance System Rehab and Dewatering Equipment Replacement).

**Projects & Contingency Fund Expenses**

Budgeted expenses totaling \$8,556,158 include:

Planning and Studies

- None

Gravity Sewer Projects

- CIP Priority 1A Item: Engineering – Review of MH1A-MH29 CCTV
- Consent Order Item: Engineering – Manhole resilience plan to make OJRSA manholes within the 100 year floodplain less vulnerable to the impacts of flooding
- Consent Order Item: Construction and Engineering – Continue SCIP-funded Consent Order Conveyance System Rehab project (estimated completion is August or September 2025)

Pump Station Projects

- None

Force Main Projects

- CIP Priority 1A Item: Engineering – Design and easement work associated with replacing the Speeds Creek Pump Station force main

WRF Projects

- Construction and Engineering – Continue SCIP-funded Dewatering Equipment Replacement project (estimated completion is May 2026)

**Wholesale Impact Fund**

The Wholesale Impact Fund (“WIF”) Budget as presented includes revenue of \$976,000 from the collection of impact fees, industrial unused capacity fees, and interest earned on investments.

There are no WIF projects planned for FY 2026.

**Retail Impact Fund**

The Retail Impact Fund (“RIF”) Budget as presented includes revenue of \$5,000 from the collection of impact fees, industrial unused capacity fees, and interest earned on investments.

There are no RIF projects planned for FY 2026.

**Capital Projects**

Table 2 on the following pages include a list of projects as identified by OJRSA staff and Consent Order consultants as well as in the [Oconee County & Western Anderson County Sewer Master Plan \(July 2024\)](#)<sup>13</sup>, which serves as a guide for potential needs over the next 20 years at the Coneross Creek Water Reclamation Facility and the wholesale and retail conveyance systems. It is important to note that the list is not comprehensive as the extent

<sup>13</sup> Presented to the OJRSA board on July 1, 2024 by Weston & Sampson/Bolton & Menk.

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of some projects is not yet known.

The projects identified in the table are listed by priority based on Consent Order needs, criticality, equipment lifecycle, and growth. When initially developed, there were three priorities; however, when performing the rate/financial cost of service study, Willdan Financial Services recommended that it would be best to break this down further into either four or five priority levels. OJRSA staff determined it would be best to use four but to break the highest priority items—Priority 1—into two subcategories, Priority 1A and Priority 1B, with the primary difference being that growth would also be a considerable factor.<sup>14</sup>

*[SEE FOLLOWING PAGE FOR TABLES]*

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<sup>14</sup> One other exception is the Martin Creek Pump Station hydrogen sulfide control system, which is listed as a Priority 1B project. The OJRSA has sustained numerous breaks on the force main associated with this facility as well as considerable odor complaints from those in the area of the force main discharge near the intersection of Wells Highway and Friendship Road. Although this project is important, it was deemed slightly less so than those in the Priority 1A list because the OJRSA has installed a temporary sodium hypochlorite chemical feed at the station to address the odor issue.

Table 2: Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority 20-Year Capital Improvement Plan & Rehabilitation Plan as included in Willdan Financial Services rate/cost of service study as presented to the OJRSA Board of Commissioners on March 6, 2025..Priorities: 1A-Critical O&M/Consent Order with No Growth (with a few exceptions to address include largescale equipment replacement, such as at the WRF) 1B-Critical O&M/Consent Order with Growth 2-Approaching End of Life with No Growth 3- Approaching End of Life with Growth 4- Growth Only

Priority	Project	Included in FY 2026 Budget?	Fiscal Year(s) to Perform	Location	Driver(s)	Likely Funding Source(s)	Consent Order Project?	Significant O&M Cost?
1A	Systemwide Improvements (Rehab 100% of System Plus Misc. Gravity Sewer Improvements)	NO	ALL FYs	Conveyance	O&M	Primary Debt	YES	No
	CCTV/Cleaning	NO	ALL FYs	Conveyance	O&M	Annual (O&M)	YES	YES
	Engineering/Flow Metering	YES	ALL FYs	Conveyance	O&M	Annual (O&M)	YES	YES
	GIS/Mapping	YES	ALL FYs	Conveyance	O&M	Annual (O&M)	YES	YES
	Coneross Influent PS Replace Soft Starts	NO	FY2026	WRF	O&M	Annual (O&M)	No	No
	Primary Clarifiers: Prim Clarifier Sludge #3 Pump Replacement	YES	FY2026	WRF	O&M	Annual (O&M)	No	No
	Choestoea Creek PS Replacement	NO	FY2026-FY2027	Conveyance	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	YES	No
	Pelham Creek PS Replacement CAN BE ELIMINATED BY DAVIS CREEK SEWER PROJECT	NO	FY2026-FY2027	Conveyance	Growth/O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Speeds Creek Force Main Replacement	DESIGN - YES	FY2026-FY2027	Conveyance	Growth/O&M	Cash &/or Debt	YES	No
	Aeration: Gate Replacements	YES	FY2026-FY2027	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Aeration: Motor Repair / Replacement	YES	FY2026-FY2027	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Biological Reactor Basin: Valve / Gate Replacements	NO	FY2026-FY2027	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Digesters / Sludge Holding Tanks: Mixer Replacement for #1	NO	FY2026-FY2027	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Digesters / Sludge Holding Tanks: Replace Blowers	NO	FY2026-FY2027	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Electrical: Backup Power - Portable Generator Connection (inc. Engineering)	YES	FY2026-FY2027	WRF	Growth/O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Flow Equalization & Storage: Day Tank Mixing and Control Equipment	NO	FY2026-FY2027	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Secondary Clarifiers: Rebuild / Replace Mechanical Equipment	NO	FY2026-FY2027	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Coneross Influent PS Flood Protection	NO	FY2027-FY2028	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Digesters / Sludge Holding Tanks: Repair Decanter System	NO	FY2029-FY2030	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	ISS PS Replacement	NO	FY2033-FY2034	Conveyance	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
1B	Martin Creek H2S Control	NO	FY2026-FY2027	Conveyance	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	YES
	Millbrook PS Upgrade CAN BE ELIMINATED BY DAVIS CREEK SEWER PROJECT	NO	FY2026-FY2027	Conveyance	Growth/O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	YES
	Perkins Creek PS Replacement	NO	FY2026-FY2027	Conveyance	Growth/O&M	Primary Debt	YES	No
	Seneca Creek PS Upgrade POSSIBLE ELIMINATION BY DAVIS CREEK SEWER PROJECT	NO	FY2026-FY2027	Conveyance	Growth/O&M	Primary Debt	No	YES
	Coneross Creek WRF Upgrade Phase 1 (Upgrade to 10.4 mgd)	NO	FY2027-FY2032	WRF	Growth	Primary Debt	No	YES
	Martin Creek Pump Station & Force Main	NO	FY2034-FY2035	Conveyance	Growth/O&M	Primary Debt	YES	No
2	Septage Receiving Station: Rehabilitation	NO	FY2026	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Digesters / Sludge Holding Tanks: Blower Room Repairs	NO	FY2026-FY2027	WRF	O&M	Annual (O&M)	No	No
	Primary Clarifiers: Scum Pump #2 Replacement	YES	FY2026-FY2027	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Secondary Clarifiers: Replace RAS Valves and Check Valves	NO	FY2026-FY2027	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Primary Clarifiers: Rehabilitate Distribution Box	NO	FY2027-FY2028	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Cane Creek PS Upgrade	NO	FY2031-FY2032	Conveyance	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Cryovac PS Upgrade	NO	FY2032-FY2033	Conveyance	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Speeds Creek PS Replacement	NO	FY2034-FY2035	Conveyance	Growth/O&M	Primary Debt	No	No
	Wexford PS Replacement	NO	FY2034-FY2035	Conveyance	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
3	US 123 / 76 West Seneca RR Bridge Crossing / Bottleneck	NO	FY2026-FY2027	Conveyance	Growth/O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Davis Creek Road Gravity Sewer / PS Elimination	NO	FY2026-FY2028	Conveyance	Growth/O&M	Primary Debt	No	No
4	Davis Creek Road No. 1 Pump Station & Force Main (Newry Area development)	NO	FY2026-FY2028	Conveyance	Growth	Primary Debt	No	YES
	Martin Creek Gravity Sewer (needed to serve Newry Area development)	NO	FY2026-FY2028	Conveyance	Growth	Primary Debt	No	No
	Newry Area Pump Station & Force Main	NO	FY2026-FY2029	Conveyance	Growth	Primary Debt	No	YES



	Richland Creek Trunk Sewer Extension	NO	FY2026-FY2029	Conveyance	Growth	Primary Debt	No	No
	Richland Road Gravity Sewer	NO	FY2027-FY2028	Conveyance	Growth	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Primary Clarifiers: Alkalinity Control	NO	FY2029-FY2030	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	YES
	West Perkins Creek Gravity Sewer	NO	FY2032-FY2034	Conveyance	Growth	Primary Debt	No	No
	Lower Westminster Gravity Sewer	NO	FY2036-FY2038	Conveyance	Growth	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Shiloh Road Gravity Sewer	NO	FY2036-FY2037	Conveyance	Growth	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Flat Rock Downstream Gravity Sewer	NO	FY2040-FY2042	Conveyance	Growth	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Coneross Creek WRF Upgrade Phase 2 (Upgrade to 13.0 mgd)	NO	FY2040-FY2045	WRF	Growth	Primary Debt	No	YES
	Lower Seneca Creek Sewer Improvements	NO	FY2041-FY2043	Conveyance	Growth	Primary Debt	No	YES
	Choestoea Creek Gravity Sewer	NO	FY2042-FY2044	Conveyance	Growth	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	West Oak Sewer Extension	NO	FY2042-FY2044	Conveyance	Growth	Primary Debt	No	YES
	Valley View Sewer Improvements	NO	FY2043-FY2045	Conveyance	Growth	Primary Debt	No	YES
N/A	I-85 Region Sewer OCONEE COUNTY FUNDED (2022 Dollars: \$16,000,000)	NO	TBD	Conveyance	Growth	Oconee Co	No	YES

**O&M REVENUES**

		FY 2026	FY 2025	Δ\$ from FY 2025 Final	Δ% from FY 2025 Final
401-01910	User Fees	6,128,172	5,717,028	411,144	7.2%
401-01770	Connection (Tap) Fees	0	0	0	0.0%
401-01790	Unrestricted Interest	25,000	25,000	0	0.0%
401-01800	Sale of Assets	0	0	0	0.0%
401-01810	Fair Market Adjustment	0	0	0	0.0%
401-01820	Grants - Non-Retail Sewer	0	0	0	0.0%
401-01840	Other Revenue	41,269	158,622	(117,353)	-74.0%
401-01920	Contributed Capital	0	0	0	0.0%
501-01830	Hauled Waste Services	213,502	213,308	194	0.1%
801-01850	Industry Reimbursement	190,278	174,852	15,427	8.8%
1201-01900	Intergov. Reimbursement - Contract Operations & Retail Sewer	50,491	44,072	6,419	14.6%
	Net Position Transfer In <i>Use of fund balance to balance budget</i>	0	0	0	0.0%
From Previous Year	Carryforward Expenditures <i>Carryover from Previous Year for Budgeted Items</i>	110,714	26,500	84,214	317.8%
<b>TOTAL O&amp;M REVENUES</b>		<b>6,759,426</b>	<b>6,359,382</b>	<b>400,044</b>	<b>6.3%</b>

**O&M EXPENSES****ADMINISTRATION**

		3,775,898	2,788,318	987,580	35.4%
501-01140	Depreciation <i>Not included in budget request but must be accounted for</i>	1,238,863	1,222,487	16,376	1.3%
501-01300	Payroll: Salaries <i>Does not include Pretreatment</i>	1,331,852	1,154,105	177,747	15.4%
501-01310	Overtime	35,892	41,194	(5,302)	-12.9%
501-01350	Payroll: FICA 6.2% / Medicare 1.45% <i>Includes Pretreatment</i>	110,941	97,367	13,574	13.9%
501-01380	Payroll: Retirement 18.56% <i>Does not include Pretreatment</i>	253,853	221,848	32,006	14.4%
501-02200	Commissioner Expenses	13,140	13,680	(540)	-3.9%
501-02210	Temporary Employee <i>moved to Payroll: Salaries FY 2026</i>	0	0	0	0.0%
501-02220	Group Health Insurance <i>Does not include Pretreatment</i>	264,245	215,280	48,965	22.7%
501-02230	Unemployment Insurance <i>moved to Insurance - Property/Gen FY 20</i>	0	0	0	0.0%
501-02240	Workers' Compensation <i>moved to Insurance - Property/Gen FY 2026</i>	0	20,791	(20,791)	-100.0%
501-02250	Insurance - Property/General	109,186	81,363	27,824	34.2%
501-02260	Employee Uniforms & Wellness	34,987	2,600	32,387	1,245.6%
501-02270	Uniforms <i>moved to Employee Uniforms &amp; Wellness FY 2026</i>	0	31,475	(31,475)	-100.0%
501-02280	Travel & POV Mileage <i>moved to R&amp;M: Vehivles, Equipment, &amp; Fuel FY 2026</i>	0	8,650	(8,650)	-100.0%
501-02290	Agency Memberships <i>moved to Licenses/Certs/Memberships FY 2026</i>	0	11,715	(11,715)	-100.0%
501-02300	Licenses/Certifications/Memberships	47,668	4,563	43,105	944.7%
501-02310	Seminars/Workshops & Training <i>moved to Licenses/Certs/Memberships FY 2026</i>	0	42,020	(42,020)	-100.0%
501-02320	Events & Meeting Expenses	4,400	4,300	100	2.3%
501-02340	Public Relations & Advertising <i>moved to Admin Services FY 2026</i>	0	16,250	(16,250)	-100.0%
501-02360	Mailing/Shipping <i>moved to Admin Services FY 2026</i>	0	750	(750)	-100.0%
501-02370	Safety	50,355	33,050	17,305	52.4%
501-02380	Office Supplies and Software	298,788	79,822	218,966	274.3%
501-02410	Technology: Phones/Internet/TV	16,500	14,436	2,064	14.3%
501-02420	Administration Services	280,413	237,823	42,591	17.9%
501-02520	Fuel: Vehicles & Equipment <i>Moved to R&amp;M: Vehicles, Trailers, &amp; Equipment FY2026</i>	0	37,250	(37,250)	-100.0%
501-02530	R&M: Vehicles, Trailers, & Equipment	116,000	38,500	77,500	201.3%
501-02560	Fees & Penalties	4,339	4,487	(148)	-3.3%
501-02580	Grants/Loans Matching <i>(to Member Cities)</i>	0	0	0	0.0%
501-02590	Rolling Stock & Equipment	84,000	0	84,000	0.0%
501-02440	O&M Contingency	250,000	150,000	100,000	66.7%
501-99991	Transfer to Retail Impact Fund	0	0	0	0.0%
501-99992	Transfer to Wholesale Impact Fund	0	0	0	0.0%
501-99993	Transfer to Retail O&M Fund (I-85 Corridor Sewer)	0	0	0	0.0%
501-99994	Fund Transfer to Projects & Contingency Fund	469,338	225,000	244,338	108.6%

**CONVEYANCE SYSTEM**

		964,406	1,513,524	(549,118)	-36.3%
601-02400	Supplies/Tools	57,342	15,000	42,342	282.3%
601-02411	Technology: SCADA	22,043	22,100	(58)	-0.3%
601-02430	Professional & Contract Services	142,556	476,110	(333,554)	-70.1%
601-02450	Chemicals: Sodium Hypochlorite <i>Odor and corrosion control</i>	26,061	35,834	(9,773)	-27.3%
601-02455	Chemicals: Herbicides & Pesticides	2,000	1,500	500	33.3%
601-02457	Chemicals: Other	0	0	0	0.0%
601-02490	Electricity	279,840	266,700	13,140	4.9%
601-02500	Water	11,130	8,950	2,180	24.4%
601-02521	Fuel: Generators <i>Moved to R&amp;M: Vehicles, Trailers, &amp; Equipment FY2026</i>	0	6,800	(6,800)	-100.0%

		FY 2026	FY 2025	Δ\$ from FY 2025 Final	Δ% from FY 2025 Final
601-02540	Equipment Rentals	15,000	12,000	3,000	25.0%
601-02550	Buildings & Grounds	6,000	5,500	500	9.1%
601-05230	R&M: Gravity & Force Mains	145,000	130,000	15,000	11.5%
601-02590	Rolling Stock & Equipment	32,025	275,080	(243,055)	-88.4%
601-04000	R&M: Flow Monitor Stations	0	16,500	(16,500)	-100.0%
601-05000	R&M: Pump Stations	225,410	241,450	(16,040)	-6.6%
<b>WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY</b>		<b>1,702,295</b>	<b>1,571,539</b>	<b>130,755</b>	<b>8.3%</b>
701-02400	Supplies/Tools	6,500	12,000	(5,500)	-45.8%
701-02411	Technology: SCADA	6,511	12,500	(5,989)	-47.9%
701-02430	Professional & Contract Services	15,750	18,102	(2,352)	-13.0%
701-02450	Chemicals: Sodium Hypochlorite	0	0	0	0.0%
701-02451	Chemicals: Chlorine/PAA	74,160	60,242	13,918	23.1%
701-02452	Chemicals: Polymer	66,000	66,450	(450)	-0.7%
701-02454	Chemicals: Sodium Bisulfite	25,000	21,474	3,526	16.4%
701-02455	Chemicals: Herbicides & Pesticides	0	0	0	0.0%
701-02457	Chemicals: Other	6,800	6,000	800	13.3%
701-02470	Garbage	396	2,067	(1,671)	-80.8%
701-02480	Natural Gas	1,590	1,855	(265)	-14.3%
701-02490	Electricity	337,080	336,000	1,080	0.3%
701-02500	Water	5,300	3,710	1,590	42.9%
701-02510	Biosolids Disposal	185,389	319,289	(133,900)	-41.9%
701-02521	Fuel: Generators <i>Moved to R&amp;M: Vehicles, Trailers, &amp; Equipment FY2026</i>	0	4,000	(4,000)	-100.0%
701-02540	Equipment Rentals	5,000	5,000	0	0.0%
701-02550	Buildings & Grounds	17,900	83,400	(65,500)	-78.5%
701-02590	Rolling Stock & Equipment	29,000	0	29,000	0.0%
701-03000	R&M: Water Reclamation Facility	919,919	619,450	300,469	48.5%
<b>PRETREATMENT <i>Most Regulatory Services Coordinator expenses</i></b>		<b>158,565</b>	<b>145,710</b>	<b>12,856</b>	<b>8.8%</b>
801-01300	Payroll: Salaries	82,469	77,472	4,997	6.5%
801-01380	Payroll: Retirement <i>18.56%</i>	15,306	14,379	927	6.5%
801-01350	Payroll: FICA <i>6.2%</i> / Medicare <i>1.45%</i> <i>Included with 501-01350</i>	0	0	0	0.0%
801-02210	Temporary Employee <i>moved to 801-01300 FY 2026</i>	0	0	0	0.0%
801-02220	Group Health Insurance	8,347	7,522	825	11.0%
801-02230	Unemployment Insurance <i>Included with 501-02250 FY 2026</i>	0	0	0	0.0%
801-02240	Workers' Compensation <i>Included with 501-02250 FY 2026</i>	0	0	0	0.0%
801-02260	Employee Uniforms & Wellness <i>Included with 501-02260 FY 2026</i>	0	0	0	0.0%
801-02270	Uniforms <i>Included with 501-02260 FY 2026</i>	0	0	0	0.0%
801-02280	Travel & POV Mileage <i>moved to 801-02300 FY 2026</i>	0	0	0	0.0%
801-02300	Licenses/Certifications/Memberships	4,110	425	3,685	867.1%
801-02310	Seminars/Workshops & Training <i>moved to 801-02300 FY 2026</i>	0	2,975	(2,975)	-100.0%
801-02330	Legal	0	0	0	0.0%
801-02340	Public Relations & Advertising <i>moved to 801-02430 FY 2026</i>	0	0	0	0.0%
801-02360	Mailing/Shipping <i>moved to 801-02380 FY 2026</i>	0	0	0	0.0%
801-02380	Office Supplies	4,500	3,700	800	21.6%
801-02400	Supplies/Tools	0	0	0	0.0%
801-02410	Technology: Phones/Internet/TV	1,335	748	587	78.5%
801-02430	Professional & Contract Services	42,498	38,489	4,009	10.4%
801-02590	Rolling Stock & Equipment	0	0	0	0.0%
<b>LABORATORY</b>		<b>58,830</b>	<b>84,377</b>	<b>(25,547)</b>	<b>-30.3%</b>
901-02400	Supplies/Tools	6,200	6,000	200	3.3%
901-02430	Professional & Contract Services	47,230	73,377	(26,147)	-35.6%
901-02456	Chemicals: Laboratory	5,400	5,000	400	8.0%
<b>CONTRACT OPERATIONS <i>GCCP PS/FMs/Gravity Sewer Only</i></b>		<b>19,432</b>	<b>34,100</b>	<b>(14,668)</b>	<b>-43.0%</b>
1201-02400	Supplies/Tools <i>GCCP PS/FMs/Gravity Sewer Only</i>	0	0	0	0.0%
1201-02411	Technology: SCADA <i>GCCP Only</i>	2,202	625	1,577	252.3%
1201-02430	Professional & Contract Services <i>GCCP PS/FMs/Gravity Sewer Only</i>	5,100	20,610	(15,510)	-75.3%
1201-02490	Electricity <i>GCCP PS/FMs Only Paid directly by Oconee County</i>	0	0	0	0.0%
1201-02500	Water <i>GCCP PS/FMs Only</i>	630	1,365	(735)	-53.8%
1201-02521	Fuel: Generators <i>GCCP PS Only</i>	500	500	0	0.0%
1201-02550	Buildings & Grounds <i>GCCP PS/FMs/Gravity Sewer Only</i>	500	500	0	0.0%
1201-05000	R&M: Pump Stations <i>GCCP PS/FMs Only</i>	10,500	10,500	0	0.0%
1201-05230	R&M: Gravity & Force Mains <i>GCCP PS/FMs/Gravity Sewer Only</i>	0	0	0	0.0%
<b>O&amp;M CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS</b>		<b>80,000</b>	<b>140,000</b>	<b>(60,000)</b>	<b>-42.9%</b>
1401-XXXXX	CIP: Conveyance System	80,000	140,000	(60,000)	-42.9%
1401-XXXXX	CIP: Water Reclamation Facility	0	0	0	0.0%
1401-XXXXX	CIP: Other	0	0	0	0.0%

	FY 2026	FY 2025	Δ\$ from FY 2025 Final	Δ% from FY 2025 Final
TOTAL WHOLESALE O&M EXPENSES (w/o Depreciation)	6,759,426	6,277,567	481,859	7.7%
WHOLESALE O&M FUND ±	0	81,815		

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**PROJECTS & CONTINGENCY FUND (RESTRICTED)****Projects & Contingency Fund Revenues**

1501-01780	Restricted Interest - Projects & Contingency	
1501-01840	Other Revenue - Projects & Contingency	
1501-11111	Fund Transfers In - Projects & Contingency Fund	
	Net Position Transfer In - P&CF <i>Use of fund balance to balance budget</i>	
	Carryforward Expenditures - P&CF <i>Carryover from Previous Year for Budgeted Items</i>	
<b>TOTAL PROJECTS &amp; CONTINGENCY FUND REVENUES/CARRYOVER</b>		

FY 2026	FY 2025	Δ\$ from FY 2025 Final	Δ% from FY 2025 Final
0	0	0	0.0%
7,773,098	0	7,773,098	0.0%
453,060	225,000	228,060	101.4%
0	0	0	0.0%
330,000	9,257,357	(8,927,357)	-96.4%
<b>8,556,158</b>	<b>9,482,357</b>	<b>(926,200)</b>	<b>-9.8%</b>

**Projects & Contingency Fund Restricted Expenses**

1501-XXXXX	Projects & Contingency Expenses	
<b>TOTAL PROJECTS &amp; CONTINGENCY FUND EXPENSES</b>		
Projects & Contingency Fund ±		

8,556,158	9,382,357	(826,200)	-8.8%
<b>8,556,158</b>	<b>9,382,357</b>	<b>(826,200)</b>	<b>-8.8%</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>100,000</b>		

**WHOLESALE IMPACT FUND (RESTRICTED)****Wholesale Impact Fund Revenues**

1101-01780	Restricted Interest - Wholesale Impact Fund	
1101-01880	Wholesale Impact Fund Fees	
1101-01980	Unused Capacity Fees - Wholesale Impact Fund	
1101-11111	Other Fund Transfer In	
	Net Position Transfer In - Wholesale Impact Fund	
	Carryover from Previous Year - Wholesale Impact Fund	
<b>TOTAL WHOLESALE IMPACT FUND REVENUES</b>		

FY 2026	FY 2025	Δ\$ from FY 2025 Final	Δ% from FY 2025 Final
100,000	100,000	0	0.0%
800,000	1,000,000	(200,000)	-20.0%
76,000	150,000	(74,000)	-49.3%
0	0	0	0.0%
0	0	0	0.0%
0	0	0	0.0%
<b>976,000</b>	<b>1,250,000</b>	<b>(274,000)</b>	<b>-21.9%</b>

**Wholesale Impact Fund Expenses**

1101-XXXXX	Wholesale Special Expansion Fund Projects	
<b>TOTAL WHOLESALE IMPACT FUND EXPENSES</b>		
Wholesale Impact Fund ±		

0	0	0	0.0%
<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>976,000</b>	<b>1,250,000</b>		

**RETAIL OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE FUND (UNRESTRICTED)****Retail Operations & Maintenance Fund Revenues** *Non-Contract Operation Gravity/PS/FM Sewer*

1301-01910	User Fees - Retail O&M	
1301-01770	Connection (Tap) Fees - Retail O&M	
1301-01780	Unrestricted Interest - Retail O&M	
1301-01821	Grants - Retail O&M	
1301-01900	Intergov. Reimbursement - Retail O&M	
1301-11111	Other Fund Transfer In	
	Net Position Transfer In - Retail Sewer System	
	Carryover from Previous Year - Retail Sewer System	
<b>TOTAL RETAIL O&amp;M FUND REVENUES</b>		

FY 2026	FY 2025	Δ\$ from FY 2025 Final	Δ% from FY 2025 Final
269	17,678	(17,409)	-98.5%
0	0	0	0.0%
0	0	0	0.0%
0	0	0	0.0%
105,534	13,031	92,502	709.8%
0	0	0	0.0%
0	0	0	0.0%
0	6,021,303	(6,021,303)	-100.0%
<b>105,802</b>	<b>6,052,012</b>	<b>(5,946,209)</b>	<b>-98.3%</b>

**Retail Operations & Maintenance Fund Expenses** *Non-Contract Operation Gravity/PS/FM Sewer***01301 TOTAL RETAIL OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE FUND**

1301-01140	Depreciation - Retail O&M <i>Not included in budget request but must be accounted for</i>	
1301-02400	Supplies/Tools - Retail O&M	
1301-02411	Technology: SCADA - Retail O&M	
1301-02430	Professional & Contract Services - Retail O&M	
1301-02490	Electricity - Retail O&M	
1301-02500	Water - Retail O&M	
1301-05230	R&M: Gravity & Force Mains - Retail O&M	
1301-02550	Buildings & Grounds - Retail O&M	
1301-05180	R&M: Pump Stations - Retail O&M	

0	0		
500	500	0	0.0%
1,370	1,250	120	9.6%
93,337	7,406	85,931	1,160.3%
8,820	2,100	6,720	320.0%
1,050	1,050	0	0.0%
0	0	0	0.0%
0	0	0	0.0%
725	725	0	0.0%

**01401 CIP PROJECTS - RETAIL OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE FUND**

1401-XXXXX	CIP: Sewer South Phase II	
	New This FY	

0	3,700,000	(3,700,000)	-100.0%
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**TOTAL RETAIL O&M FUND EXPENSES** (w/o Depreciation)

Retail O&amp;M Fund ±

<b>105,802</b>	<b>3,713,031</b>	<b>(3,607,229)</b>	<b>-97.2%</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>2,338,981</b>		

**RETAIL IMPACT FUND (RESTRICTED)**

FY 2026	FY 2025	Δ\$ from FY 2025 Final	Δ% from FY 2025 Final
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**Retail Impact Fund Revenues**

1001-01780	Restricted Interest - Retail Impact Fund	0	0	0	0.0%
1001-01880	Retail Impact Fund Fees	5,000	5,000	0	0.0%
1001-01980	Unused Capacity Fees - Retail Impact Fund	0	0	0	0.0%
1001-11111	Other Fund Transfer In	0	0	0	0.0%
	Net Position Transfer In - Retail Impact Fund	0	0	0	0.0%
<b>TOTAL RETAIL IMPACT FUND REVENUES</b>		<b>5,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

**Retail Impact Fund Expenses**

1001-XXXXX	Retail Special Expansion Fund Projects	0	0	0	0.0%
<b>TOTAL RETAIL IMPACT FUND EXPENSES</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
Retail Impact Fund ±		<b>5,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>		

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**Re: Letter Dated: March 12, 2025: Cross Creek Golf Course Sewer Spill Incident**

**Mr. Brandt,**

**I am writing on behalf of our community, which has endured more than 30 years of sewer failures, restrictions, and environmental hazards that have affected both the livability of our neighborhood and the playability of our championship golf course. In 1990, the year we proudly opened our Dye-designed course, we were met not with the expected excitement and economic growth, but with a sewer moratorium that immediately stifled our potential. What should have been the beginning of a thriving, world-class destination instead became a decades-long struggle against infrastructure failures that continue to impact us today.**

**For more than three decades, we have dealt with ongoing sewer spills, foul odors, and service failures that have negatively affected property values, community growth, and overall quality of life. Golf is meant to be played in a setting that celebrates nature, yet our course has been repeatedly tarnished by the persistent stench of untreated sewage. Players should be focusing on their next shot, not being distracted by the overwhelming odor of a failing sewer system.**

**But this issue extends far beyond the golf course. The surrounding community—homeowners, business owners, and prospective investors—have also suffered the consequences of an infrastructure system that has not been properly maintained or expanded. When the original moratorium was enacted in 1990, it was presented as a temporary measure, but more than 30 years later, the restrictions and system failures continue to limit our ability to grow and prosper.**

## **Historical Background of Sewer Infrastructure Failures**

The sewer system issues we face today are not new—they were evident from the very beginning of our development. Over 34 years ago, during the initial stages of construction, we witnessed firsthand the failures of the sewer system. Manholes were overflowing, and the Perkins Creek Pump Station was undergoing an upgrade that ultimately did not resolve the system's inadequacies.

At the time, we reached out to the County Supervisor for assistance in cleaning up the construction site, yet our requests were ignored under the excuse that the contractor was still under contract. Despite the obvious system failures we were witnessing, to our knowledge, no sewer lines have been enlarged in the past 34 years to accommodate the region's continued growth.

It would be invaluable to have a comparison of the sewer flow from 34 years ago to today, yet no transparency or data has ever been provided to demonstrate that the system has been improved. Even simple safety measures, such as bolting down manhole covers to prevent overflows, were dismissed under the claim that the pressure buildup would blow the risers off—an admission that the system was already failing even then.

Throughout the years, we have also learned of several pump stations that were in severe disrepair, which eventually had to be repaired after they overflowed with raw sewage due to either poor maintenance or underperforming pumps. Given the long-standing nature of these issues, it is reasonable to assume that the root cause of these failures has been the chronic under sizing of pipes and pumps, which were never properly expanded to handle the increasing load.

The only new sewer line that has been added in our area is the one flowing from Duke Power through our golf course neighborhood to the Perkins Creek Pump Station. However, that line has not resolved the capacity issues and instead appears to be contributing to the system being overwhelmed.

## **The Impact of Cross Creek Golf Club on the Local Economy and Community**

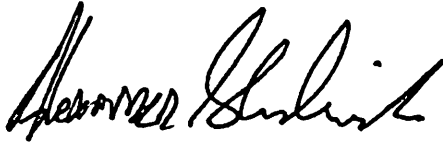
Cross Creek Golf Club is more than just a golf course—it is an integral part of the local economy and a key driver of tourism in Oconee County. As a First Tee host site, we have introduced countless young golfers to the game, fostering both character development and athletic excellence. Our course has produced two national champion golfers and serves as the home course for Seneca High School's golf team, further strengthening its role in youth development and local athletics.

In addition to its contributions to junior golf, Cross Creek has been a major force in charitable giving, helping generate millions of dollars in donations to local nonprofits over the years. Our



address the persistent issues affecting our community, and ensure that we can move forward without the constant worry of spills, odors, and restrictions.

I urge you to take this matter seriously and to engage with us in developing a plan for meaningful, lasting improvements to our sewer infrastructure. I welcome the opportunity to discuss this further and expect a timely response regarding compensation for damages and the reinstatement of the tap fee reimbursement.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alexander Shadwick". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A" and a long, sweeping underline.

Alexander Shadwick

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Re: Letter Dated: May 20, 2025: Cross Creek Golf Course Sewer Spill Incident – Picture Attached

Mr. Brandt,

Dear Oconee County Regional Sewer Authority,

Thank you for reaching out to me on May 19, 2025, and for keeping us informed during the State Championship. I appreciate your efforts and communication regarding the situation.

We are hopeful that the recent action will help reduce the offensive odor that has been affecting the area. However, it remains critical that the other damaged or aging manholes be repaired promptly, and that steps are taken to address ongoing and potential sewer issues.

These necessary improvements must be completed before we face another natural disaster, which could further compromise the system and negatively impact our community.

Thank you again for your attention to this matter. I look forward to continued progress and communication.



## OCONEE JOINT REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY

### Finance & Administration Committee

May 27, 2025

The Finance & Administration Committee meeting was held at the Coneross Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Commissioners that were present:

- Seat 5 (Walhalla): Celia Myers, Chair
- Seat 2 (Seneca): Scott Moulder
- Seat 4 (Seneca At-Large): Marty McKee
- Seat 7 (Westminster): Scott Parris

Commissioners that were not present:

- None. All Commissioners were in attendance.

OJRSA appointments and staff present were:

- Lynn Stephens, Secretary/Treasurer to the Board and Office Manager
- Chris Eleazer, Executive Director
- Kyle Lindsay, Operations Director

Others present were:

- Norm Cannada, [Seneca Daily Journal](#)

**A) Call to Order** - Ms. Myers called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

**B) Public Session** – None.

**C) Presentation and Discussion Items:**

- **Update on Current Projects (Exhibit A)** – Mr. Eleazer distributed the update to the committee and explained the projects in the annual budget are scheduled to be completed by the end of the year. Some of the projects are over the estimated budget such as the cost for electrical engineering assistance and will not be done this year. Mr. Lindsay explained that the controls for the Coneross Pump Station is a bigger job than expected as the equipment is old and needs to be rewired which needs to go through a design firm.

Mr. Moulder asked if there were any projects that were under budget to apply to these overbudgeted items; Mr. Lindsay replied no. Mr. Moulder asked if a supplemental budget appropriation is needed; Mr. Eleazer replied this is a time issue and not a monetary issue; there just isn't enough time to complete it this year.

Mr. Eleazer added that, for the most part, everything is going well. The force main on Seneca Creek is going faster than he anticipated; a railroad bore will be the next big step. Mr. Moulder asked who was managing that: OJRSA or the contractor? Mr. Eleazer replied the developer is managing it and is paying the contractor directly, and the OJRSA has the engineering firm (Richard Phillips at Goodwyn, Mills, & Cawood) working under contract with the payments being reimbursed by Mr. Little/Fountain Residential Partners.

**D) Committee Action Items:**

- **Review April and Year-to-Date Financial Reports (Exhibit B)** – Mr. Eleazer said this was emailed by Ms. Stephens to the board for review on May 21, 2025. He said the operating and project budgets are in good shape.

*Mr. Moulder made a motion, seconded by Mr. McKee, to approve the April 2025 and Year-to-Date Financial Reports. The motion carried.*

**E) Action Items to Recommend to the Board for Consideration:**

1. **Consider Fiscal Year 2026 Budget (Exhibit C)** – The Director distributed the proposed budget to the committee. He explained that the first few pages are the typical narrative done every year which describes what's in the budget. This year's budget also includes the adopted general twenty (20)-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) (as included in the Oconee County and Western Anderson County Sewer Master Plan). The last page of the narrative shows the CIP projects broken down by priority.

Mr. Moulder asked how much the rate increase is. Mr. Eleazer replied the budget includes a 5% rate increase, volumetric only. Mr. Moulder said there is a projected 7.2% increase and asked if that included additional growth. Mr. Eleazer said yes. He added that the volumetric numbers are conservative and are based on an average of accounts and the total volume billed through the water meters for the past twelve (12) months from March 2024 through February 2025. Mr. Eleazer added that there is a reduction in volume predicted each year based on older water meters underreading, economic downturn, and water conservation measures; however, with net gains (homes added and new businesses), it caused a gain greater than 5% showing on the user fees.

Mr. Parris asked if the reduction was realistic. Mr. Eleazer replied this is done conservatively to not overestimate what growth may happen. Mr. Parris asked if this has been done on past budgets; Mr. Eleazer replied yes since the current method of using water meters (not when the OJRSA used the pro rata share).

Mr. Moulder asked if the positions that Mr. Eleazer has spoken about in the past were included in the budget; Mr. Eleazer replied yes and explained how the pay ranges may need to be adjusted in the future as it is hard to keep people employed at the OJRSA (approximately seven (7) people [half of the current staff] have come and gone in the past year).

Ms. Myers asked why the employee wellness and uniforms line item went up. Mr. Eleazer explained that the OJRSA combined several different line items together to alleviate some of the general ledger codes in the new budget.

*Mr. Moulder made a motion, seconded by Mr. McKee, to recommend the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget as presented to the full board for consideration. The motion carried.*

2. **Consider OJRSA Schedule of Fees Update for FY 2026 (Exhibits D & E)** – The Director reported that the Schedule of Fees incorporates the 5% in there and the change in the cost to treat the surcharge flows from the industries (going from thirty-five (35) cents per pound to forty (40) cents per pound). In addition, the change in methodology of using water meters to using the SC Department of Environmental Services' (SCDES) Hydraulic Loading Calculations is incorporated into it.

Mr. Eleazer explained how difficult it is to determine how many employees a store would have, it was determined by the board to base this on square footage of those spaces which was the way OJRSA used to handle this up until the methodology was changed to water meter size.

The Director added that this includes a three (3)-year phase in. If the committee wants to review this each year, that is okay.

Mr. Eleazer also explained that restaurants are based on how many seats they have, and he doesn't want to count seats every time there is an inspection. Mr. Moulder asked about basing it on building capacity. Mr. Eleazer replied that it is based on seats, and outdoor seating would affect that. He stated that he didn't think it was worth the time to count seats during each inspection.



Mr. Eleazer added that industries are based on the number of employees, and he said this could be evaluated annually when doing their permits.

***Mr. Moulder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Parris, to recommend the Schedule of Fees for FY 2026 as presented as part of the Fiscal Year 2026 budget for approval by the full board. The motion carried.***

**F) Executive Director's Discussion and Compliance Matters:**

- **Miscellaneous (If Any):**

**Impact Fees** – A church project called for a 1-1/2" meter, but this size is not stocked or installed. Mr. Eleazer stated he held out on the impact fee for this project knowing there was talk about changing the methodology. He said that being he held up the impact fee payment, he is going to base the fee on the new method but charge it at the current rate.

**Odor Complaints** – Four (4) representatives from Cross Creek attended the Operations & Planning Committee meeting last week. The OJRSA explained to them that it believes the odor stemmed from discharge from a privately-owned treatment plant. Cleaning solution had been dumped down the drain at this treatment plant and killed their biological process. The OJRSA accepted this tainted waste in several small amounts with odor appearing shortly after each discharge. The odor stopped after the OJRSA didn't accept any further loads. The OJRSA handled this situation the best way it could.

**G) Committee Members' Discussion – None.**

**H) Upcoming Meetings:**

1. **Board of Commissioners** – Monday, June 2, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.
2. **Sewer Feasibility Implementation Ad Hoc Committee** – Monday, June 16, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
3. **Operations & Planning Committee** – Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at 8:30 a.m.
4. **Finance & Administration Committee** – Tuesday, June 24, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

**I) Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

Notification of the meeting was distributed on May 9, 2025 to *Upstate Today*, *Anderson Independent-Mail*, *Westminster News*, *Keowee Courier*, WGOG Radio, WSNW Radio, City of Seneca Council, City of Walhalla Council, City of Westminster Council, Oconee County Council, SC DHEC, [www.ojrsa.org](http://www.ojrsa.org), and posted at the OJRSA Administration Building.



## Finance & Administration Committee Meeting

OJRSA Operations & Administration Building

Lamar Bailes Board Room

May 27, 2025 at 9:00 AM

*OJRSA commission and committee meetings may be attended in person at the address listed above. The OJRSA will also broadcast meetings live on its YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/@OconeeJRSA](http://www.youtube.com/@OconeeJRSA) (if there is a technical issue preventing the livestreaming of the meeting, then a recording will be published on the channel as soon as possible). For those not able to attend in person, then the OJRSA Board or Committee Chair will accept public comments by mail (623 Return Church Rd, Seneca, SC 29678) or at [info@ojrsa.org](mailto:info@ojrsa.org). Comments must comply with the public session instructions as stated on the meeting agenda and will be received up until one hour prior to the scheduled meeting. If there is not a public session scheduled for a meeting, then comments shall not be accepted.*

### Agenda

- A. Call to Order** – Celia Myers, Committee Chair
- B. Public Session** – Receive comments relating to topics on this agenda. Session is limited to a maximum of 30 minutes with no more than 5 minutes per speaker.
- C. Presentation and Discussion Items** *[May include vote and/or action on matters brought up for discussion]*
  - Update on current projects (Exhibit A) – Chris Eleazer, Director
- D. Committee Action Items**
  - Review April and Year-to-Date Financial Reports (Exhibit B) – Chris Eleazer, Director and Lynn Stephens, Secretary/Treasurer and Office Manager
- E. Action Items to Recommend to the Board for Consideration**
  - 1. Consider Fiscal Year 2026 Budget (Exhibit C) – Chris Eleazer, Director
  - 2. Consider OJRSA Schedule of Fees update for FY 2026 (Exhibits D & E) – Chris Eleazer, Director
- F. Executive Director's Discussion and Compliance Matters** – Chris Eleazer, Director
  - Miscellaneous *(if any)*
- G. Committee Members' Discussion** – Led by Celia Myers, Committee Chair  
Discussion can be related to matters addressed in this meeting or for future consideration by the Board or Committee. Voting is not permitted during this session.
- H. Upcoming Meetings** *All meetings to be held in the OJRSA Lamar Bailes Board Room unless noted otherwise.*
  - Board of Commissioners – June 2, 2025 at 4:00 PM
  - Sewer Feasibility Implementation Ad Hoc Committee – June 16, 2025 at 9:00 AM
  - Operations & Planning Committee – June 18, 2025 at 8:30 AM
  - Finance & Administration – June 24, 2025 at 9:00 AM
- I. Adjourn**



FY2025 O&M FUND PROJECTS

CONSENT ORDER ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE TASKS

5/23/2025 07:33

Row #	FY 2025 O&M Project <i>(Project # (if applicable); PM)</i> <u><b>CANNOT CARRY OVER TO NEXT FISCAL YEAR WITHOUT BUDGET APPROVAL</b></u>	Approx % Complete	Anticipated Completion	PO/Contract Amount (\$)	O&M PROJECT MILESTONES					Budget Remaining (\$)	GL Code <i>(XXXXX = get from Office Mgr)</i>
					Bids/RFQ/etc. Issue/Advertised	Req/Contract Signed	Started Work	Completed	Obligated/ Spent (\$)		
1	Consent Order 21-025-W Project: Biannual Compliance Report <i>(CE)</i>	100%	5/9/2025	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11/8/2024	0	0	N/A
2	GIS Update and Upgrade <i>(CE)</i>	100%	11/10/2024	32,000	N/A	7/30/2024	8/1/2024	12/18/2024	38,641	(6,641)	Con Sys: Prof Svcs 601-02430
3	For Feasibilty Study: Establish Sewer Feasibility Implementation Ad Hoc Committee <i>(CE)</i>	100%	11/13/2024	0	N/A	N/A	9/9/2024	11/4/2024	0	0	N/A
4	For Feasibilty Study: Legal counsel prepare new governance and consolidation evaluations <i>(CE)</i>	100%	12/6/2024	0	N/A	N/A	9/10/2024	11/26/2024	0	0	Admin Services 501-02420
5	For Feasibilty Study: Financial/Rate Cost of Service Study <i>(CE)</i>	100%	3/10/2025	29,800	N/A	N/A	10/21/2024	3/6/2025	25,330	4,470	Admin Services 501-02420
6	For Feasibilty Study: Ad Hoc Committee to Report to Board and County its Recommendations <i>(CE)</i>	0%	5/13/2025	0	N/A	N/A			0	0	N/A
7	ISS PS Generator Installation <i>(JG)</i>	N/A	3/31/2025	TBD	On Hold	On Hold	On Hold	On Hold	0	0	Conv Sys R&M: PS 601-05090
8	Coneross Creek PS Pump Control Upgrade <i>(JG)</i>	N/A	4/30/2025	47,353	N/A Prof Services	WILL NEED TO	BE ENGINEERED		0	47,353	Con Sys R&M: PS 601-05030
9	Martin Creek PS Pump Restraint System <i>(JG)</i>	100%	3/31/2025	35,000	In-kind replacement	2/9/2024	7/30/2024	7/30/2024	32,017	2,983	Con Sys R&M: PS 601-05100
10	Martin Creek Storage Aerator Motor Replacement <i>(JG)</i>	0%	4/25/2025	12,422 also need crane	N/A OEM Equip/Svc				0	0	Con Sys R&M: PS 601-05100
11	Pelham Creek PS Manual Transfer Switch Installation <i>(JG)</i>	100%	4/30/2025	24,134	9/11/2024	11/6/2024	3/25/2025	3/26/2025	24,134	0	Con Sys R&M: PS 601-05120
12	<del>Perkins Creek PS Wet Well Cleanout <i>(KL, MD)</i></del>	<del>0%</del>	<del>12/15/2024</del>	<del>N/A</del>	<del>N/A</del>	<del>N/A</del>	<del>N/A</del>	<del>N/A</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>Con Sys R&amp;M: PS 601-05130</del>
13	Richland Flow Meter Station Electrical Rewiring <i>(JG)</i>	100%	4/30/2025	13,000	9/4/2024	11/13/2024	5/6/2025	5/6/2025	13,000	0	Con Sys R&M: FMS 601-04030
14	Paint Flow Meter Stations <i>(JG)</i>	100%	5/30/2025	3,800	2/17/2025	4/16/2025	4/14/2025	4/15/2025	0	3,800	Con Sys Bldgs & Grnds 601-02550
15	Martin Creek PS/FM H2S Control <u>ENGINEERING AND PERMITTING</u> <i>(KL)</i>	N/A	FY 2026	For FY 2026	For FY 2026	For FY 2026	For FY 2026	For FY 2026	0	0	Con Sys R&M: PS 601-05100
16	Southern Oconee Sewer PS/FM H2S Control <u>STUDY</u> <i>(CE, KL)</i>	100%	1/31/2025	22,500	N/A	10/31/2024	11/4/2024	4/2/2025	22,500	0	Retail O&M: Prof Svcs 1301-02430
17	Martin Creek PS Basin and Southern Westminster Trunk Sewer CCTV/Clean <i>(KL, CE)</i>	100%	12/20/2024	264,202	6/6/2024	8/6/2024	8/6/2024	9/19/2024	237,926	26,276	Con Sys: Prof Svcs 601-02430
18	Seneca Creek FM Replacement Constr Administration/Inspect <i>(#2023-05; CE, KL)</i>	55%	TBD	140,000	N/A	4/29/2024	2/3/2025		9,000	131,000	O&M CIP: Con Sys 1401-06071
19	WRF Replace Disinfection System Lightning Mixer <i>(JM)</i>	100%	5/30/2025	49,381	12/4/2024	12/4/2024	2/27/2025	2/27/2025	49,381	0	WRF R&M 701-03000
20	WRF Util Water Pump (1 unit only)/Valve, Flow Eq Flow Control, RAS/WAS Pump/Mag Meter/Valve Install <i>(JM)</i>	35%	5/30/2025	362,100	RFB #2025-05 11/1/2024	1/8/2025	1/8/2025		140,310	221,790	WRF R&M 701-03000
21	WRF Waterproofing Admin Building Roof/Walls and Chloring Building Roof <i>(KL)</i>	95%	6/1/2025	125,145	RFB #2025-07 11/18/2024	1/9/2025	3/5/2025		108,733	16,413	Admin Contingency 501-02440



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22	WRF Paving Around Biosolids Storage Pad and Solids Processing Building (KL)	20%	5/30/2025	31,500	12/6/2024		5/19/2025	5/22/2025	0	31,500	WRF Bldgs & Grnds 701-02550
23	WRF Tank & Wet Well Clanouts (Primary Splitter Box and Digester #1) (JM)	100%	2/28/2025	45,680	RFB #2025-04 10/24/2024	12/16/2024	2/17/2025	3/8/2025	45,680	0	WRF R&M 701-03000
24	WRF Replace/Paint Walkway Handrails (continued from FY 2024) (JM)	100%	11/30/2024	N/A	N/A	N/A	As time allows	As time allows	N/A	N/A	WRF R&M 701-03000
25	WRF Digesters/Solids Handling Tanks Grinder Rebuild (JG)	100%	10/31/2024	17,000	8/26/2024	8/26/2024	9/30/2024	10/4/2024	16,999	1	WRF R&M 701-03000
26	WRF Biological Reactor Basin Oxid Zone Gearbox Replacement (JM)	100%	5/30/2025	46,848	12/4/2024	12/4/2024	1/6/2025	1/28/2025	46,848	0	WRF R&M 701-03000
27	EMERGENCY Hurricane Helene Debris Removal (KL, MM)	100%	2/28/2025	262,500	Emergnecy Procurement	1/13/2025	1/13/2025	1/24/2025	54,350	208,150	Con Sys: Prof Svcs 601-02430
28	EMERGENCY Hurricane Helene Debris & FEMA Management (KL, MM)	75%	6/30/2025	99,000	Emer 10/18/2024 RFP 12/30/2024	Emer 10/18/2024 RFP 1/23/2025	Emer 10/18/2024 RFP 1/23/2025		41,828	57,172	Con Sys: Prof Svcs 601-02430
29	Operating Agreement (Draft) for Oconee County/OJRSA I-85 Sewer O&M (CE)	0%	5/31/2025	TBD	N/A	N/A	2/3/2025		0	0	
30	Evaluation of CCTV/Smoketesting of Line Segments from MH29 to WRF (KL)	0%	TBD	TBD					0	0	
31	Manhole Resiliency Plan & HMGP Grant Administration (CE)	0%	4/30/2025	53,000	Proj #2025-10 N/A	4/21/2025	4/21/2025		7,508	45,493	Con Sys: Prof Svcs 601-02430
32									0	0	
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TOTAL AWARDED				1,703,942	TOTAL FUNDS OBLIGATED/ACTUAL TO DATE:				914,183	789,759	TOTAL AWARDED BUDGET REMAINING

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Row #	FY 2025 O&M Project <i>(Project # (if applicable); PM)</i> <b><u>CANNOT CARRY OVER TO NEXT FISCAL YEAR WITHOUT BUDGET APPROVAL</u></b>	Comp. Performing (and Project Mgr)	Notes
1	<b>Consent Order 21-025-W Project: Biannual Compliance Report (CE)</b>	OJRSA Chris Eleazer	<b>DUE TO SCDES EVERY SIX MONTHS.</b> Reports submitted: 11/14/2021, 5/9/2022, 11/10/2022, 5/9/2023, 11/9/2023, 5/10/2024, 11/8/2024. 5/9: Submitted report via ePermitting. <b>COMPLETE.</b> <b>Next report due 11/10/2025.</b>
2	<b>GIS Update and Upgrade (CE)</b>	Weston & Sampson Danny Gant	Project to begin updating OJRSA, Satellite Sewer System, and other User assets and information for asset management and compliance purposes. 9/18: Met with D Gant to review easement progress. 11/22: Progress meeting with D Gant. 2/17: Training today.
3	<b>For Feasibilty Study: Establish Sewer Feasibility Implementation Ad Hoc Committee (CE)</b>	OJRSA Chris Eleazer	10/7: Discussed at board meeting. Will consider committee at next meeting. 11/4: List approved by Board. <b>COMPLETE. Update sent to Bonnie Ammons and Sophia Mazza with RIA on 11/13.</b> First meeting to be held 12/2.
4	<b>For Feasibilty Study: Legal counsel prepare new governance and consolidation evaluations (CE)</b>	OJRSA Chris Eleazer	11/26: Received from Pope Flynn. <b>COMPLETE. Shared memo with ad hoc committee at 12/2 meeting. Update sent to Bonnie Ammons and Sophia Mazza with RIA on 12/9.</b>
5	<b>For Feasibilty Study: Financial/Rate Cost of Service Study (CE)</b>	Willdan Daryll Parker	1/24/2025: To be presented to board on 3/6. 3/6: Presented to board. <b>COMPLETE. Update sent to Bonnie Ammons and Sophia Mazza with RIA on 3/11. Will also update ad hoc committee at 3/13 meeting.</b>
6	<b>For Feasibilty Study: Ad Hoc Committee to Report to Board and County its Recommendations (CE)</b>	Ad Hoc Comm Comm Chair	
7	<b>ISS PS Generator Installation (JG)</b>	OJRSA OJRSA Maint	4/1: On hold with Justin Gillespie's departure. 5/6: Paul Davis with Davis Electrical said this 277/480V generator will not work here; it will only work at Halfway Branch PS.
8	<b>Coneross Creek PS Pump Control Upgrade (JG)</b>	Border States Stuart Reynolds	3/18: Waiting on Border States to do site visit before set-up. 5/4: Contractor says this needs to be engineered, will need to reassess in future.
9	<b>Martin Creek PS Pump Restraint System (JG)</b>	TBD	Ordered during FY 2024 but did not receive until FY 2025. 7/15/2024: Ordered as in-kind unit with new pump head assembly. 7/30: <b>COMPLETE</b>
10	<b>Martin Creek Storage Aerator Motor Replacement (JG)</b>	OJRSA OJRSA Maint	1/7/2025: Motor to be delivered tomorrow. Likely need to contract out install. 2/4: Delivery will now be April. Total cost \$12,422. 4/1: Still waiting on delivery. 5/6: Aerator has arrived, waiting for staff level to increase.
11	<b>Pelham Creek PS Manual Transfer Switch Installation (JG)</b>	Mason Electric TBD	11/4. Approved low bid for equipment and installation. 12/11: Ordered. We purchased ATS for WW Williams (5,664). Mason will do install (\$18,470). 2/4/2025: KL will call to make sure they have us on schedule. 2/17: Scheduled 3/25. 4/1: <b>COMPLETE.</b>
12	<del><b>Perkins Creek PS Wet Well Cleanout (KL, MD)</b></del>	<del>TBD</del>	<del>Contract not to exceed \$262,500. Grinding/removing debris from OJRSA easements. 1/24/2025: COMPLETE.</del>
13	<b>Richland Flow Meter Station Electrical Rewiring (JG)</b>	Davis Power TBD	2/4/2025: KL will call to make sure they have us on schedule. 2/17: Scheduled 3/31. 4/1: Waiting on power panel, think it will be done end of April. 5/6: Paul Davis started today. Completed same day. <b>COMPLETE</b>
14	<b>Paint Flow Meter Stations (JG)</b>	Chavez Painting	9/3: Waiting on quotes. 9/17: Need 2 more quotes. 11/5: Still waiting on quotes. 12/11: Met with painters for stations. 2/5/2025: Received low bid. Will schedule soon. 2/17: Received quotes. Will award - \$3,800. 3/18: Scheduled 4/18. 4/15: <b>COMPLETE.</b>
15	<b>Martin Creek PS/FM H2S Control <u>ENGINEERING AND PERMITTING</u> (KL)</b>	Garver Will Nading	9/3: KL to reach out to Garver for next steps. 9/17: Need to determine permanent fix to this and where it goes in overall OJRSA priority list. 10/10: Spoke with W Nading and he is putting together scope. 11/4: OJRSA will need to publicly solicit work (est. \$140,000)
16	<b>Southern Oconee Sewer PS/FM H2S Control <u>STUDY</u> (CE, KL)</b>	Garver Will Nading	<b>Project #2025-06</b> 3/3: Sent message asking for update. 3/18: Haven't received update, called Nading and scheduled visit for next week. 3/27: Met with Nading, he will finalize report very soon. 4/2: <b>COMPLETE.</b> 4/9: Sent to A Brock.
17	<b>Martin Creek PS Basin and Southern Westminster Trunk Sewer CCTV/Clean (KL, CE)</b>	Secure Sewer & Svc Michael Bevelle	10/1: All contracted work is complete. OJRSA staff have to finish inspecting manholes and smoketest. 12/5: Finished additional work. 1/17: Smoke testing complete by OJRSA. <b>COMPLETE.</b>
18	<b>Seneca Creek FM Replacement Constr Administration/Inspect (#2023-05; CE, KL)</b>	GMC Daniel Mosher	<b>Reimbursible by Fountain Residential Properties LLC per agreement.</b> 1/17/2025: Preconstruction meeting scheduled for 1/29. 2/3: Contractor began mobilization. 3/25: Railroad bore to occur in next 2-4 weeks.
19	<b>WRF Replace Disinfection System Lightning Mixer (JM)</b>	OJRSA OJRSA Maint	10/14: Receive updated quote but it did not include upper bearing cost. 12/11: Ordered and expect to receive in February. \$44,432. Still need motor, which is easy to get. 2/4: Delivery date at end of February. 2/27: <b>COMPLETE.</b>
20	<b>WRF Util Water Pump (1 unit only)/Valve, Flow Eq Flow Control, RAS/WAS Pump/Mag Meter/Valve Install (JM)</b>	Cove Utility Jeff Caffrey	1/10: Longer lead items have been ordered by Cove. 2/17: Cove verified items at site. Everything has now been ordered. 3/18: Waiting on equipment to arrive. 4/1: KL reviewing submittals. 4/18: Began work onsite. 5/13: Last pump being shipped today.
21	<b>WRF Waterproofing Admin Building Roof/Walls and Chloring Building Roof (KL)</b>	CE Bourne Kenneth Fennell	<b>To be funded with O&amp;M Contingency \$110,145 plus owner contingency of NTE\$15,000.</b> 3/10: Began work on admin bldg. 4/24: Nearly complete. Still need to do final walkthrough and punchlist. Will need to install flashing on window beside front entry.

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22	WRF Paving Around Biosolids Storage Pad and Solids Processing Building (KL)	TMS Asphalt TBD	12/11: Have 3 quotes, will award soon. 2/4/2025: Have awarded. 2/17: Work to be done in March or April. 5/6: Will be done the last part of May. 5/16: Scheduled to start 5/19. 5/22: <b>COMPLETE</b> .
23	WRF Tank & Wet Well Clanouts (Primary Splitter Box and Digester #1) (JM)	Greenstone Const TBD	2/17/2025: Started work on Digester 1. 3/8: <b>COMPLETE</b> . 3/25: Processed Change Order #1 for additional \$5,000 for additional work to complete task. Still came in below budgeted amount.
24	WRF Replace/Paint Walkway Handrails (continued from FY 2024) (JM)	TBD	8/6: Purchased more paint. 10/14: Front end of plant complete. Now painting some items on back end of plant.
25	WRF Digesters/Solids Handling Tanks Grinder Rebuild (JG)	TBD	8/6: Getting updated quotes. 9/3: Has been ordered. 9/17: Rebuild kit arrived last week. 10/4: <b>COMPLETE</b> .
26	WRF Biological Reactor Basin Oxid Zone Gearbox Replacement (JM)	OJRSA OJRSA Maint	9/17: Need updated quote for this and WRF Disinfection System Lightning Mixer. 10/14: KL to review. 12/11: Ordered. \$42,187. Still need motor, which is easy to get. 1/28/2025: <b>COMPLETE</b> .
27	<b>EMERGENCY</b> Hurricane Helene Debris Removal (KL, MM)	Strick's Forestry Donald Strickland	<b>Contract not to exceed \$262,500.</b> Grinding/removing debris from OJRSA easements. 1/24/2025: <b>COMPLETE</b> .
28	<b>EMERGENCY</b> Hurricane Helene Debris & FEMA Management (KL, MM)	ICF Incorporated Larry Hughes	Have multi-term contract with ICF Incorporated LLC (1/23/2025 through 1/23/2028 with possibility for extension Contract NTE \$99K/FY. 2/12/2025: Cat A debris removal documentation presented to FEMA. 3/18: FEMA did site visit. 4/1: Met with FEMA, SCEMD for update.
29	Operating Agreement (Draft) for Oconee County/OJRSA I-85 Sewer O&M (CE)	Bryan Kelley & Michael Traynham	4/17/2025: Emailed BK and MT for update. 4/21: BK to get MT a draft this week. 5/9: Emailed BK for update. 5/12: Received draft from BK. Will review soon.
30	Evaluation of CCTV/Smoketesting of Line Segments from MH29 to WRF (KL)	TBD	
31	Manhole Resiliency Plan & HMGP Grant Administration (CE)	WK Dickson Angie Mettlen	4/27: HMGP grant application submitted and is awaiting review. Ardurra has communicated with Bio-Nomic Services for estimate and schedule for potential change order to perform tasks with SCIIP grant.
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Row #	Restricted Fund Projects <i>(Project Manager)</i>	OJRSA Project #	Approx % Complete	Anticipated Completion	OJRSA Funding Amount (\$)	Max Funding by Others (\$)	PO/Contract Amount (\$)	RESTRICTED FUND PROJECT MILESTONES							
								Bids/RFQ/etc. Issue/Advertised	PO/Contract Signed	Started Work	Completed	Obligated/ Spent Curr + Prev Years (\$)	Budget Remaining (\$)	GL Code <i>(XXXXX = get from Office Mgr)</i>	Comp. Performing <i>(and Project Mgr)</i>
A	Consent Order SSES/Rehab 2022 <u>CONSTRUCTION</u> <b>SCIIP MATCH</b> <i>(CE, KL)</i>	2024-02	100%	4/30/2024	351,291	0	351,291	7/28/2023	10/17/2023	12/4/2023	7/15/2024	316,577	34,714	PROJ & CONT 1501-09008	Tugaloo Pipeline Ed Hare
B	Consent Order SSES/Rehab 2023 <u>ENGINEERING</u> <b>SCIIP MATCH</b> <i>(CE, KL)</i>	2024-08	75%	9/29/2025	398,000	0	398,000	N/A	9/15/2023	10/3/2023		259,447	138,553	PROJ & CONT 1501-09009	WK Dickson Priya Verravalli
B1	Consent Order SSES/Rehab 2023 Manhole Resiliency Plan: Project 1c <b>SCIIP MATCH</b> <i>(CE)</i>		0%	6/21/2025	38,000	0	38,000	N/A	4/21/2025			0	38,000	PROJ & CONT 1501-09009	WK Dickson Priya Verravalli
C	Consent Order SSES/Rehab 2023 <u>CONSTRUCTION</u> <b>SCIIP GRANT</b> <i>(CE, KL)</i>		30%	SC: 8/25/2025 FC: 9/29/2025	0	4,059,554	4,076,461	8/14/2024	11/20/2024	1/27/2025		93,825	3,982,636	PROJ & CONT 1501-09009	Frank Brinkley Bio-Nomic Services
D	Dewatering Equipment Replacement <u>ENGINEERING</u> <b>SCIIP MATCH</b> <i>(KL)</i>	2024-06	75%	PHASE II 6/30/2026	440,300	0	440,300	9/15/2023	12/19/2023	1/11/2024		283,100	157,200	PROJ & CONT 1501-09011	KCI Technologies Tom Vollmar
E	Dewatering Equipment Replacement <u>CONSTRUCTION</u> <b>SCIIP GRANT</b> <i>(KL)</i>		5%	PHASE II 6/30/2026	0	4,201,858	4,023,098	3/22/2024	7/30/2024	7/26/2024		0	4,023,098	PROJ & CONT 1501-09011	Harper GC Justin Jones
F	Exit 4/Oconee Manufacturing Park ("Sewer South Phase III") PS/Sewer <u>ENGINEERING</u> <i>(CE)</i>	TBD	99%	11/1/2024	0	0	N/A OCONEE CO PROJ	N/A OCONEE CO PROJ	N/A OCONEE CO PROJ	Sometime in 2022		0	0	TBD	Thomas & Hutton Lee Brackett
G	Flat Rock PS Replacement <u>ENGINEERING/CONST</u> <b>SVCS SCIIP MATCH</b> <i>(CE)</i>	2022-03	100%	10/23/2024	177,800	0	177,800	2/14/2022	7/5/2055	7/1/2022	10/10/2024	151,548	26,252	PROJ & CONT 1501-09005	KCI Technologies Tom Vollmar
H	Flat Rock PS Replacement <u>CONSTRUCTION</u> <b>SCIIP GRANT</b> <i>(CE)</i>	2024-03	100%	9/30/2024	0	1,321,656	1,321,656	6/7/2023	8/29/2023	3/25/2024	8/27/2024	1,321,656	0	PROJ & CONT 1501-09005	Cove Utilities Jeff Caffery
I	Oconee County & Western Andeson County Sewer Master Plan <i>(CE)</i>	2022-01	100%	6/3/2024	217,800	100,000	317,800	N/A	8/9/2023	9/12/2023	7/1/2024	317,476	324	PROJ & CONT 1501-09007	Weston & Sampson Kip Gearhart
J	Regional Sewer Feasibility Study <b>RIA GRANT</b> <i>(CE)</i>	2024-01	100%	11/29/2024	0	100,000	100,000	5/26/2023	10/10/2023	11/8/2023	9/9/2024	100,000	0	PROJ & CONT 1501-09010	WK Dickson Angie Mettlen
K	I-85 Corridor Phase II <u>ENG/INSPECT SVCS</u> <b>COUNTY FUNDED</b> <i>(CE)</i>	2019-XX	99%	10/31/2024	0	480,850	480,850	Inherited from Oconee Co	5/4/2023	5/4/2023		396,601	84,249	SSF: CIP 1401-06050	Davis & Floyd John Reynolds
L	I-85 Corridor Phase II <u>CONSTRUCTION</u> <b>EDA/RIA/COUNTY FUNDED</b> <i>(CE)</i>	2023-06	100%	10/31/2024	0	12,311,447	11,687,329	9/27/2022	3/23/2023	6/1/2023	2/4/2025	11,687,329	(0)	SSF: CIP 1401-06050	Kevin Moorhead Moorhead Construct
M	Martin Creek PS Basin Trunk Sewer CCTV Engineer Review <i>(KL, CE)</i>	2025-03	90%	3/31/2025	96,000	0	96,000	Consent Order Prof Svcs	9/30/2024			67,200	28,800	PROJ & CONT 1501-09012	Priya Verravalli WK Dickson
N	Southern Westminster Basin Trunk Sewer CCTV Engineer Review <i>(KL, CE)</i>	2025-03	100%	3/31/2025	76,000	0	76,000	Consent Order Prof Svcs	9/30/2024			63,465	12,535	PROJ & CONT 1501-09012	Priya Verravalli WK Dickson
O	Martin Crk PS Basin Flow Study and Compare to Perkins Crk PS Basin to Quantify I/I <i>(CE)</i>	2025-03	90%	3/31/2025	45,000	0	45,000	Consent Order Prof Svcs	9/30/2024			33,937	11,063	PROJ & CONT 1501-09013	Priya Verravalli WK Dickson
P	Speeds Creek PS Force Main Replacement <u>ENGINEERING</u> <i>(CE, KL)</i>	TBD	0%	TBD								0	0	PROJ & CONT 1501-TBD	TBD
Q	Speeds Creek PS Force Main Replacement <u>CONSTRUCTION</u> <i>(CE, KL)</i>		0%	TBD								0	0	PROJ & CONT 1501-TBD	TBD
R	I-85 Corridor Phase II Streambank Stabilization & Welcome Center Waterline <i>(CE)</i>	2019-XX	0%	TBD	0	78,650	78,650	Contract Amend #3	2/20/2025			0	78,650	SSF: CIP 1401-06050	Davis & Floyd John Reynolds
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					1,840,191	22,654,015	23,708,234	TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS OBLIGATED/ACTUAL TO DATE:					15,092,161	8,616,073	TOTAL AWARDED BUDGET REMAINING



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PROJECTS MAY CARRY ACROSS BUDGET YEARS

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A	Consent Order SSES/Rehab 2022 <b>CONSTRUCTION</b> <b>SCIIP MATCH</b> <i>(CE, KL)</i>	Carryover from FY 2023 <i>OJRSA CONG: \$40,000</i> . 5/20: <b>COMPLETE</b> . Used \$6,785.98 of budgeted/approved Owner Contingency for additional concrete work on final repair.
B	Consent Order SSES/Rehab 2023 <b>ENGINEERING</b> <b>SCIIP MATCH</b> <i>(CE, KL)</i>	PO/Contract Amount includes \$700,000 owner contingency 1/21/2025: Bio-Nomic was scheduled to start this week but delayed one week due to incoming winter weather. 1/27: Began CCTV work. 3/5: Pre-CCTV work is complete and in process of review. 3/11: Engineer says project is behind schedule. 3/18: \$0 change order processed to allow for schedule modification 4/7: Pay App #1 processed. 4/28: All point repairs complete. Will start lining once material and resin in stock, which should be in about 3 weeks. 5/9: Shop drawing and submittal reviews by Ardurra.
B1	Consent Order SSES/Rehab 2023 Manhole Resiliency Plan: Project 1c <b>SCIIP MATCH</b> <i>(CE)</i>	
C	Consent Order SSES/Rehab 2023 <b>CONSTRUCTION</b> <b>SCIIP GRANT</b> <i>(CE, KL)</i>	
D	Dewatering Equipment Replacement <b>ENGINEERING</b> <b>SCIIP MATCH</b> <i>(KL)</i>	1/6/2025: Received 90% plans, Jackson Electric visited site to assess. 1/22: Received SCDES construction permit application payment request of \$550. 2/4: Board approved contracts. Signed, submitted stormwater permit application. 3/10: Received feedback from SCRIA on contract. KCI will need to oversee a few items and respond. 3/28: Received final contract as approved by RIA for signature. Barbian asked Harper to sign then forward for OJRSA signature. 4/17: Signed contract.
E	Dewatering Equipment Replacement <b>CONSTRUCTION</b> <b>SCIIP GRANT</b> <i>(KL)</i>	
F	Exit 4/Oconee Manufacturing Park ("Sewer South Phase III") PS/Sewer <b>ENGINEERING</b> <i>(CE)</i>	2/19: G Hart mentioned that he found that A Brock had submitted it and they haven't heard anything from SCDES yet. 3/18: Issued revised Conditional Acceptance letter to A Brock for her to send to T&H if she agreed with conditions.
G	Flat Rock PS Replacement <b>ENGINEERING/CONST</b> <b>SVCS</b> <b>SCIIP MATCH</b> <i>(CE)</i>	9/3: Rain over weekend caused washing. Contractor to better stabilize area. 9/17: Cove/KCI have identified some solutions for stabilization. 9/18: Received SCDES Permit to Operate. Need record drawings, electronic files, site stablitation completion, etc. 10/10: Received final engineering invoice. 10/14: Received GIS information. <b>COMPLETE. Retained approx. \$26,252 for PM and inspection funds not used, making OJRSA funding amount \$151,548.</b>
H	Flat Rock PS Replacement <b>CONSTRUCTION</b> <b>SCIIP GRANT</b> <i>(CE)</i>	
I	Oconee County & Western Andeson County Sewer Master Plan <i>(CE)</i>	To continue under #2022-01 (Fair Play and Townville Area Sewer Basin Plan). 6/26: Provided W&S comments on draft. Have received 1/2 of "grant" for study. 7/1: Presentated to Board and report finalized and put on website. 8/5: Board adopted. <b>COMPLETE</b> .
J	Regional Sewer Feasibility Study <b>RIA GRANT</b> <i>(CE)</i>	8/5: Presented to Board as draft. Needs to be finalized. Will be considered 9/9. 9/9: Board approved. Next phase is implementation. This will be tracked in FY2025 O&M Projects. <b>COMPLETE</b> . 10/31: Received RIA Grant Close Out Letter.
K	I-85 Corridor Phase II <b>ENG/INSPECT SVCS</b> <b>COUNTY FUNDED</b> <i>(CE)</i>	2/5: Still need GIS from D&F. 2/5: Received message from A Brock saying county approved Amendment #3 contract for streambank stabilization and water line. She will sign. Amount-\$78,650. 2/6: Received update letter from Justin Brooks w/ Moorhead. 2/26: Received SCRIA Final Closeout letter.
L	I-85 Corridor Phase II <b>CONSTRUCTION</b> <b>EDA/RIA/COUNTY FUNDED</b> <i>(CE)</i>	3/5: Signed , submitted Stormwater Notice of Termination 3/24: Signed/sent EDA Federal Financial Report to ACOG. SCDES NPDES Permit Notice of Termination docs sent to Columbia.
M	Martin Creek PS Basin Trunk Sewer CCTV Engineer Review <i>(KL, CE)</i>	1/9: Received prelim report from WKD. Will review and provide comments. 1/27: Provided comments to Priya. 5/9: Final report to be submitted after the flow study portion is completed. 5/9: Ardurra to send final signed, sealed report to OJRSA.
N	Southern Westminster Basin Trunk Sewer CCTV Engineer Review <i>(KL, CE)</i>	1/27: Provided smoke test data to engineer. 3/11: Prefinal report expected for comments by end of week. 3/18: Received draft report for review. 3/27: CE provided feedback to WKD. 5/15: Received final report. <b>COMPLETE</b> .
O	Martin Crk PS Basin Flow Study and Compare to Perkins Crk PS Basin to Quantify I/I <i>(CE)</i>	12/12: Rainfall event on 12/10 considered first qualifying event. WKD continuing to monitor flow meters. 12/27: Second qualifying rain event. 2/12/2025: This is possibly the 3rd qualifying event. WKD is assessing data. 5/5: Received draft report to review.
P	Speeds Creek PS Force Main Replacement <b>ENGINEERING</b> <i>(CE, KL)</i>	<b>CONSENT ORDER ITEM</b> 7/15/2024: As identified in the 20 Year Master Plan, this force main should be replaced with similar sized pipe. 2/3/2025: Mentioned during board meeting that we had another break on line and it was mentioned that OJRSA will have to begin design during next fiscal year. B Faires asked to have this added as an agenda item for O&P Comm meeting.
Q	Speeds Creek PS Force Main Replacement <b>CONSTRUCTION</b> <i>(CE, KL)</i>	
R	I-85 Corridor Phase II Streambank Stabilization & Welcome Center Waterline <i>(CE)</i>	2/10/2025: Received signed agreement from A Brock, CE executed agreement and sent to D&F. 2/10: Roger Sears responded to R Love's email saying water line will need to be handled through encroachment process.
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**010 OJRSA FUND**  
**004 REVENUE**  
**00401 REVENUE**

## Revenue Report

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Accounts	Budget Appropriation	Supplemental Appropriation	Adjusted Budget	Current Pd Revenue	Curr Pct	Year To Date Revenue	YTD Pct	Budget Balance
010 OJRSA FUND								
004 REVENUE								
00401 REVENUE								
01770 CONNECTION FEES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$3,552.20	0	(\$3,552.20)
01790 UNRESTRICTED INTEREST	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	\$3,976.26	16	\$110,417.36	442	(\$85,417.36)
01820 GRANTS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$1,305,492.29	0	(\$1,305,492.29)
01830 HAULED WASTE SVCS	\$213,308.00	\$0.00	\$213,308.00	\$22,885.00	11	\$180,122.30	84	\$33,185.70
01840 OTHER REVENUE	\$158,622.00	\$0.00	\$158,622.00	\$5,405.50	3	\$22,204.10	14	\$136,417.90
01880 CAPACITY FEES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	(\$3,400.00)	0	\$3,400.00
01910 USER FEES	\$5,717,028.00	\$0.00	\$5,717,028.00	\$454,071.62	8	\$5,035,518.92	88	\$681,509.08
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$6,113,958.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$6,113,958.00</b>	<b>\$486,338.38</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>\$6,653,907.17</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>(\$539,949.17)</b>
00801 PRETREATMENT								
01850 INDUSTRIES	\$174,852.00	\$0.00	\$174,852.00	\$8,686.45	5	\$143,464.38	82	\$31,387.62
<b>Total Pretreatment</b>	<b>\$174,852.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$174,852.00</b>	<b>\$8,686.45</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>\$143,464.38</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>\$31,387.62</b>
01001 RETAIL IMPACT FEE FUND								
01880 CAPACITY FEES	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0	\$3,400.00	68	\$1,600.00
<b>Total Retail Impact Fee Fund</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$3,400.00</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>\$1,600.00</b>
01101 WHOLESALE IMPACT FEE FUND								
01780 RESTRICTED INTEREST	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$100,000.00	\$34,501.36	35	\$212,357.72	212	(\$112,357.72)
01880 CAPACITY FEES	\$1,000,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$31,000.00	3	\$496,200.00	50	\$503,800.00
01930 UNUSED CAPACITY FEES	\$150,000.00	\$0.00	\$150,000.00	\$451.72	0	\$94,066.89	63	\$55,933.11
<b>Total Wholesale Impact Fee Fund</b>	<b>\$1,250,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,250,000.00</b>	<b>\$65,953.08</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>\$802,624.61</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>\$447,375.39</b>
01201 CONTRACT OPERATIONS								
01900 INTERGOV. REIMBURSEMENT	\$44,072.00	\$0.00	\$44,072.00	\$0.00	0	\$37,837.15	86	\$6,234.85
<b>Total Contract Operations</b>	<b>\$44,072.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$44,072.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$37,837.15</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>\$6,234.85</b>
01301 RETAIL SERVICES								
01780 RESTRICTED INTEREST	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$11,915.05	0	(\$11,915.05)
01821 GRANTS - SEWER SOUTH	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$203,123.10	0	\$2,614,145.60	0	(\$2,614,145.60)
01880 CAPACITY FEES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
01900 INTERGOV. REIMBURSEMENT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,092.50	0	\$792,094.49	0	(\$792,094.49)
<b>Total Retail Services</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$216,215.60</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$3,418,155.14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(\$3,418,155.14)</b>
<b>Total REVENUE</b>	<b>\$7,587,882.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$7,587,882.00</b>	<b>\$777,193.51</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>\$11,059,388.45</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>(\$3,471,506.45)</b>
<b>Total OJRSA FUND</b>	<b>\$7,587,882.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$7,587,882.00</b>	<b>\$777,193.51</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>\$11,059,388.45</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>(\$3,471,506.45)</b>
<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$7,587,882.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$7,587,882.00</b>	<b>\$777,193.51</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>\$11,059,388.45</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>(\$3,471,506.45)</b>

## 010 OJRSA FUND

## 005 EXPENSES

## 00501 ADMINISTRATION

## Expenditure Report

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Accounts	Budget Appropriation	Supplemental Appropriation	Current Pd Expenditures	Curr Pct	Year To Date Expenditures	YTD Pct	Encumbered Balance	Unencumbered Balance	Une Pct
010 OJRSA FUND									
005 EXPENSES									
00501 ADMINISTRATION									
01140 100% DEPRECIATION EXPENSE	\$1,222,487.00	\$0.00	\$101,873.92	8	\$1,018,739.20	83	\$0.00	\$203,747.80	17
01300 PAYROLL: SALARIES	\$1,154,105.00	\$0.00	\$78,059.32	7	\$922,846.78	80	\$0.00	\$231,258.22	20
01310 OVERTIME	\$41,194.00	\$0.00	\$1,801.08	4	\$28,092.79	68	\$0.00	\$13,101.21	32
01350 PAYROLL: FICA/MEDICARE WH	\$97,367.00	\$0.00	\$6,425.34	7	\$75,881.05	78	\$0.00	\$21,485.95	22
01380 PAYROLL: RETIREMENT	\$221,848.00	\$0.00	\$15,144.69	7	\$174,264.33	79	\$0.00	\$47,583.67	21
02200 COMMISSIONER EXPENSES	\$13,680.00	\$0.00	\$1,020.00	7	\$9,420.00	69	\$0.00	\$4,260.00	31
02220 GROUP INSURANCE	\$215,280.00	\$0.00	\$18,326.80	9	\$177,106.76	82	\$0.00	\$38,173.24	18
02240 WORKERS' COMPENSATION	\$20,791.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$15,497.00	75	\$0.00	\$5,294.00	25
02250 INSURANCE-PROPERTY/GENERAL	\$81,363.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$81,521.73	100	\$0.00	(\$158.73)	0
02260 EMPLOYEE WELLNESS	\$2,600.00	\$0.00	\$337.91	13	\$6,827.06	263	\$0.00	(\$4,227.06)	(163)
02270 UNIFORMS	\$31,475.00	\$0.00	\$1,076.91	3	\$15,789.24	50	\$0.00	\$15,685.76	50
02280 TRAVEL & POV MILEAGE	\$8,650.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$210.00	2	\$0.00	\$8,440.00	98
02290 AGENCY MEMBERSHIPS	\$11,715.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	26	\$6,850.00	58	\$0.00	\$4,865.00	42
02300 LICENSES/CERTIFS/MEMBERSHIPS	\$4,563.00	\$0.00	\$1,996.00	44	\$4,255.00	93	\$0.00	\$308.00	7
02310 SEMINARS/WKSHOPS & TRAINING	\$42,020.00	\$0.00	\$1,115.00	3	\$17,849.04	42	\$0.00	\$24,170.96	58
02320 EVENTS & MEETING EXPENSES	\$4,300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$3,050.90	71	\$0.00	\$1,249.10	29
02340 PUBLIC RELATIONS & ADVERTISING	\$16,250.00	\$0.00	\$955.00	6	\$9,719.92	60	\$0.00	\$6,530.08	40
02360 MAILING/SHIPPING	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$347.60	46	\$0.00	\$402.40	54
02370 SAFETY EQUIPMENT	\$33,050.00	\$0.00	\$107.20	0	\$41,438.49	125	\$0.00	(\$8,388.49)	(25)
02380 OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$79,822.00	\$0.00	\$8,746.44	11	\$42,740.78	54	\$0.00	\$37,081.22	46
02410 TECHNOLOGY: PHONES/INTERNET/TV	\$14,436.00	\$0.00	\$363.37	3	\$11,628.97	81	\$0.00	\$2,807.03	19
02420 ADMINISTRATION SERVICES	\$237,823.00	\$0.00	\$25,189.05	11	\$303,326.61	128	\$0.00	(\$65,503.61)	(28)
02440 O&M CONTINGENCY	\$150,000.00	\$0.00	\$60,940.00	41	\$110,911.26	74	\$0.00	\$39,088.74	26
02520 FUEL: VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT	\$37,250.00	\$0.00	\$2,247.04	6	\$22,629.75	61	\$31.78	\$14,588.47	39
02530 R&M: VEHICLES/TRAILERS/EQUIP	\$38,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,745.74	5	\$42,161.56	110	(\$1,454.30)	(\$2,207.26)	(6)
02560 FEES & PENALTIES	\$4,487.00	\$0.00	\$118.41	3	\$3,987.64	89	\$0.00	\$499.36	11
<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>\$3,785,806.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$330,589.22</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>\$3,147,093.46</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>(\$1,422.52)</b>	<b>\$640,135.06</b>	<b>17</b>
00601 CONVEYANCE SYSTEM									
02400 SUPPLIES/TOOLS	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,261.52	8	\$13,186.30	88	\$294.35	\$1,519.35	10
02401 MAINTENANCE TOOLS & SUPPLIES	\$13,000.00	\$0.00	\$59.47	0	\$9,924.72	76	\$390.80	\$2,684.48	21
02411 TECHNOLOGY: SCADA	\$22,100.00	\$0.00	\$683.40	3	\$15,952.60	72	\$0.00	\$6,147.40	28
02430 SERVICES: PROFESSIONAL/CONSULT	\$476,110.00	\$0.00	\$21,596.50	5	\$391,649.19	82	\$0.00	\$84,460.81	18
02450 CHEMICALS: SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE	\$35,834.00	\$0.00	\$3,324.16	9	\$21,766.04	61	\$0.00	\$14,067.96	39
02455 CHEMICALS: HERBICIDE/PESTICIDE	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$791.56	53	\$1,151.85	77	\$0.00	\$348.15	23
02490 ELECTRICITY	\$266,700.00	\$0.00	\$20,753.09	8	\$209,612.94	79	\$0.00	\$57,087.06	21
02500 WATER	\$8,950.00	\$0.00	\$624.50	7	\$9,328.09	104	\$0.00	(\$378.09)	(4)
02521 FUEL: GENERATORS	\$6,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$5,843.20	86	\$0.00	\$956.80	14
02540 EQUIPMENT RENTALS	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,462.98	29	\$7,321.61	61	(\$3,462.98)	\$8,141.37	68
02550 BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	\$5,500.00	\$0.00	\$3,800.00	69	\$5,092.94	93	\$0.00	\$407.06	7

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**00601 CONVEYANCE SYSTEM**

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**Expenditure Report**  
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Accounts	Budget Appropriation	Supplemental Appropriation	Current Pd Expenditures	Curr Pct	Year To Date Expenditures	YTD Pct	Encumbered Balance	Unencumbered Balance	Une Pct
02590 ROLLING STOCK & EQUIPMENT	\$275,080.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$272,529.86	99	\$0.00	\$2,550.14	1
04000 FLOW MONITOR STAS	\$16,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$16,500.00	100
04010 FLOW MONITOR STAS: COL'S FORK	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$13.03	0	\$0.00	(\$13.03)	0
04030 FLOW MONITOR STAS: RICHLAND	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
05000 PUMP STATIONS	\$228,450.00	\$0.00	\$769.30	0	\$12,466.33	5	\$0.00	\$215,983.67	95
05010 PUMP STATIONS: CANE PS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$2,273.71	0	\$0.00	(\$2,273.71)	0
05020 PUMP STATIONS: CHOESTOE PS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$10,465.84	0	\$254.92	(\$10,720.76)	0
05030 PUMP STATIONS: CONERROSS PS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$52.96	0	\$0.00	(\$52.96)	0
05040 PUMP STATIONS: CRYOVAC PS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$223.59	0	\$0.00	(\$223.59)	0
05050 PUMP STATIONS: DAVIS CRK 1 PS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$2,919.81	0	\$0.00	(\$2,919.81)	0
05060 PUMP STATIONS: DAVIS CRK 2 PS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$30,281.44	0	\$0.00	(\$30,281.44)	0
05080 PUMP STATIONS: HALFWAY BR PS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$51.24	0	\$0.00	(\$51.24)	0
05090 PUMP STATIONS: ISS PS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$20.17	0	\$0.00	(\$20.17)	0
05100 PUMP STATIONS: MARTIN CREEK PS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$35,833.61	0	\$0.00	(\$35,833.61)	0
05110 PUMP STATIONS: MILLBROOK PS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$339.17	0	\$0.00	(\$339.17)	0
05120 PUMP STATIONS: PELHAM CREEK PS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$24,253.77	0	\$25,368.82	0	\$0.00	(\$25,368.82)	0
05130 PUMP STATIONS: PERKINS PS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$36,410.27	0	\$0.00	(\$36,410.27)	0
05140 PUMP STATIONS: SENECA PS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$4,606.63	0	\$0.00	(\$4,606.63)	0
05160 PUMP STATIONS: WEXFORD PS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$5,701.93	0	\$0.00	(\$5,701.93)	0
05210 DUCK POND ROAD PS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$1,770.66	0	\$0.00	(\$1,770.66)	0
05230 GRAVITY SEWER & FORCE MAINS	\$130,000.00	\$0.00	\$15,453.55	12	\$106,460.31	82	(\$4,416.34)	\$27,956.03	22
<b>Total Conveyance System</b>	<b>\$1,513,524.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$96,833.80</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>\$1,238,618.86</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>(\$6,939.25)</b>	<b>\$281,844.39</b>	<b>19</b>
00701 WRF OPERATIONS									
02400 SUPPLIES/TOOLS	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$640.55	5	\$5,477.88	46	\$1,099.18	\$5,422.94	45
02411 TECHNOLOGY: SCADA	\$12,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$2,666.80	21	\$0.00	\$9,833.20	79
02430 SERVICES: PROFESSIONAL/CONSULT	\$18,102.00	\$0.00	\$1,125.00	6	\$37,057.66	205	\$0.00	(\$18,955.66)	(105)
02451 CHEMICALS: CHLORINE	\$60,242.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$49,576.75	82	\$0.00	\$10,665.25	18
02452 CHEMICALS: POLYMER	\$66,450.00	\$0.00	\$5,313.00	8	\$43,564.43	66	\$0.00	\$22,885.57	34
02454 CHEMICALS: SODIUM BISULFITE	\$21,474.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$18,676.38	87	\$0.00	\$2,797.62	13
02457 CHEMICALS: OTHER	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$5,254.53	88	\$0.00	\$745.47	12
02470 GARBAGE	\$2,067.00	\$0.00	\$27.75	1	\$277.50	13	\$0.00	\$1,789.50	87
02480 NATURAL GAS	\$1,855.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$1,081.21	58	\$0.00	\$773.79	42
02490 ELECTRICITY	\$336,000.00	\$0.00	\$29,412.71	9	\$266,549.64	79	\$0.00	\$69,450.36	21
02500 WATER	\$3,710.00	\$0.00	\$1,701.26	46	\$15,567.70	420	\$0.00	(\$11,857.70)	(320)
02510 SLUDGE DISPOSAL	\$319,289.00	\$0.00	\$63,024.95	20	\$161,515.30	51	\$0.00	\$157,773.70	49
02521 FUEL: GENERATORS	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	100
02540 EQUIPMENT RENTALS	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,504.90	70	\$4,576.28	92	\$0.00	\$423.72	8
02550 BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	\$83,400.00	\$0.00	\$916.15	1	\$16,204.73	19	\$0.00	\$67,195.27	81
03000 WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY	\$619,450.00	\$0.00	\$55,358.46	9	\$185,807.38	30	\$9,995.29	\$423,647.33	68
<b>Total Wrf Operations</b>	<b>\$1,571,539.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$161,024.73</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>\$813,854.17</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>\$11,094.47</b>	<b>\$746,590.36</b>	<b>48</b>
00801 PRETREATMENT									
01300 PAYROLL: SALARIES	\$77,472.00	\$0.00	\$6,115.38	8	\$66,481.47	86	\$0.00	\$10,990.53	14



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<b>Accounts</b>	<b>Budget Appropriation</b>	<b>Supplemental Appropriation</b>	<b>Current Pd Expenditures</b>	<b>Curr Pct</b>	<b>Year To Date Expenditures</b>	<b>YTD Pct</b>	<b>Encumbered Balance</b>	<b>Unencumbered Balance</b>	<b>Une Pct</b>
01380 PAYROLL: RETIREMENT	\$14,379.00	\$0.00	\$1,135.02	8	\$12,242.28	85	\$0.00	\$2,136.72	15
02220 GROUP INSURANCE	\$7,522.00	\$0.00	\$679.96	9	\$5,819.04	77	\$0.00	\$1,702.96	23
02300 LICENSES/CERTIFS/MEMBERSHIPS	\$425.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$425.00	100
02310 SEMINARS/WKSHOPS & TRAINING	\$2,975.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$649.00	22	\$0.00	\$2,326.00	78
02380 OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$3,700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$4,045.27	109	\$0.00	(\$345.27)	(9)
02410 TECHNOLOGY: PHONES/INTERNET/TV	\$748.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$535.45	72	\$0.00	\$212.55	28
02430 SERVICES: PROFESSIONAL/CONSULT	\$38,489.00	\$0.00	\$12,500.00	32	\$27,133.72	70	\$0.00	\$11,355.28	30
<b>Total Pretreatment</b>	<b>\$145,710.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$20,430.36</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>\$116,906.23</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$28,803.77</b>	<b>20</b>
00901 LABORATORY									
02400 SUPPLIES/TOOLS	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$595.96	10	\$3,383.07	56	(\$47.19)	\$2,664.12	44
02430 SERVICES: PROFESSIONAL/CONSULT	\$73,377.00	\$0.00	\$1,966.65	3	\$28,310.58	39	\$0.00	\$45,066.42	61
02456 CHEMICALS: LABORATORY	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$86.91	2	\$4,033.42	81	\$0.00	\$966.58	19
<b>Total Laboratory</b>	<b>\$84,377.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,649.52</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>\$35,727.07</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>(\$47.19)</b>	<b>\$48,697.12</b>	<b>58</b>
01201 CONTRACT OPERATIONS									
02411 TECHNOLOGY: SCADA	\$625.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$707.40	113	\$0.00	(\$82.40)	(13)
02430 SERVICES: PROFESSIONAL/CONSULT	\$20,610.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$12,292.50	60	\$0.00	\$8,317.50	40
02500 WATER	\$1,365.00	\$0.00	\$51.40	4	\$473.51	35	\$0.00	\$891.49	65
02521 FUEL: GENERATORS	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$500.00	100
02550 BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$500.00	100
05170 PUMP STATIONS: GCCP-PS	\$10,500.00	\$0.00	\$400.62	4	\$2,475.43	24	\$0.00	\$8,024.57	76
<b>Total Contract Operations</b>	<b>\$34,100.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$452.02</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$15,948.84</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$18,151.16</b>	<b>53</b>
01301 RETAIL SERVICES									
02400 SUPPLIES/TOOLS	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$500.00	100
02411 TECHNOLOGY: SCADA	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$1,150.80	92	\$0.00	\$99.20	8
02430 SERVICES: PROFESSIONAL/CONSULT	\$7,406.00	\$0.00	\$7,875.00	106	\$13,020.00	176	\$0.00	(\$5,614.00)	(76)
02490 ELECTRICITY	\$2,100.00	\$0.00	\$745.54	36	\$7,639.22	364	\$0.00	(\$5,539.22)	(264)
02500 WATER	\$1,050.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$1,050.00	100
05180 PUMP STATIONS: WELCOME CTR	\$725.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$725.00	100
05190 PUMP STATIONS: BROOMWAY LN	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$860.66	0	\$0.00	(\$860.66)	0
<b>Total Retail Services</b>	<b>\$13,031.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$8,620.54</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>\$22,670.68</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>(\$9,639.68)</b>	<b>(74)</b>
01401 CAPITAL PROJECTS									
06050 SEWER SOUTH PHASE II	\$3,700,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,742.50	0	\$2,400,070.12	65	\$0.00	\$1,299,929.88	35
06060 CONVEYANCE SYSTEM	\$140,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$140,000.00	100
06071 SENECA PS & FM UPGRADE/SPEEDS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	0	\$8,000.00	0	\$0.00	(\$8,000.00)	0
<b>Total Capital Projects</b>	<b>\$3,840,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$7,742.50</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$2,408,070.12</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,431,929.88</b>	<b>37</b>
01501 CONTINGENCY FUND									
09005 FLAT ROCK PS UPGRADE	\$485,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$596,905.76	123	\$0.00	(\$111,905.76)	(23)
09007 CENTRAL OCONEE SWR MASTER PLAI	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$6,580.00	26	\$0.00	\$18,420.00	74
09009 COLLECTION SYSTEM REHAB	\$5,187,357.00	\$0.00	\$87,176.00	2	\$190,303.88	4	\$0.00	\$4,997,053.12	96
09010 REG SEWER FEASIBILITY STUDY	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$26,542.50	133	\$0.00	(\$6,542.50)	(33)
09011 DEWATERING EQUIP REPLACEMENT	\$3,440,000.00	\$0.00	\$69,851.00	2	\$203,500.00	6	\$0.00	\$3,236,500.00	94

## 010 OJRSA FUND

## 005 EXPENSES

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Accounts	Budget Appropriation	Supplemental Appropriation	Current Pd Expenditures	Curr Pct	Year To Date Expenditures	YTD Pct	Encumbered Balance	Unencumbered Balance	Une Pct
09012 MARTIN CRK & WESTMINSTER CCTV	\$210,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,840.00	2	\$53,117.80	25	\$0.00	\$156,882.20	75
09013 MARTIN/PERKINS CRK FLOW STUDY	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,265.00	68	\$20,080.00	134	\$0.00	(\$5,080.00)	(34)
<b>Total Contingency Fund</b>	<b>\$9,382,357.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$172,132.00</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$1,097,029.94</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$8,285,327.06</b>	<b>88</b>
<b>Total EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$20,370,444.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$800,474.69</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>\$8,895,919.37</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>\$2,685.51</b>	<b>\$11,471,839.12</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>Total OJRSA FUND</b>	<b>\$20,370,444.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$800,474.69</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>\$8,895,919.37</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>\$2,685.51</b>	<b>\$11,471,839.12</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$20,370,444.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$800,474.69</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>\$8,895,919.37</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>\$2,685.51</b>	<b>\$11,471,839.12</b>	<b>56</b>

# OJRSA Fiscal Year 2026 Comprehensive Budget Request

May 14, 2025

This budget request includes funding for operations, capital improvements, and other requirements necessary to comply with federal and state laws, regulations, and operating permits for the existing wastewater trunk sewer and treatment system, as well as the I-85 Corridor (“Sewer South”) retail system. The budgets and funds as described herein are as established by the *OJRSA Financial and Accounting Policy* and other applicable policies as adopted by the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority (“OJRSA”) Board of Commissioners (“Board”).

This draft budget is to be presented to the OJRSA Finance & Administration Committee at their May 28, 2025 meeting for consideration.

As requested by the Board, changes to the rates and fees assessed by the OJRSA are included in this request and all revenues associated with the FY 2026 Budget include these proposed rates. If these rates and fees are modified by the Board as part of the budget consideration process, then the annual budget will also need to be modified to reflect these changes.

Unlike previous years, the OJRSA will not include specific budgeted costs for items and/or services which are to be competitively bid, thus not disclosing these projections to perspective bidders. This practice has been approved by Pope Flynn LLC, the attorneys that developed the current *OJRSA Procurement and Property Disposal Policy* and is meant to allow the OJRSA to get the best possible prices.

Fiscal Year 2026 for the OJRSA begins July 1, 2025 and ends June 30, 2026.

## **ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGETS (UNRESTRICTED FUND)**

The purpose of the two (2) Operations & Maintenance (O&M) budgets is to pay for operating expenses associated with the OJRSA’s wholesale and retail wastewater conveyance and treatment systems. In accordance with intergovernmental agreements between Oconee County and other entities, neither of these funds can subsidize the O&M of the other.

The OJRSA maintains two (2) unrestricted funds for O&M—one for the wholesale sewer system that serves the Member Cities and one that is for the retail system often referred to as the “I-85 Corridor Sewer System, also known as “Sewer South.”

### **Wholesale Operations & Maintenance Fund**

The proposed Wholesale O&M (“WO&M”) Budget is balanced and anticipated revenues equal expenses (\$6,759,426 revenues<sup>1</sup> vs. \$6,759,426 expenses<sup>2</sup>).

#### **Wholesale Operations & Maintenance Fund Revenues**

Anticipated total revenue for WO&M without carryforward (\$110,714) and net position transfer in (\$0) is \$6,648,712, which is an increase of \$315,831 (5.0%) from FY 2025.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Includes Carryforward from Previous Year (\$110,714). No net position (“fund balance”, “retained earnings”, or “savings”) funds, American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) funds, or other monies are used to supplement the FY 2026 WO&M Fund budget.

<sup>2</sup> Includes transfers to other funds (\$469,338) but not depreciation (\$1,238,863). Including depreciation, WO&M expenses are \$7,998,289.

<sup>3</sup> FY 2025 WO&M budget included \$26,500 in carryforward funds and \$0 in net position transfer in funds, thus the total FY 2025 WO&M budget without these inclusions was \$6,332,882.

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User Fees

Customer user fees are the primary source of all OJRSA WO&M revenue. Including a proposed 5% increase, user fees are conservatively projected to increase by \$411,144 (+7.2%) during FY 2026.<sup>4</sup>

A breakdown of the proposed user rates is included in Table 1 below. There is a 5% proposed increase to the volumetric rate user fees for FY 2026; however, it has been advised by the rate consultant performing the Regional Sewer Feasibility Planning Study that the OJRSA increase rates considerably in the coming years in order to fulfill operation and maintenance obligations, complete necessary improvements, and expansion projects over the next 10 years.<sup>5</sup>

It should be noted that the OJRSA does not receive *ad valorem*<sup>6</sup> funding from the cities or county, nor can the OJRSA legally impose such a tax to fund operations or capital improvements. The agency may occasionally receive grants or other in-kind capital contributions from local, state, or federal agencies or other parties. If such funding is received (or anticipated to be received), then it will be identified within this summary and the proposed budget.

Table 1: User fees and anticipated revenues

	Per Sewer Customer	Anticipated Annual Revenue
<b>Residential User Fees</b>		
Base Rate (per water meter)	\$10.00/month	\$962,157
Volumetric Rate	\$5.66/1,000 gallons	\$2,102,122
<b>Nonresidential User Fees</b>		
Base Rate (per water meter)	\$15.00/month	\$273,913
Volumetric Rate	\$7.74/1,000 gallons	\$2,789,556
<b>Other User Fees (Well Users, etc.)</b>		
Res Base Rate (per well)	\$10.00/month	\$120
Res Flat Rate	\$25.42/month	\$305
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$6,128,172</b>

Other Revenues Worth Noting

- Hauled Waste Services is anticipated to remain about the same as FY 2025.
- Net Position Transfer In – The OJRSA does not plan to use net position (also known as “fund balance”, “retained earnings”, or “savings”) during FY 2026.
- Carryforward Expenditures – \$110,714 in FY 2025 budgeted expenses will carry over into FY 2026. Included in this is \$80,000 for the Fountain Residential Partners LLC reimbursement for the force main replacement engineering administration and inspection and \$30,714 insurance payment for MV-26 wreck. These “revenues” are to be offset by expenses in the proposed WO&M Budget.

**Wholesale Operations & Maintenance Fund Expenses**

Anticipated expenses for the WO&M Budget are \$6,759,426, which is an increase of \$481,859 (+7.7%) from FY 2025.<sup>7</sup> When coupled with inflation<sup>8</sup>, workforce shortages (both internally and externally of the agency), and limited revenue, the OJRSA must be selective as to what tasks and projects to perform, meaning we are

<sup>4</sup> 5% increase on volumetric (per gallon) fees only as discussed at May 5, 2025 board meeting. “Conservatively projected” means that it is assumed that residential usage will decrease by 0.25% (equal to a reduction of 2.5 gal/account) and nonresidential usage will decrease by 0.50% (5 gal/account) during the budget year. This approach considers a reduction of usage for reasons such as active or passive conservation efforts by the users and/or water meters underreporting usage, among other causes.

<sup>5</sup> Willdan Financial Services presented this to the Commissioners on March 6, 2025. In sum, the OJRSA should consider 74% increases for FYs 2026 and 2027 due to complete the highest priority capital considerations using pay-as-you-go (“paygo”) funding. The issuance of debt would reduce the amount of increase needed. See the meeting minutes for more information.

<sup>6</sup> Taxes imposed on real or personal property, such as vehicles and homes.

<sup>7</sup> Includes transfers to other funds totaling \$469,338. If these are not included, the WO&M expenses are \$6,290,088. All fund transfers proposed in this year’s budget request are to be spent on capital projects and/or equipment replacement.

<sup>8</sup> Consumer Price Index rose [2.96% for the United States](#) and [2.97% for the Southeast](#) during calendar year 2024.



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continuing to conduct business from a reactionary position. The FY 2026 Budget was prepared conservatively with a small contingency to account for price increases included in some estimates<sup>9</sup>; however, the agency will continue to prioritize work associated with the 2021 DHEC Consent Order instead of growth-related projects.

Administration (Total: \$3,306,560, not including depreciation or fund transfers out)<sup>10</sup>

Including transfers to other funds, the Administration department budget increased by \$987,580 (+35.4%) from FY 2025. Department line items of emphasis:

- There are several line items that have been combined to make coding easier on staff. The budgets for the ones that have absorbed others will show what may appear to be a considerable increase; however, these have been offset by the line items that have been removed—note that some of these may have been in other department budgets during FY 2025. Combined items include:
  - 501-02210 Temporary Employee moved to 501-01300 Payroll: Salaries
  - 501-02230 Unemployment Insurance and 501-02240 Workers' Compensation moved to 501-02250 Insurance-Property/General
  - 501-02270 Uniforms moved to 501-02260 Employee Uniforms & Wellness
  - 501-02880 Travel & POV Mileage moved to 501-02530 R&M: Vehicles, Trailers, & Equipment
  - 501-02290 Agency Memberships and 501-02310 Seminars/Workshops & Training moved to 501-02300 Licenses/Certifications/Memberships
  - 501-02340 Public Relations & Advertising and 501-02360 Mailing/Shipping moved to 501-02420 Administration Services
  - 501-/601-/701-02520 Fuel: Vehicles & Equipment moved to 501-02530 R&M Vehicles, Trailers, & Equipment
- Salaries and benefits costs:
  - The OJRSA continues to utilize a merit-only system of compensation increases instead of an across-the-board cost of living adjustments equally given to all staff. At the recommendation of Priority Performance Group (Bob DiAntonio in 2018-2019) and Find Great People (Carrie Cavanaugh, 2021-current), the Board decided to make market adjustments for all positions, which accounts for inflation and what others are paying similar positions, every three-to-four years through updated compensation studies. The last such assessment was completed in May 2023 and implemented at the beginning of FY 2024. **Due to the turnover of seven key water reclamation facility ("WRF") operators, maintenance technicians, and conveyance system technicians for more compensation in the public and private sector since July 1, 2024,** the OJRSA is recommending an update to this study be performed during the spring of FY 2026 and implemented at the beginning of FY 2027, which is in line with the market adjustment recommendation of three years as stated by the consultants. *The OJRSA is addressing this by utilizing more contractor services for treatment plant operation and pump station maintenance.*
  - Payroll: Salaries increased by \$177,747 (+15.4%) to include the hiring of three additional staff members—Engineer/Project Manager, Conveyance System Technician, and Maintenance Technician. These additional staff will also cause increases to other employee-related costs, such as FICA, Medicare, retirement, workers' compensation, health insurance, and employee wellness.
- Safety increased by \$17,305 (+52.4%) due to the need to perform the arc flash assessment as defined in NFPA 70E Standard for Electrical Safety in the Workplace. These studies, which must be conducted every five years (max), will be performed at the Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) and all pump stations as required by OSHA per 29 CFR 1910.303, 1910.335, and others.

<sup>9</sup> OJRSA practice is to receive as many cost estimates from vendors as possible when developing the budget, but some of these may have been received many months earlier. The contingency included accounts for these increases and is typically in the range of 2-3%.

<sup>10</sup> Fund transfers out include \$225,000 be transferred to the Projects & Contingency Fund. Depreciation expense is \$1,222,487. If these are to be included, the department expense would be \$3,789,878.

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- Office Supplies increased \$218,966 (+274.3%) to purchase and implement an integrated work order, asset management, financial, and accounting software solution—collectively referred to as computerized maintenance management system or “CMMS”—as recommended by the CMOM audit and OJRSA staff.
- Administrative Services are anticipated to increase by approximately \$42,591 (+17.9%), which includes assistance with legal fees to assist with the sewer feasibility implementation project, increased efforts to perform the annual audit for the combined wholesale and retail sewer systems, and integrating and updating the new CMMS (in lieu of onboarding additional staff to perform this).
- R&M: Vehicles, Trailers, & Equipment is expected to increase to perform maintenance on generators and heavy equipment. The substantial change in this line item is the inclusion of generator maintenance at the WRF and pump stations. Please note this is one of the line items that was combined with several others.
- Rolling Stock & Equipment includes the purchase of two compact 4-wheel drive trucks, one for the Engineer/Project Manager and the other to replace MV-26, which was totaled in a February 2025 wreck. (OJRSA was not at fault.)
- Because there are many unpredicted mechanical and electrical issues experienced with aging wastewater conveyance and treatment assets, O&M Contingency increased by \$100,000 to cover these unexpected expenses. This will allow the Operations Director and his leadership to address unexpected repairs and replacement of equipment without having to “sacrifice” other budgeted repairs/replacement projects. Contingency funds not used during the budget year will be retained for future projects and contingency or other purchases as approved by the Board.

Fund Transfer to Projects & Contingency Fund

There is a budgeted transfer of \$469,338 to the Projects & Contingency Fund to pay for the following projects, all of which are associated with the DHEC Consent Order:

1. Engineering MH1A-29 CCTV-MH Review
2. Manhole Flood Resilience Plan: Engineering (grant funding assistance, design, permitting, etc.)
3. Speeds Creek Force Main Replacement design and easements

Conveyance System (Total: \$964,406)

The Conveyance System department budget decreased by \$549,118 (-36.3%) from FY 2025. Department line items of emphasis:

- Supplies/Tools is projected to increase by \$42,342 (+282.3%) with the largest additions being to purchase new NASSCO CCTV software, replacement parts for Hach FL902 flow meters, and additional equipment to monitor inflow and infiltration (“I/I”).
- Professional & Contract Services has substantially decreased by \$333,554 (-70.1%) from FY 2025. OJRSA leadership staff determined that there was not a need to fund additional CCTV and cleaning during FY 2026 because funds were not yet available to perform the design and construction to rehabilitate the conveyance system for the portions of the sewer that were inspected during FY 2025 (entire OJRSA basin upstream of Martin Creek PS and the Southern Westminster Trunk Sewer).
- The price of sodium hypochlorite has decreased, leading to a \$9,773 (-27.3%) reduction in anticipated costs for the coming year.
- Equipment Rentals will increase by \$3,000 (+25%) due to the anticipated rental cost of an excavator to perform streambank stabilization projects and other repairs.
- R&M: Gravity & Force Mains increases by \$15,000 (+11.5%) to purchase additional rings, covers, risers, and other materials to rehabilitate manholes, air release valves, and other components of the conveyance system.
- Rolling Stock & Equipment requests include:
  - Inline hydrogen sulfide (“H<sub>2</sub>S”) meters that can report conditions in near-real time to the

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- New utility trailer for the utility terrain vehicle (“UTV”)
- Brush cutter for skid steer
- R&M: Flow Meter Stations is projected to decrease by \$16,500 (-100%) as there are no anticipated projects associated with these facilities.
- R&M: Pump Stations is expected to decrease by approximately \$16,040 (-6.6%). Besides general maintenance costs, it includes the following special purchases and projects:
  - Rotating Assemblies for Pumps #4 and #5 at Coneross Creek PS
  - Pump motor for Choestoea PS
  - Replace motor base with new restraint system at Martin Creek PS

Water Reclamation Facility (Total: \$1,702,295)

The Water Reclamation Facility department budget increased by \$130,755 (+8.3%) from FY 2025.

Department line items of emphasis:

- Professional & Contract Services has decreased by \$2,352 (-13%) because the NPDES Permit renewal process should be complete by that time. The budget does include construction administration and permitting work to be performed on the chlorine replacement project (conversion to peracetic acid, or “PAA”). The next NPDES Permit renewal will likely begin during FY 2028 or 2029.
- Line items for both chlorine/PAA and sodium bisulfite (used for chlorine neutralization) will collectively increase due to higher costs for chemicals and usage; however, sometime during FY 2026, the OJRSA anticipates converting to PAA, at which time it is possible to actually reduce costs as chlorine neutralization will no longer be necessary.
- Biosolids Disposal is expected to decrease by \$133,900 (-41.9%) because the agency is not planning any largescale tank cleaning projects during FY 2026.
- Buildings & Grounds will decrease by \$65,500 (-78.5%) because two large projects funded during FY 2025 will be completed by that time: paving around solids storage pad/solids building and painting/replacing handrails.
- Rolling Stock & Equipment requests include:
  - Replacement of utility cart
  - New zero-turn lawn mower
- R&M: Water Reclamation Facility is projected to increase by \$300,469 (+48.5%) as the agency has several projects planned that address either Capital Improvement Project (“CIP”) items or facility needs to continue operations within the confines of all applicable permits. These include:
  - CIP Priority 1A Item: Replace aeration system gates
  - CIP Priority 1A Item: Aeration motor repair/replacement
  - CIP Priority 1A Item: Replace Primary Clarifier sludge pump (swing pump)
  - CIP Priority 1A Item: Wired connection for portable generator (including engineering)
  - CIP Priority 2 Item: Replace Scum Pump
  - Installation of a flow pulse and channel sensor at Headworks
  - Install flow meter on Secondary Clarifier return activated sludge (“RAS”) line
  - Replace aerobic zone mixer motor at Biological Reactor Basin
  - Install check valves at Secondary Clarifier RAS line
  - Install Secondary Clarifier return activated sludge motor
  - Replace one utility water pump

Pretreatment (Total: \$158,859)

The Pretreatment department budget increased slightly by \$12,856 (+8.8%) from FY 2025. It is worth noting that all expenses incurred by the OJRSA that are associated with the industrial pretreatment program are reimbursable by those facilities operating under the requirements of an OJRSA-issued Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit.

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Laboratory (Total: \$58,830)

The Laboratory department budget is expected to decrease by \$25,547 (-30.3%) from FY 2025.

Department line items of emphasis:

- Professional & Contract Services are reduced by \$26,147 (-35.6%) because of savings associated with contract laboratory sampling.

Contract Operations (Total: \$19,432)

These expenses are for work performed by OJRSA staff associated with operating and maintaining Oconee County's Golden Corner Commerce Park Pump Station and force mains. All costs are reimbursable by the County, including routine labor expenses (non-emergency/afterhours) at a flat rate of \$26,000 per year, which is new for FY 2026 and is included as a revenue item only. In the past the OJRSA billed the county based on actual time spent performing work during the year and was included as an OJRSA expense; for FY 2025, this amount was estimated to be \$12,399.

Capital Improvement Projects (Total: \$80,000)

The Capital Improvement Projects (O&M funded) budget will be used to pay for the remainder of the inspection and construction administration services for the Seneca Creek Pump Station force main installation project. These expenses are to be paid for using budgeted carryover funds from FY 2025.

NOTE: This to be reimbursed by Fountain Residential Partners, LLC (or as assigned), thus is also counted as a revenue to offset this expense.

**Retail Operations & Maintenance Fund**

There is currently not a separate capital fund for the retail sewer system and all capital expenditures are paid from this fund.

The Retail Operations & Maintenance ("RO&M") account is to fund the construction and operation of the I-85 Corridor/Fair Play retail sewer system ("Sewer South"). Since Oconee County government is subsidizing the operation of this system, all revenues collected from this system must remain in this fund and cannot intermingle with other OJRSA funds except as necessary for operating shared assets, such as the Coneross Creek Water Reclamation Facility. If revenues do not equal or exceed expenses, then Oconee County is responsible for "making the budget whole" per various intergovernmental agreements because the Member Cities and their customers cannot subsidize this enterprise.

**Retail Operations & Maintenance Fund Revenues**

Anticipated revenues for RO&M, without net position transfer in (\$0) and carryforward (\$0), is \$105,802. The majority of this revenue is to be paid through reimbursement from Oconee County as it is not anticipated that the user fees collected will exceed the expenses associated with this system.<sup>11</sup>

**Retail Operations & Maintenance Fund Expenses**

FY 2026 expenses for the fund are estimated to be \$105,802, which is a decrease of \$3,607,229 (-97.2%) from the previous year. Since the construction phase of the project previously referred to as "Sewer South Phase II" is now complete, most of the costs are to be what the OJRSA believes to be the first year operational expenses for the retail sewer system. The only expenses that are anticipated beyond normal O&M are for the portion of the financial audit that is necessary with this system and engineering associated with streambank stabilization and the design of a potable waterline that will serve the Welcome Center Pump Station.<sup>12</sup>

**RESTRICTED FUNDS**

Per the *OJRSA Financial and Accounting Policy* and legal counsel's advice, funds in restricted accounts must be used for specific purposes for which they were obtained.

<sup>11</sup> These revenues received from Oconee County are in addition to those collected in the WO&M Fund.

<sup>12</sup> Engineering costs have already been approved by Oconee County.



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**Projects & Contingency Fund**

The Projects & Contingency Fund (“P&CF”) is primarily used for the purpose of performing capital projects and restoring or replacing depreciated or obsolete units of the system.

**Projects & Contingency Fund Revenue**

Anticipated revenues for P&CF, without net position transfer in (\$0) and carryforward (\$330,000), is \$8,226,158. The sources of revenue include SCIP grants (\$7,773,098) and transfers from the WO&M Fund (\$453,060). The carryforward expenditures are for engineering associated with the two SCIP projects (Consent Order Conveyance System Rehab and Dewatering Equipment Replacement).

**Projects & Contingency Fund Expenses**

Budgeted expenses totaling \$8,556,158 include:

Planning and Studies

- None

Gravity Sewer Projects

- CIP Priority 1A Item: Engineering – Review of MH1A-MH29 CCTV
- Consent Order Item: Engineering – Manhole resilience plan to make OJRSA manholes within the 100 year floodplain less vulnerable to the impacts of flooding
- Consent Order Item: Construction and Engineering – Continue SCIP-funded Consent Order Conveyance System Rehab project (estimated completion is August or September 2025)

Pump Station Projects

- None

Force Main Projects

- CIP Priority 1A Item: Engineering – Design and easement work associated with replacing the Speeds Creek Pump Station force main

WRF Projects

- Construction and Engineering – Continue SCIP-funded Dewatering Equipment Replacement project (estimated completion is May 2026)

**Wholesale Impact Fund**

The Wholesale Impact Fund (“WIF”) Budget as presented includes revenue of \$976,000 from the collection of impact fees, industrial unused capacity fees, and interest earned on investments.

There are no WIF projects planned for FY 2026.

**Retail Impact Fund**

The Retail Impact Fund (“RIF”) Budget as presented includes revenue of \$5,000 from the collection of impact fees, industrial unused capacity fees, and interest earned on investments.

There are no RIF projects planned for FY 2026.

**Capital Projects**

Table 2 on the following pages include a list of projects as identified by OJRSA staff and Consent Order consultants as well as in the [Oconee County & Western Anderson County Sewer Master Plan \(July 2024\)](#)<sup>13</sup>, which serves as a guide for potential needs over the next 20 years at the Coneross Creek Water Reclamation Facility and the wholesale and retail conveyance systems. It is important to note that the list is not comprehensive as the extent

<sup>13</sup> Presented to the OJRSA board on July 1, 2024 by Weston & Sampson/Bolton & Menk.

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of some projects is not yet known.

The projects identified in the table are listed by priority based on Consent Order needs, criticality, equipment lifecycle, and growth. When initially developed, there were three priorities; however, when performing the rate/financial cost of service study, Willdan Financial Services recommended that it would be best to break this down further into either four or five priority levels. OJRSA staff determined it would be best to use four but to break the highest priority items—Priority 1—into two subcategories, Priority 1A and Priority 1B, with the primary difference being that growth would also be a considerable factor.<sup>14</sup>

*[SEE FOLLOWING PAGE FOR TABLES]*

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<sup>14</sup> One other exception is the Martin Creek Pump Station hydrogen sulfide control system, which is listed as a Priority 1B project. The OJRSA has sustained numerous breaks on the force main associated with this facility as well as considerable odor complaints from those in the area of the force main discharge near the intersection of Wells Highway and Friendship Road. Although this project is important, it was deemed slightly less so than those in the Priority 1A list because the OJRSA has installed a temporary sodium hypochlorite chemical feed at the station to address the odor issue.

Table 2: Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority 20-Year Capital Improvement Plan & Rehabilitation Plan as included in Willdan Financial Services rate/cost of service study as presented to the OJRSA Board of Commissioners on March 6, 2025..Priorities: 1A-Critical O&M/Consent Order with No Growth (with a few exceptions to address include largescale equipment replacement, such as at the WRF) 1B-Critical O&M/Consent Order with Growth 2-Approaching End of Life with No Growth 3- Approaching End of Life with Growth 4- Growth Only

Priority	Project	Included in FY 2026 Budget?	Fiscal Year(s) to Perform	Location	Driver(s)	Likely Funding Source(s)	Consent Order Project?	Significant O&M Cost?
1A	Systemwide Improvements (Rehab 100% of System Plus Misc. Gravity Sewer Improvements)	NO	ALL FYs	Conveyance	O&M	Primary Debt	YES	No
	CCTV/Cleaning	NO	ALL FYs	Conveyance	O&M	Annual (O&M)	YES	YES
	Engineering/Flow Metering	YES	ALL FYs	Conveyance	O&M	Annual (O&M)	YES	YES
	GIS/Mapping	YES	ALL FYs	Conveyance	O&M	Annual (O&M)	YES	YES
	Coneross Influent PS Replace Soft Starts	NO	FY2026	WRF	O&M	Annual (O&M)	No	No
	Primary Clarifiers: Prim Clarifier Sludge #3 Pump Replacement	YES	FY2026	WRF	O&M	Annual (O&M)	No	No
	Choestoea Creek PS Replacement	NO	FY2026-FY2027	Conveyance	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	YES	No
	Pelham Creek PS Replacement CAN BE ELIMINATED BY DAVIS CREEK SEWER PROJECT	NO	FY2026-FY2027	Conveyance	Growth/O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Speeds Creek Force Main Replacement	DESIGN - YES	FY2026-FY2027	Conveyance	Growth/O&M	Cash &/or Debt	YES	No
	Aeration: Gate Replacements	YES	FY2026-FY2027	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Aeration: Motor Repair / Replacement	YES	FY2026-FY2027	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Biological Reactor Basin: Valve / Gate Replacements	NO	FY2026-FY2027	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Digesters / Sludge Holding Tanks: Mixer Replacement for #1	NO	FY2026-FY2027	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Digesters / Sludge Holding Tanks: Replace Blowers	NO	FY2026-FY2027	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Electrical: Backup Power - Portable Generator Connection (inc. Engineering)	YES	FY2026-FY2027	WRF	Growth/O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Flow Equalization & Storage: Day Tank Mixing and Control Equipment	NO	FY2026-FY2027	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Secondary Clarifiers: Rebuild / Replace Mechanical Equipment	NO	FY2026-FY2027	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Coneross Influent PS Flood Protection	NO	FY2027-FY2028	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Digesters / Sludge Holding Tanks: Repair Decanter System	NO	FY2029-FY2030	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	ISS PS Replacement	NO	FY2033-FY2034	Conveyance	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
1B	Martin Creek H2S Control	NO	FY2026-FY2027	Conveyance	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	YES
	Millbrook PS Upgrade CAN BE ELIMINATED BY DAVIS CREEK SEWER PROJECT	NO	FY2026-FY2027	Conveyance	Growth/O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	YES
	Perkins Creek PS Replacement	NO	FY2026-FY2027	Conveyance	Growth/O&M	Primary Debt	YES	No
	Seneca Creek PS Upgrade POSSIBLE ELIMINATION BY DAVIS CREEK SEWER PROJECT	NO	FY2026-FY2027	Conveyance	Growth/O&M	Primary Debt	No	YES
	Coneross Creek WRF Upgrade Phase 1 (Upgrade to 10.4 mgd)	NO	FY2027-FY2032	WRF	Growth	Primary Debt	No	YES
	Martin Creek Pump Station & Force Main	NO	FY2034-FY2035	Conveyance	Growth/O&M	Primary Debt	YES	No
2	Septage Receiving Station: Rehabilitation	NO	FY2026	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Digesters / Sludge Holding Tanks: Blower Room Repairs	NO	FY2026-FY2027	WRF	O&M	Annual (O&M)	No	No
	Primary Clarifiers: Scum Pump #2 Replacement	YES	FY2026-FY2027	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Secondary Clarifiers: Replace RAS Valves and Check Valves	NO	FY2026-FY2027	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Primary Clarifiers: Rehabilitate Distribution Box	NO	FY2027-FY2028	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Cane Creek PS Upgrade	NO	FY2031-FY2032	Conveyance	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Cryovac PS Upgrade	NO	FY2032-FY2033	Conveyance	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Speeds Creek PS Replacement	NO	FY2034-FY2035	Conveyance	Growth/O&M	Primary Debt	No	No
	Wexford PS Replacement	NO	FY2034-FY2035	Conveyance	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
3	US 123 / 76 West Seneca RR Bridge Crossing / Bottleneck	NO	FY2026-FY2027	Conveyance	Growth/O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Davis Creek Road Gravity Sewer / PS Elimination	NO	FY2026-FY2028	Conveyance	Growth/O&M	Primary Debt	No	No
4	Davis Creek Road No. 1 Pump Station & Force Main (Newry Area development)	NO	FY2026-FY2028	Conveyance	Growth	Primary Debt	No	YES
	Martin Creek Gravity Sewer (needed to serve Newry Area development)	NO	FY2026-FY2028	Conveyance	Growth	Primary Debt	No	No
	Newry Area Pump Station & Force Main	NO	FY2026-FY2029	Conveyance	Growth	Primary Debt	No	YES

	Richland Creek Trunk Sewer Extension	NO	FY2026-FY2029	Conveyance	Growth	Primary Debt	No	No
	Richland Road Gravity Sewer	NO	FY2027-FY2028	Conveyance	Growth	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Primary Clarifiers: Alkalinity Control	NO	FY2029-FY2030	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	No	YES
	West Perkins Creek Gravity Sewer	NO	FY2032-FY2034	Conveyance	Growth	Primary Debt	No	No
	Lower Westminster Gravity Sewer	NO	FY2036-FY2038	Conveyance	Growth	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Shiloh Road Gravity Sewer	NO	FY2036-FY2037	Conveyance	Growth	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Flat Rock Downstream Gravity Sewer	NO	FY2040-FY2042	Conveyance	Growth	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	Coneross Creek WRF Upgrade Phase 2 (Upgrade to 13.0 mgd)	NO	FY2040-FY2045	WRF	Growth	Primary Debt	No	YES
	Lower Seneca Creek Sewer Improvements	NO	FY2041-FY2043	Conveyance	Growth	Primary Debt	No	YES
	Choestoea Creek Gravity Sewer	NO	FY2042-FY2044	Conveyance	Growth	Cash &/or Debt	No	No
	West Oak Sewer Extension	NO	FY2042-FY2044	Conveyance	Growth	Primary Debt	No	YES
	Valley View Sewer Improvements	NO	FY2043-FY2045	Conveyance	Growth	Primary Debt	No	YES
N/A	I-85 Region Sewer OCONEE COUNTY FUNDED (2022 Dollars: \$16,000,000)	NO	TBD	Conveyance	Growth	Oconee Co	No	YES



**O&M REVENUES**

		FY 2026	FY 2025	Δ\$ from FY 2025 Final	Δ% from FY 2025 Final
401-01910	User Fees	6,128,172	5,717,028	411,144	7.2%
401-01770	Connection (Tap) Fees	0	0	0	0.0%
401-01790	Unrestricted Interest	25,000	25,000	0	0.0%
401-01800	Sale of Assets	0	0	0	0.0%
401-01810	Fair Market Adjustment	0	0	0	0.0%
401-01820	Grants - Non-Retail Sewer	0	0	0	0.0%
401-01840	Other Revenue	41,269	158,622	(117,353)	-74.0%
401-01920	Contributed Capital	0	0	0	0.0%
501-01830	Hauled Waste Services	213,502	213,308	194	0.1%
801-01850	Industry Reimbursement	190,278	174,852	15,427	8.8%
1201-01900	Intergov. Reimbursement - Contract Operations & Retail Sewer	50,491	44,072	6,419	14.6%
	Net Position Transfer In <i>Use of fund balance to balance budget</i>	0	0	0	0.0%
From Previous Year	Carryforward Expenditures <i>Carryover from Previous Year for Budgeted Items</i>	110,714	26,500	84,214	317.8%
<b>TOTAL O&amp;M REVENUES</b>		<b>6,759,426</b>	<b>6,359,382</b>	<b>400,044</b>	<b>6.3%</b>

**O&M EXPENSES****ADMINISTRATION**

		3,775,898	2,788,318	987,580	35.4%
501-01140	Depreciation <i>Not included in budget request but must be accounted for</i>	1,238,863	1,222,487	16,376	1.3%
501-01300	Payroll: Salaries <i>Does not include Pretreatment</i>	1,331,852	1,154,105	177,747	15.4%
501-01310	Overtime	35,892	41,194	(5,302)	-12.9%
501-01350	Payroll: FICA 6.2% / Medicare 1.45% <i>Includes Pretreatment</i>	110,941	97,367	13,574	13.9%
501-01380	Payroll: Retirement 18.56% <i>Does not include Pretreatment</i>	253,853	221,848	32,006	14.4%
501-02200	Commissioner Expenses	13,140	13,680	(540)	-3.9%
501-02210	Temporary Employee <i>moved to Payroll: Salaries FY 2026</i>	0	0	0	0.0%
501-02220	Group Health Insurance <i>Does not include Pretreatment</i>	264,245	215,280	48,965	22.7%
501-02230	Unemployment Insurance <i>moved to Insurance - Property/Gen FY 20</i>	0	0	0	0.0%
501-02240	Workers' Compensation <i>moved to Insurance - Property/Gen FY 2026</i>	0	20,791	(20,791)	-100.0%
501-02250	Insurance - Property/General	109,186	81,363	27,824	34.2%
501-02260	Employee Uniforms & Wellness	34,987	2,600	32,387	1,245.6%
501-02270	Uniforms <i>moved to Employee Uniforms &amp; Wellness FY 2026</i>	0	31,475	(31,475)	-100.0%
501-02280	Travel & POV Mileage <i>moved to R&amp;M: Vehivles, Equipment, &amp; Fuel FY 2026</i>	0	8,650	(8,650)	-100.0%
501-02290	Agency Memberships <i>moved to Licenses/Certs/Memberships FY 2026</i>	0	11,715	(11,715)	-100.0%
501-02300	Licenses/Certifications/Memberships	47,668	4,563	43,105	944.7%
501-02310	Seminars/Workshops & Training <i>moved to Licenses/Certs/Memberships FY 2026</i>	0	42,020	(42,020)	-100.0%
501-02320	Events & Meeting Expenses	4,400	4,300	100	2.3%
501-02340	Public Relations & Advertising <i>moved to Admin Services FY 2026</i>	0	16,250	(16,250)	-100.0%
501-02360	Mailing/Shipping <i>moved to Admin Services FY 2026</i>	0	750	(750)	-100.0%
501-02370	Safety	50,355	33,050	17,305	52.4%
501-02380	Office Supplies and Software	298,788	79,822	218,966	274.3%
501-02410	Technology: Phones/Internet/TV	16,500	14,436	2,064	14.3%
501-02420	Administration Services	280,413	237,823	42,591	17.9%
501-02520	Fuel: Vehicles & Equipment <i>Moved to R&amp;M: Vehicles, Trailers, &amp; Equipment FY2026</i>	0	37,250	(37,250)	-100.0%
501-02530	R&M: Vehicles, Trailers, & Equipment	116,000	38,500	77,500	201.3%
501-02560	Fees & Penalties	4,339	4,487	(148)	-3.3%
501-02580	Grants/Loans Matching <i>(to Member Cities)</i>	0	0	0	0.0%
501-02590	Rolling Stock & Equipment	84,000	0	84,000	0.0%
501-02440	O&M Contingency	250,000	150,000	100,000	66.7%
501-99991	Transfer to Retail Impact Fund	0	0	0	0.0%
501-99992	Transfer to Wholesale Impact Fund	0	0	0	0.0%
501-99993	Transfer to Retail O&M Fund (I-85 Corridor Sewer)	0	0	0	0.0%
501-99994	Fund Transfer to Projects & Contingency Fund	469,338	225,000	244,338	108.6%
<b>CONVEYANCE SYSTEM</b>		<b>964,406</b>	<b>1,513,524</b>	<b>(549,118)</b>	<b>-36.3%</b>
601-02400	Supplies/Tools	57,342	15,000	42,342	282.3%
601-02411	Technology: SCADA	22,043	22,100	(58)	-0.3%
601-02430	Professional & Contract Services	142,556	476,110	(333,554)	-70.1%
601-02450	Chemicals: Sodium Hypochlorite <i>Odor and corrosion control</i>	26,061	35,834	(9,773)	-27.3%
601-02455	Chemicals: Herbicides & Pesticides	2,000	1,500	500	33.3%
601-02457	Chemicals: Other	0	0	0	0.0%
601-02490	Electricity	279,840	266,700	13,140	4.9%
601-02500	Water	11,130	8,950	2,180	24.4%
601-02521	Fuel: Generators <i>Moved to R&amp;M: Vehicles, Trailers, &amp; Equipment FY2026</i>	0	6,800	(6,800)	-100.0%

		FY 2026	FY 2025	Δ\$ from FY 2025 Final	Δ% from FY 2025 Final
601-02540	Equipment Rentals	15,000	12,000	3,000	25.0%
601-02550	Buildings & Grounds	6,000	5,500	500	9.1%
601-05230	R&M: Gravity & Force Mains	145,000	130,000	15,000	11.5%
601-02590	Rolling Stock & Equipment	32,025	275,080	(243,055)	-88.4%
601-04000	R&M: Flow Monitor Stations	0	16,500	(16,500)	-100.0%
601-05000	R&M: Pump Stations	225,410	241,450	(16,040)	-6.6%
<b>WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY</b>		<b>1,702,295</b>	<b>1,571,539</b>	<b>130,755</b>	<b>8.3%</b>
701-02400	Supplies/Tools	6,500	12,000	(5,500)	-45.8%
701-02411	Technology: SCADA	6,511	12,500	(5,989)	-47.9%
701-02430	Professional & Contract Services	15,750	18,102	(2,352)	-13.0%
701-02450	Chemicals: Sodium Hypochlorite	0	0	0	0.0%
701-02451	Chemicals: Chlorine/PAA	74,160	60,242	13,918	23.1%
701-02452	Chemicals: Polymer	66,000	66,450	(450)	-0.7%
701-02454	Chemicals: Sodium Bisulfite	25,000	21,474	3,526	16.4%
701-02455	Chemicals: Herbicides & Pesticides	0	0	0	0.0%
701-02457	Chemicals: Other	6,800	6,000	800	13.3%
701-02470	Garbage	396	2,067	(1,671)	-80.8%
701-02480	Natural Gas	1,590	1,855	(265)	-14.3%
701-02490	Electricity	337,080	336,000	1,080	0.3%
701-02500	Water	5,300	3,710	1,590	42.9%
701-02510	Biosolids Disposal	185,389	319,289	(133,900)	-41.9%
701-02521	Fuel: Generators <i>Moved to R&amp;M: Vehicles, Trailers, &amp; Equipment FY2026</i>	0	4,000	(4,000)	-100.0%
701-02540	Equipment Rentals	5,000	5,000	0	0.0%
701-02550	Buildings & Grounds	17,900	83,400	(65,500)	-78.5%
701-02590	Rolling Stock & Equipment	29,000	0	29,000	0.0%
701-03000	R&M: Water Reclamation Facility	919,919	619,450	300,469	48.5%
<b>PRETREATMENT <i>Most Regulatory Services Coordinator expenses</i></b>		<b>158,565</b>	<b>145,710</b>	<b>12,856</b>	<b>8.8%</b>
801-01300	Payroll: Salaries	82,469	77,472	4,997	6.5%
801-01380	Payroll: Retirement <i>18.56%</i>	15,306	14,379	927	6.5%
801-01350	Payroll: FICA <i>6.2%</i> / Medicare <i>1.45%</i> <i>Included with 501-01350</i>	0	0	0	0.0%
801-02210	Temporary Employee <i>moved to 801-01300 FY 2026</i>	0	0	0	0.0%
801-02220	Group Health Insurance	8,347	7,522	825	11.0%
801-02230	Unemployment Insurance <i>Included with 501-02250 FY 2026</i>	0	0	0	0.0%
801-02240	Workers' Compensation <i>Included with 501-02250 FY 2026</i>	0	0	0	0.0%
801-02260	Employee Uniforms & Wellness <i>Included with 501-02260 FY 2026</i>	0	0	0	0.0%
801-02270	Uniforms <i>Included with 501-02260 FY 2026</i>	0	0	0	0.0%
801-02280	Travel & POV Mileage <i>moved to 801-02300 FY 2026</i>	0	0	0	0.0%
801-02300	Licenses/Certifications/Memberships	4,110	425	3,685	867.1%
801-02310	Seminars/Workshops & Training <i>moved to 801-02300 FY 2026</i>	0	2,975	(2,975)	-100.0%
801-02330	Legal	0	0	0	0.0%
801-02340	Public Relations & Advertising <i>moved to 801-02430 FY 2026</i>	0	0	0	0.0%
801-02360	Mailing/Shipping <i>moved to 801-02380 FY 2026</i>	0	0	0	0.0%
801-02380	Office Supplies	4,500	3,700	800	21.6%
801-02400	Supplies/Tools	0	0	0	0.0%
801-02410	Technology: Phones/Internet/TV	1,335	748	587	78.5%
801-02430	Professional & Contract Services	42,498	38,489	4,009	10.4%
801-02590	Rolling Stock & Equipment	0	0	0	0.0%
<b>LABORATORY</b>		<b>58,830</b>	<b>84,377</b>	<b>(25,547)</b>	<b>-30.3%</b>
901-02400	Supplies/Tools	6,200	6,000	200	3.3%
901-02430	Professional & Contract Services	47,230	73,377	(26,147)	-35.6%
901-02456	Chemicals: Laboratory	5,400	5,000	400	8.0%
<b>CONTRACT OPERATIONS <i>GCCP PS/FMs/Gravity Sewer Only</i></b>		<b>19,432</b>	<b>34,100</b>	<b>(14,668)</b>	<b>-43.0%</b>
1201-02400	Supplies/Tools <i>GCCP PS/FMs/Gravity Sewer Only</i>	0	0	0	0.0%
1201-02411	Technology: SCADA <i>GCCP Only</i>	2,202	625	1,577	252.3%
1201-02430	Professional & Contract Services <i>GCCP PS/FMs/Gravity Sewer Only</i>	5,100	20,610	(15,510)	-75.3%
1201-02490	Electricity <i>GCCP PS/FMs Only Paid directly by Oconee County</i>	0	0	0	0.0%
1201-02500	Water <i>GCCP PS/FMs Only</i>	630	1,365	(735)	-53.8%
1201-02521	Fuel: Generators <i>GCCP PS Only</i>	500	500	0	0.0%
1201-02550	Buildings & Grounds <i>GCCP PS/FMs/Gravity Sewer Only</i>	500	500	0	0.0%
1201-05000	R&M: Pump Stations <i>GCCP PS/FMs Only</i>	10,500	10,500	0	0.0%
1201-05230	R&M: Gravity & Force Mains <i>GCCP PS/FMs/Gravity Sewer Only</i>	0	0	0	0.0%
<b>O&amp;M CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS</b>		<b>80,000</b>	<b>140,000</b>	<b>(60,000)</b>	<b>-42.9%</b>
1401-XXXXX	CIP: Conveyance System	80,000	140,000	(60,000)	-42.9%
1401-XXXXX	CIP: Water Reclamation Facility	0	0	0	0.0%
1401-XXXXX	CIP: Other	0	0	0	0.0%

	FY 2026	FY 2025	Δ\$ from FY 2025 Final	Δ% from FY 2025 Final
TOTAL WHOLESALE O&M EXPENSES (w/o Depreciation)	6,759,426	6,277,567	481,859	7.7%
WHOLESALE O&M FUND ±	0	81,815		

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**PROJECTS & CONTINGENCY FUND (RESTRICTED)****Projects & Contingency Fund Revenues**

1501-01780	Restricted Interest - Projects & Contingency	
1501-01840	Other Revenue - Projects & Contingency	
1501-11111	Fund Transfers In - Projects & Contingency Fund	
	Net Position Transfer In - P&CF <i>Use of fund balance to balance budget</i>	
	Carryforward Expenditures - P&CF <i>Carryover from Previous Year for Budgeted Items</i>	
<b>TOTAL PROJECTS &amp; CONTINGENCY FUND REVENUES/CARRYOVER</b>		

FY 2026	FY 2025	Δ\$ from FY 2025 Final	Δ% from FY 2025 Final
0	0	0	0.0%
7,773,098	0	7,773,098	0.0%
453,060	225,000	228,060	101.4%
0	0	0	0.0%
330,000	9,257,357	(8,927,357)	-96.4%
<b>8,556,158</b>	<b>9,482,357</b>	<b>(926,200)</b>	<b>-9.8%</b>

**Projects & Contingency Fund Restricted Expenses**

1501-XXXXX	Projects & Contingency Expenses	
<b>TOTAL PROJECTS &amp; CONTINGENCY FUND EXPENSES</b>		
Projects & Contingency Fund ±		

8,556,158	9,382,357	(826,200)	-8.8%
<b>8,556,158</b>	<b>9,382,357</b>	<b>(826,200)</b>	<b>-8.8%</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>100,000</b>		

**WHOLESALE IMPACT FUND (RESTRICTED)****Wholesale Impact Fund Revenues**

1101-01780	Restricted Interest - Wholesale Impact Fund	
1101-01880	Wholesale Impact Fund Fees	
1101-01980	Unused Capacity Fees - Wholesale Impact Fund	
1101-11111	Other Fund Transfer In	
	Net Position Transfer In - Wholesale Impact Fund	
	Carryover from Previous Year - Wholesale Impact Fund	
<b>TOTAL WHOLESALE IMPACT FUND REVENUES</b>		

FY 2026	FY 2025	Δ\$ from FY 2025 Final	Δ% from FY 2025 Final
100,000	100,000	0	0.0%
800,000	1,000,000	(200,000)	-20.0%
76,000	150,000	(74,000)	-49.3%
0	0	0	0.0%
0	0	0	0.0%
0	0	0	0.0%
<b>976,000</b>	<b>1,250,000</b>	<b>(274,000)</b>	<b>-21.9%</b>

**Wholesale Impact Fund Expenses**

1101-XXXXX	Wholesale Special Expansion Fund Projects	
<b>TOTAL WHOLESALE IMPACT FUND EXPENSES</b>		
Wholesale Impact Fund ±		

0	0	0	0.0%
<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>976,000</b>	<b>1,250,000</b>		

**RETAIL OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE FUND (UNRESTRICTED)****Retail Operations & Maintenance Fund Revenues** *Non-Contract Operation Gravity/PS/FM Sewer*

1301-01910	User Fees - Retail O&M	
1301-01770	Connection (Tap) Fees - Retail O&M	
1301-01780	Unrestricted Interest - Retail O&M	
1301-01821	Grants - Retail O&M	
1301-01900	Intergov. Reimbursement - Retail O&M	
1301-11111	Other Fund Transfer In	
	Net Position Transfer In - Retail Sewer System	
	Carryover from Previous Year - Retail Sewer System	
<b>TOTAL RETAIL O&amp;M FUND REVENUES</b>		

FY 2026	FY 2025	Δ\$ from FY 2025 Final	Δ% from FY 2025 Final
269	17,678	(17,409)	-98.5%
0	0	0	0.0%
0	0	0	0.0%
0	0	0	0.0%
105,534	13,031	92,502	709.8%
0	0	0	0.0%
0	0	0	0.0%
0	6,021,303	(6,021,303)	-100.0%
<b>105,802</b>	<b>6,052,012</b>	<b>(5,946,209)</b>	<b>-98.3%</b>

**Retail Operations & Maintenance Fund Expenses** *Non-Contract Operation Gravity/PS/FM Sewer***01301 TOTAL RETAIL OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE FUND**

1301-01140	Depreciation - Retail O&M <i>Not included in budget request but must be accounted for</i>	
1301-02400	Supplies/Tools - Retail O&M	
1301-02411	Technology: SCADA - Retail O&M	
1301-02430	Professional & Contract Services - Retail O&M	
1301-02490	Electricity - Retail O&M	
1301-02500	Water - Retail O&M	
1301-05230	R&M: Gravity & Force Mains - Retail O&M	
1301-02550	Buildings & Grounds - Retail O&M	
1301-05180	R&M: Pump Stations - Retail O&M	

0	0		
500	500	0	0.0%
1,370	1,250	120	9.6%
93,337	7,406	85,931	1,160.3%
8,820	2,100	6,720	320.0%
1,050	1,050	0	0.0%
0	0	0	0.0%
0	0	0	0.0%
725	725	0	0.0%

**01401 CIP PROJECTS - RETAIL OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE FUND**

1401-XXXXX	CIP: Sewer South Phase II	
	New This FY	

0	3,700,000	(3,700,000)	-100.0%
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**TOTAL RETAIL O&M FUND EXPENSES** (w/o Depreciation)

Retail O&amp;M Fund ±

<b>105,802</b>	<b>3,713,031</b>	<b>(3,607,229)</b>	<b>-97.2%</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>2,338,981</b>		

**RETAIL IMPACT FUND (RESTRICTED)**

FY 2026	FY 2025	Δ\$ from FY 2025 Final	Δ% from FY 2025 Final
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**Retail Impact Fund Revenues**

1001-01780	Restricted Interest - Retail Impact Fund	0	0	0	0.0%
1001-01880	Retail Impact Fund Fees	5,000	5,000	0	0.0%
1001-01980	Unused Capacity Fees - Retail Impact Fund	0	0	0	0.0%
1001-11111	Other Fund Transfer In	0	0	0	0.0%
	Net Position Transfer In - Retail Impact Fund	0	0	0	0.0%
<b>TOTAL RETAIL IMPACT FUND REVENUES</b>		<b>5,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

**Retail Impact Fund Expenses**

1001-XXXXX	Retail Special Expansion Fund Projects	0	0	0	0.0%
<b>TOTAL RETAIL IMPACT FUND EXPENSES</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
Retail Impact Fund ±		<b>5,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>		

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Commissioner  
FROM: Chris Eleazer, OJRSA Executive Director  
CC: None  
DATE: May 23, 2025  
SUBJECT: Changes to *OJRSA Schedule of Fees*

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The following pages contain the draft *OJRSA Schedule of Fees* for Fiscal Year 2026. Fee changes and additions are indicated by yellow highlighted font and the old fees are listed by black highlighted text. If text was removed, then it is not included on this updated draft—refer to the FY 2025 *OJRSA Schedule of Fees*.

### Examples:

New fee: \$1.00

Old fee: (old rate \$0.99)

New text: Definition



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## **Adoption and Approval as Policy**

### **Adoption**

The *OJRSA Schedule of Fees* (Policy) shall become effective on July 1, 2025 in accordance with *OJRSA Resolution 2025-04*.

These fees shall be in full force and effect from and after passage, approval, and publication, as provided by law.

### **Non-substantive Changes to Policy**

Certain portions of this Policy, such as additions and/or corrections to internet addresses and links, illustrations, referenced forms, and as noted elsewhere within may be updated as necessary by the OJRSA Executive Director without being considered a substantive change to this Policy. Non-substantive changes shall not be documented in the Revision History table.

## **Definitions, Acronyms, and Format**

This section of the *OJRSA Schedule of Fees* contains definitions, acronyms, abbreviations, and formatting that are specific to this document.

### **Definitions**

Administrative Fee shall mean a fee that covers employee time spent on a task, time researching a project, meetings with consultants, preparing invoices or records, travel, basic postage and copies, etc. *Note: This fee is separate from the Administrative Pretreatment Fee.*

Administrative Pretreatment Fee shall mean a fee that covers general labor and incidental costs incurred by OJRSA, including those serving in agency's pretreatment program and other OJRSA staff as necessary, as well as general use materials used by the program (e.g., fuel for vehicles, general office supplies, electricity and other utilities for program, etc.). If specific industries require substantial time by other OJRSA staff, then the industries the work is performed for shall be billed for this time based on the median hourly wages of the lowest pay classification staff member(s) who have the necessary skills and training to perform the tasks along with all other costs associated with the task.

Calendar Day shall mean all days, including weekends and holidays.

Capacity Permit shall mean a Permit for OJRSA Wastewater System Capacity (or other document that serves this purpose) issued to a User or facility after January 1, 1990.

Commercial shall mean a company or organization occupied with or engaged in commerce or work intended for commerce. Examples include food service establishments, grocery stores, banks, hotels, office space, retail shops, multi-family developments, etc.

Customer shall mean a User who, according to the records of a Member City, Town of West Union, Oconee County, or the OJRSA, receives wastewater service at a site that is directly or indirectly served by the OJRSA via a sewer service connection.

Domestic Wastewater shall mean wastewater that originates from activities such as restroom usage, bathing, food preparation, laundry, etc.

Equivalent Residential Unit shall mean unit of measure used to express the amount of wastewater discharged by a typical fulltime single family residence. The OJRSA considers one ERU to equal the current gallons per day for residences (or single family residence or equivalent thereof) as listed in the current version of *South Carolina Regulation 61-67 Appendix A Unit Contributory Loadings to All Domestic Wastewater Treatment Facilities*.

Fiscal Year shall mean the accounting period for which the OJRSA operates, which is July 1 through June 30.

FOG Control Device shall mean FOG interceptors, FOG traps, or other OJRSA approved means of removing fats, oils, and grease from the wastewater conveyance and treatment system.

FOG Generator shall mean facilities that generate fats, oils, and grease.

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Hauled Waste shall mean transported waste materials and products including, but not limited to waste from vessels, chemical and/or portable toilets, campers, trailers, septic tanks, FOG interceptors, FOG traps, and vacuum pump tank trucks.

Illegal Tap shall mean any tap or connection made on an OJRSA pipe, manhole, or other facility without written authorization from the OJRSA is considered an illegal tap. The property owner as identified by Oconee County tax records as of the date the connection was discovered is responsible for these costs. Deficiencies are defined as any methods and/or materials that are not approved by the OJRSA in its current version of the *OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation*, *OJRSA Development Policy*, or other OJRSA policy. Illegal connections are also subject to South Carolina Code of Law Title 6 Section 11-280 and others as appropriate.

Impact Fee shall mean the initial charge for the allocation of wastewater treatment and transportation capacity based upon the greater of the user's permitted or projected volume of wastewater discharge or contribution to the system. The collection and use of these fees are governed by the *OJRSA Impact Fee Policy*.

Industrial User (or Industrial) shall mean a user that introduces pollutants from any non-domestic wastewater source as regulated by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (also known as the Clean Water Act), Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and/or applicable state/local laws and regulations.

Institution (or Institutional) shall mean an organization that provides services to the public or a specific sector of the public. Examples include schools, places of worship, medical facilities, prisons, etc.

Landfill Leachate shall mean a liquid that is formed when fluid from any source (e.g., rain, groundwater, wet paint, etc.) filters through wastes placed in a landfill. When this fluid comes in contact with buried wastes, it leaches, or draws out, chemicals or constituents from those wastes.

May is permissive. Shall is mandatory and requires compliance.

Master Meter shall mean a water meter that serves multiple tenants. This practice is often utilized in conjunction with multi-family developments (e.g., apartments, condominiums, etc.), subdivisions, and mobile home parks but can include other types of users.

Member Cities shall mean the cities of Seneca, Walhalla, and Westminster and others as defined by legally binding Intergovernmental Agreement(s).

Multi-Family Development shall mean a structure or complex of buildings intended for multiple families to reside in for extended periods of time. Examples include apartments, townhomes, condominiums, duplexes/multiplexes, etc. *Multi-family developments where each residential unit is served by its own water meter is considered a Residential User.*

Non-Domestic Wastewater shall mean wastewater from the production, manufacturing, or processing operations of certain Nonresidential Users, the discharge of which exceeds normal domestic wastewater maximum allowable concentration limits.

Nonresidential User (or Nonresidential) shall mean any use other than a Residential User, which may include, but is not limited to: Food Service Establishments, Industrial Users, health care facilities, religious establishments, educational facilities, assisted living facilities, office facilities, and other commercial establishments. *It shall also include apartments, condominiums, and other multi-unit housing complexes served by a Master Meter and/or with a common sewer service lateral or system serving multiple units prior to connecting with a public sewer.*

Nonroutine Work shall mean any work performed that is not defined as Routine Work, including work performed outside of normal business hours and emergency underground utility locates. *Complaint investigations are considered Nonroutine Work.*

Oconee County Sewer Commission shall mean an autonomous commission of Oconee County government and predecessor of the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority.

Residential User (or Residential) shall mean an independent residential structure that sits on its own land and is intended to be used as a single unit with unshared utilities. Includes traditional detached homes, mobile homes, Multi-Family Developments (*if units have individual sewer plumbing that is not combined prior to connection to the public sewer system*), and recreational vehicle ("RV")/camper site with an individual water meter and sewer connection. It shall not include those served by a Master Meter or those defined as a Nonresidential User.

Retail Service Area shall mean the area where the OJRSA provides the following services for customers within this area: wastewater collection, trunk conveyance, and treatment. These services may be provided on systems which the OJRSA

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owns or operates as a contractor for a separate owner. These areas are not owned, operated, nor maintained by a Member City. See Figure 1 (page 4) for more information.

**Routine Work** shall mean all work performed regularly, repeatedly, and according to a standard procedure. This work is (or can be) scheduled and is performed during normal business hours and includes, but is not limited to: general site inspections, preventative maintenance of equipment, maintenance or replenishment of chemical feed systems, grounds and rights-of-way cutting or herbicide application, nonemergency underground utility locates, nonemergency fueling of generators, and transporting trailers used for bar screen operations. Similar work that is performed outside of normal business hours, if necessary, shall be considered Nonroutine Work. Complaint investigations are considered Nonroutine Work.

Shall is mandatory and requires compliance. May is permissive.

South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (SCDES) shall mean the government agency, or its successor agency, responsible for protecting the State of South Carolina's air, land, and water resources as authorized under multiple state and federal laws. Prior to July 1, 2024, the agency responsible for these functions was the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control.

Special Pretreatment Device shall mean equipment used to reduce, remove, or alter the nature of pollutants in wastewater prior to entering the Public Sewer (as defined in the *OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation*). Such devices include, but are not limited to: FOG Control Devices, Oil/Water Interceptors, Sand/Oil Interceptors, Hair Trap/Interceptors, Lint Interceptors, Plaster Interceptors, Pretreatment Systems, and others as necessary to protect the conveyance system, treatment facility, and/or to comply with NPDES permit requirements.

Surcharge shall mean a charge for sewer service and treatment service for wastes having characteristics different from sanitary wastes and for which additional charges must be assessed in order to compensate for additional expenses and impacts incurred.

User shall mean any person or entity who directly or indirectly discharges, causes, or permits the discharge of domestic or nondomestic wastewater to any wastewater conveyance system directly or indirectly connected to an OJRSA facility. Users consist of Residential and Nonresidential Users as defined herein. A User can have water and/or sewer service provided by a Member City, OJRSA, or can be a Well Customer.

Well Customer shall mean a Customer that utilizes sewer service that receives potable or non-potable water from any hole that is drilled, dug, or excavated. Such Customers shall be classified as Residential or Nonresidential Users.

Wholesale Service Area shall mean the area where the retail wastewater and drinking water services are owned, operated, and maintained by a Member City. The OJRSA provides trunk wastewater conveyance and treatment services only in this area. See Figure 1 (page 4) for more information.

## Acronyms and Abbreviations

e.g.: Exempli Gratia, Latin for "for example"

**ERU: Equivalent Residential Unit**

FEMA: Federal Emergency Management Agency or any successor agency

FOG: Fats, Oils, and Grease

FOIA: Freedom of Information Act

FY: Fiscal Year

gal: Gallons (unit of volume)

GIS: Geographic Information System

gpd: Gallons per Day (unit of flow)

gpm: Gallons per Month (unit of volume)

GSA: United States General Services Administration or any successor agency

**IU: Industrial User**

lb: Pound (unit of mass)

mg/L: Milligrams per Liter (unit of concentration)

O&P: Operations & Planning

OCSC: Oconee Count Sewer Commission

OJRSA: Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority

POV: Privately Owned Vehicle

SCDES: South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (or successor agency)

**SUR: OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation**

TKN: Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen

## Document Format

This document contains fonts and styles that have certain meaning, such as a reference to other sections or materials. Below is a list of the text formats used within and what they represent in the *OJRSA Schedule of Fees*.

**BOLD CAPITAL LETTERS** Important point of emphasis

Dashed Underline Name of a form to use for documenting a task referenced in the document

*Italics* Title of books, manuals, and other documents

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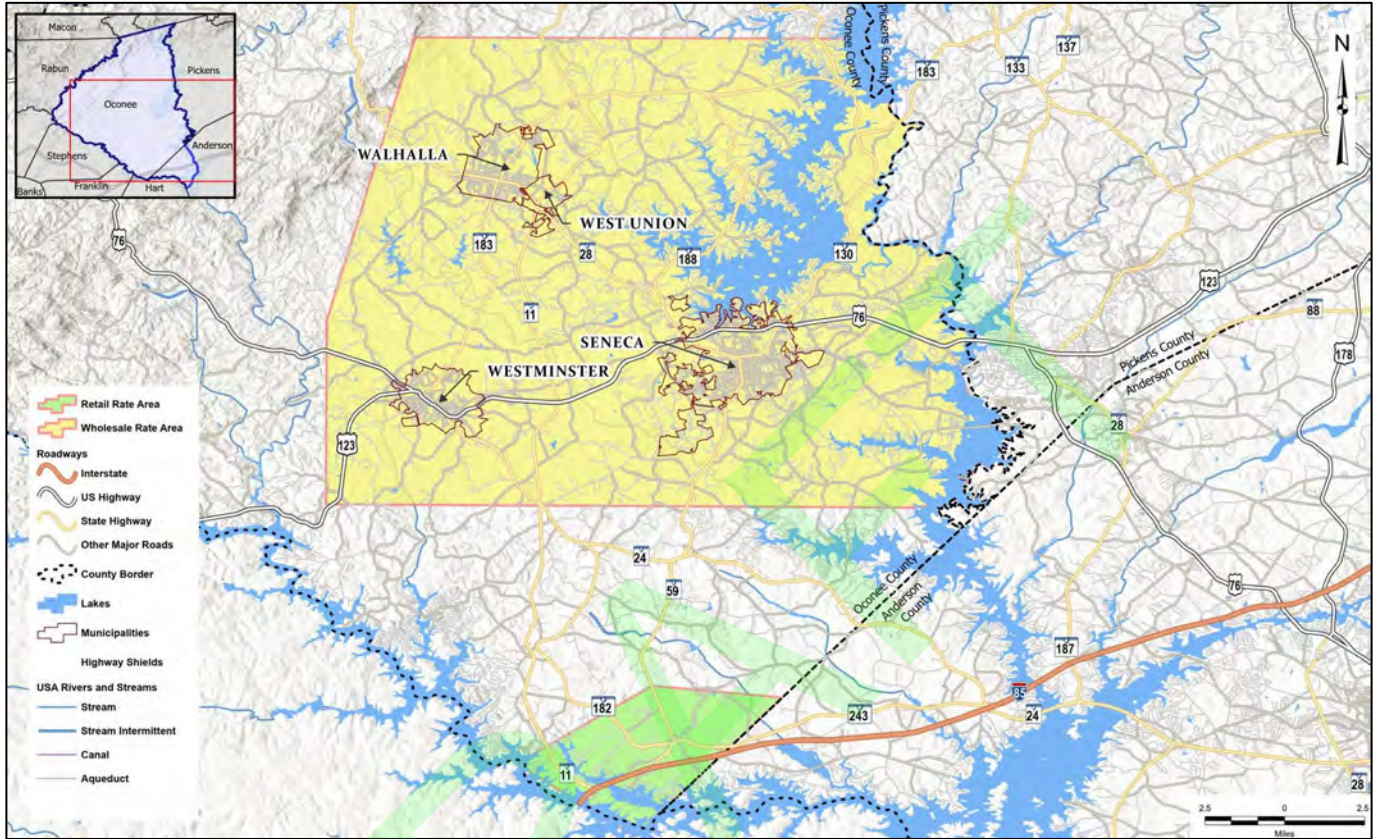
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A note of caution or warning

### Service Area Map

Figure 1: General map of the Wholesale and Retail service areas



### Section 1 Residential User Rates

Residential Users are subject to fees as listed this section. See the map (Figure 1) on page 4 for more information regarding the Wholesale and Retail Service Areas.

Table 1: Residential User fees

Residential User monthly sewer fees	<p><b>WHOLESALE SERVICE AREA:</b> Base rate of \$10.00 per month per water meter plus <b>\$5.66</b> (old rate \$5.39) volumetric rate per 1,000 gallons used (rounded in accordance with water provider policy)</p> <p><b>RETAIL SERVICE AREA:</b> Base rate in accordance with meter size as shown below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 5/8-inch or 3/4-inch \$20.00 per month</li><li>• 1-inch \$50.00 per month</li><li>• 1.5-inch \$100.00 per month</li><li>• 2-inch \$160.00 per month</li><li>• 3-inch \$320.00 per month</li><li>• 4-inch \$500.00 per month</li><li>• 6-inch \$1,000.00 per month</li><li>• 8-inch \$1,600.00 per month</li></ul>
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	plus the per month Administration Fee imposed by the water provider plus \$6.70 (old rate \$6.38) volumetric rate per 1,000 gallons used (rounded in accordance with water provider policy)
Residential Well Customer monthly sewer fees (no retail sewer/water provider, no water or sewer meter)	<p><b>WHOLESALE SERVICE AREA:</b> Base rate of \$10.00 per well per month plus flat volumetric rate of \$25.47<sup>1</sup> (old rate \$24.26) per well per month (Total of \$35.47 (old rate \$34.26) per month)</p> <p><b>RETAIL SERVICE AREA:</b> Base rate of \$20.00 per well per month plus flat volumetric rate of \$30.15<sup>2</sup> (old rate \$28.71) plus the per month Administration Fee imposed by the water provider (Total of \$50.15 (old rate \$48.71) per month)</p>
Impact Fees	As detailed in SECTION 3

## Section 2 Nonresidential User Rates

Nonresidential Users, which include Commercial, Industrial, Institutional, and Master Meter Multi-Family Developments, are subject to fees as listed this section. See map (Figure 1) on page 4 for more information regarding the Wholesale and Retail Service Areas.

### 2.1 General Nonresidential User Fees

Table 2: General Nonresidential User fees

Nonresidential User monthly sewer fees	<p><b>WHOLESALE SERVICE AREA:</b> Base rate of \$15.00 per month per water meter plus \$7.74 (old rate \$7.37) volumetric rate per 1,000 gallons used (rounded in accordance with water provider policy)</p> <p><b>RETAIL SERVICE AREA:</b> Base rate in accordance with meter size as shown below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5/8-inch or 3/4-inch \$20.00 per month</li> <li>• 1-inch \$50.00 per month</li> <li>• 1.5-inch \$100.00 per month</li> <li>• 2-inch \$160.00 per month</li> <li>• 3-inch \$320.00 per month</li> <li>• 4-inch \$500.00 per month</li> <li>• 6-inch \$1,000.00 per month</li> <li>• 8-inch \$1,600.00 per month</li> </ul> <p>plus the per month Administration Fee imposed by the water provider plus \$6.70 (old rate \$6.38) volumetric rate per 1,000 gallons used (rounded in accordance with water provider policy)</p>
Nonresidential Well Customer monthly sewer fees (No Retail Sewer/Water Provider, no water meter)	<p><b>WHOLESALE SERVICE AREA:</b> Base rate of \$15.00 per well per month plus volumetric rate to be determined on a case-by-case basis, possibly by use of a sewer meter<sup>3</sup></p> <p><b>RETAIL SERVICE AREA:</b> To be determined on a case-by-case basis. All fees shall include an applicable base fee, volumetric fee (possibly determined by use of a sewer meter<sup>3</sup>), and per month Administration Fee imposed by the water provider.</p>
Impact Fees	As detailed in SECTION 3

### 2.2 Special Pretreatment Fees

Generators requiring Special Pretreatment Devices (as defined in the *OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation*) shall pay as listed in this section.

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Table 3: Special pretreatment fees

Special Pretreatment Device User Permit Application review and processing	No fee
Special Pretreatment Device User Permit renewal	No fee
Routine and follow-up compliance inspections and administrative tasks	No fee
All laboratory analyses fees associated with a facility that is regulated by the OJRSA	Actual analysis costs incurred by OJRSA (including those if an outside laboratory is used) + 15% Administrative Fee (only if outside laboratory is used)
Special Pretreatment Device design and specifications review and approval fee for new, replacement, or modification	\$20.00 per device (one-time fee covers any future reviews necessary)
New, replacement, or modification inspection of a Special Pretreatment Device	Charged per hour with a one (1) hour minimum. Based on the hourly wage of the lowest pay classification of the Technical Services staff member(s) who has the necessary skills and training to perform the task. The rate used shall be the midpoint of the current FY pay range + benefits costs at 34% of wage + small SUV according to current <a href="#">FEMA Rate Schedule</a> (or <a href="#">GSA mileage rate for POV</a> , if applicable).
Variance inspections for a Special Pretreatment Device	Same as fee for Section 2.2 "New, replacement, or modification inspection of a Special Pretreatment Device"

### 2.3 Industrial and Other Nonresidential User Fees

Including other Nonresidential User fees, Industrial Users are subject to fees as listed this section.

Table 4: Other Industrial and Nonresidential User fees

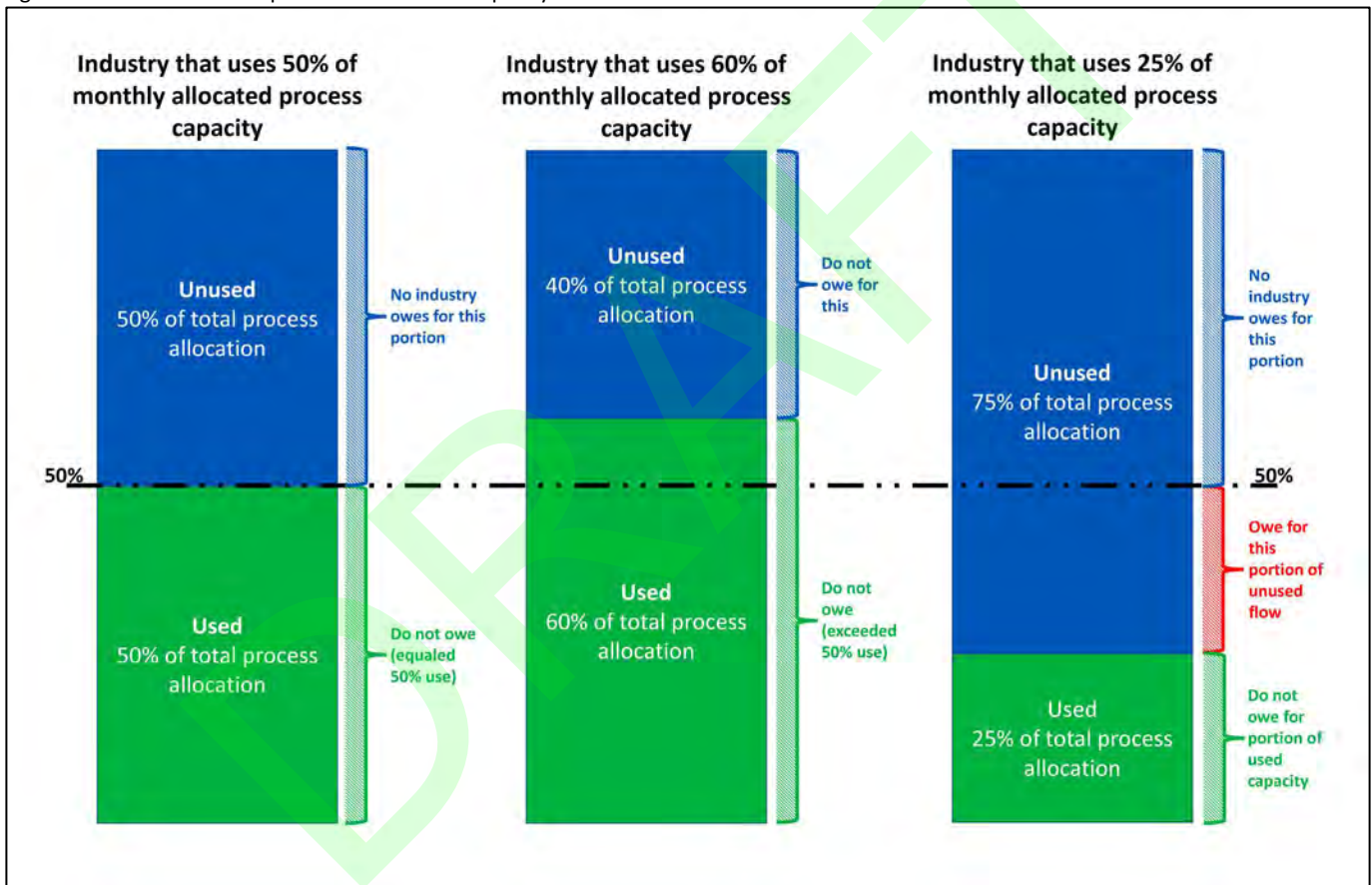
Industrial Pretreatment Permit Application Processing	No fee
Industrial Pretreatment Permit Renewal	No fee
Nonsignificant Source Wastewater Discharge Permit Application	No fee
Nonsignificant Source Wastewater Discharge Permit	No fee
Other permits not explicitly listed in this Schedule of Fees	No fee
Calculation of Surcharges	\$30.00 (old rate \$25.00) per quarter for periods when calculations are necessary
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) Surcharge	\$0.00 for concentration of 0-250 mg/L \$0.30 per pound above 250 mg/L <sup>4,5</sup>
Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) Surcharge	\$0.00 for concentration of 0-750 mg/L \$0.30 per pound above 750 mg/L <sup>4,5</sup>
Phosphorus (P) Surcharge	\$0.00 for concentration of 0-7 mg/L \$0.40 (old rate \$0.35) per pound above 7 mg/L <sup>4</sup>
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN) <sup>6</sup> Surcharge	\$0.00 for concentration of 0-30 mg/L \$0.40 per pound above 30 mg/L <sup>4</sup>
Total Suspended Solids (TSS) Surcharge	\$0.00 for concentration of 0-250 mg/L \$0.50 (old rate \$0.50) per pound above 250 mg/L <sup>4</sup>
Flow (gpd) Surcharge	Same volumetric rate as stated in SECTION 2.1 Nonresidential User Monthly Fees Wholesale Service Area (old rate \$6.35) per 1,000 gallons above permitted limit (rounded up to the next 1,000 gallons)
Late Discharge Monitoring Report from low volume dischargers and Industrial Users	\$100.00 the first day late and \$50.00 per business day thereafter until report is received and Notice of Violation or other enforcement action as required by the <i>OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation</i> .
Unused capacity fee for Industrial Users <i>See illustration in Figure 2 for general information</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Average monthly discharge of 50% or more (<math>\geq 50\%</math>) of their capacity as stated on the industry's current <i>Significant</i></li> </ul>

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	<p><i>Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit</i> as issued by OJRSA - \$0.00 per month when the facility's total flow discharged for the month is at least 50% of their total monthly allocated flow.<sup>7,8</sup></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Average monthly discharge of less than 50% (&lt; 50%) of their capacity as stated on the industry's current <i>Significant Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit</i> as issued by OJRSA. - \$2.00 per 1,000 gallons of not utilized by the industry between the industry's actual total monthly discharge and 50% of their permitted monthly discharge. [NOTE: The permitted industry is only paying for unused process wastewater capacity for the volume range of 0% to 50% of the amount as listed on their OJRSA-issued Significant Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit.]<sup>7,8</sup></li> </ul>
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Figure 2: Unused industrial process wastewater capacity allocation



## 2.4 Industrial Pretreatment Billing Expense Billing

Industries subject to OJRSA industrial pretreatment requirements must pay program fees using the following methodology:

### A. Quarterly billing:

- Base fee:  $1/x$  (where  $x$  is equal to the number of Industrial Users that have a *Significant Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit* during that quarter) of the salary and benefits expensed for the designated Pretreatment Coordinator (and additional dedicated department staff, if applicable);
- Items related to materials or services procured for the industry, such as: licenses/certifications/memberships; seminars/workshops/training; legal; public relations and advertising; mailing/shipping; office supplies; supplies/tools; technology (phones/internet/ television); professional and service contracts; and rolling stock and equipment;
- Hours and benefits that other OJRSA employees spend working on items associated with the industry;
- Surcharge fees for flow and particular chemical exceedances as stated in SECTION 2.3 Table 4;

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5. Unused monthly capacity fees as stated in SECTION 2.3 Table 4; and
  6. Twenty percent (20%) administration fee on SECTION 2.4 Paragraphs A.1, A.2, and A.3 only.<sup>9</sup>
- B. A 10% late fee is added every 30 days the invoice has not been paid.
- C. Penalties and fines associated with enforcement action are to be paid invoiced at the time expense is incurred.

### 2.5 Hauled Waste Program Fees

Fees are supportive of the *OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation* and other requirements and are subject to the OJRSA's acceptance of any or all products as stated within the Regulation and/or availability to accept at the Water Reclamation Facility for treatment or disposal.

Table 5: Hauled waste program fees

Hauled Waste Disposal Permit	\$120.00 per year (prorated based on the permit effective date) <sup>10,11</sup>
Sanitary sewage from septic tank	\$200.00 per 1,000 gallons (rounded up to the next 1,000 gallons; if the OJRSA can meter the discharge, then the fee will be \$0.185 per gallon) <sup>12</sup>
Hauled liquid treatment plant waste (e.g., sludge from package treatment plant)	\$200.00 per 1,000 gallons (rounded up to the next 1,000 gallons; if the OJRSA can meter the discharge, then the fee will be \$0.185 per gallon) <sup>12</sup>
Portable toilet waste	\$75.00 per 1,000 gallons (rounded up to the next 1,000 gallons; if the OJRSA can meter the discharge, then the fee will be \$0.066 per gallon). <sup>12</sup>
Hauled waste solids	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current tipping fee (in tons or pounds, rounded up to next ton or billable weight/volume as charged by the landfill or final disposal site) + current transportation costs (as charged by third-party waste hauler) + 25% Administrative Fee. <u>Since this fee can change with little to no notice by the landfill or hauler, it is suggested to call 864-972-3900 and request the current fee prior to delivery of hauled waste solids to OJRSA.</u></li> <li>If solids can be weighed by certified scale either independently owned or owned by OJRSA, then OJRSA will bill based on partial weight of load using the same calculation as above but with actual weight instead of rounded.</li> </ul>
Landfill leachate	Same volumetric rate as stated in SECTION 2.1 Nonresidential User monthly sewer fees (old rate \$6.35) per 1,000 gallons (rounded up to the next 1,000 gallons) + Calculation of Surcharge fee (as stated in SECTION 2.3 + Surcharge rates (as stated in SECTION 2.3)
Grease	Per <i>OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation</i> , the OJRSA no longer accepts grease as of October 1, 2023
Afterhours acceptance fee as stated in SECTION 10.2(A)(2) of the <i>OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation</i>	\$150.00 <u>per delivery</u> + other disposal costs based on product received as stated within SECTION 2.5 Table 5
Sampling and analysis of hauled waste	\$25.00 per analysis + applicable contract lab costs
Failure to clean OJRSA manual bar screen at hauled waste discharge locations	\$50.00 per delivery for first offense, \$100 for second offense, and \$500 for third and subsequent offenses <sup>12</sup>

## Section 3 Impact Fees

- A. Fees established in this Policy are based Weston & Sampson April 3, 2025 memorandum titled "Impact Fee Analysis – SCDES Contributory Loadings".
- B. This Policy applies when a developer requests water and/or sewer service with the retail utility provider. The OJRSA will not approve the establishment of water or sewer service nor the issuance of a building permit until all fees are paid.
- C. Impact Fees are based on the *OJRSA Schedule of Fees* at the time an Application for Capacity in the OJRSA Sewer System form is completed by the owner/developer.



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1. Impact Fees are in Table 6.
  2. If there is a Board-approved change to Impact Fees within twenty (20) calendar days of when OJRSA has notified the developer of their Impact Fees that are due and that submitted plans have already been approved by OJRSA, then the developer has ten (10) calendar days beyond the date the fees change (inclusive of the first day of the change) to pay the Impact Fees that were presented; otherwise the new Impact Fee rates shall apply.
- D. Impact Fees collected are held in a restricted fund and are to be used only for specific projects and purposes allowed by law and OJRSA policy. (See the *OJRSA Impact Fee Policy* and *OJRSA Financial and Accounting Policy*).
- E. Fees shall be based on SECTION 7 TABLE 24 of *OJRSA Development Policy* as approved by the OJRSA Board of Commissioners.
- F. Subdivisions
1. For Subdivisions Constructed Prior to July 1, 2021 – Homes constructed within these subdivisions will be responsible for paying a singular Impact Fee based on one residence or subdivision lot as stated in Table 6.
  2. For Subdivisions Planned or Constructed After July 1, 2021 – Prior to the OJRSA issuing a Willingness & Ability to Serve, Commitment to Own, Commitment to Own & Operate, or other such letter required by the South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (SCDES) that is necessary for the permitting of a wastewater collection system extension serving a development, the owner/developer shall pay Impact Fees for all lots within the subdivision. These fees shall be based on the number of lots multiplied by the fee for one residence or subdivision lot as stated in Table 6.
- G. Customers Using Unmetered Connections or Groundwater Wells
1. Unmetered Residential Connections – Residential Users directly or indirectly connected to a OJRSA wastewater conveyance system or treatment facility that use wells or other unmetered connections for their water supply shall be charged an Impact Fee for each well that is connected to the sewer system at the same rate as one residence or subdivision lot as listed in Table 6.
  2. Unmetered Nonresidential Customers – Nonresidential customers directly or indirectly connected to the OJRSA wastewater conveyance system or treatment facility that use wells or other unmetered connections for their water supply shall be charged an Impact Fee for each well that is connected to the sewer system. An engineer of the OJRSA's choosing will determine the appropriate Impact Fee for each customer. Such fees made by the OJRSA's consultant shall not establish precedence for similar circumstances that may occur in the future.
- H. Circumstances Not Addressed in this Policy – Unusual situations and conditions not addressed in this Policy will be considered in consultation with the OJRSA's engineer on a case-by-case basis. Such decisions made by the OJRSA shall not establish precedence for similar circumstances that may occur in the future.

Table 6: Impact fees

Type of Use	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Impact Fee for one residence or subdivision lot as per Item CC in SECTION 7 TABLE 24 of <i>OJRSA Development Policy</i> , which shall be referred to as one Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU). This includes residences or subdivision lots that are connected to sewer but are served by a well for water.	\$4,100 for one ERU	\$5,005 for one ERU	\$7,720 for one ERU
Impact Fee for other uses as listed in SECTION 7 TABLE 24 of <i>OJRSA Development Policy</i>	\$13.66/gallon	\$19.70/gallon	\$25.73/gallon
Process wastewater as listed on Industrial User Permit issued by OJRSA (per acquisition of new or additional capacity, not per renewal of IU Permit)	\$13.66/gallon	\$19.70/gallon	\$25.73/gallon
Other circumstances not addressed in this Policy or as defined in the <i>OJRSA Impact Fee Policy</i>	\$13.66/gallon	\$19.70/gallon	\$25.73/gallon

(old rates below)

Use	Water Meter Size (inch)	ADU (gpd)	Fee Per Water Meter
Residential User	3/4 or 5/8	150	\$2,300
	1	365	\$5,600
Nonresidential User	3/4 or 5/8	225	\$3,400
	1	625	\$9,500
	1.5	1,630	\$24,900
	2	3,305	\$50,400
	3	9,815	\$149,700

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	4	12,340	\$188,200
	6	23,630	\$360,400
	8	37,100	\$565,800

## Section 4 Engineering, Connection, and Inspection Fees

The OJRSA shall charge the fees as listed in Table 7 for engineering, plan reviews, inspection, taps/connections, and other such services.

Table 7: Engineering and inspection fees

Hydraulic modeling analysis for downstream impact caused by potential or proposed new or upsized development that will increase flow by at least 10,000 gpd or for areas of concern within the sewer system as identified in the current version of the OJRSA hydraulic model or known of areas of concerns. <i>This is to be based on This is to be based on SCDES Regulation 61-67 Appendix A Unit Contributory Loadings to All Domestic Wastewater Treatment Facilities.</i>	Actual consultant's fee + 25% Administrative Fee. This fee will be updated on the <u>Downstream Wastewater Modeling Analysis Request</u> form as stated at <a href="http://www.ojrsa.org">www.ojrsa.org</a> .
Other developer costs not covered elsewhere in the <i>OJRSA Schedule of Fees</i> (includes studies or additional work performed by OJRSA and/or its consultants for a project)	<p>For each task required, the developer shall compensate the OJRSA for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>IF WORK PERFORMED SOLELY BY OJRSA STAFF:</b> The rate used shall be the midpoint of the current year FY pay range for all staff positions involved + benefits costs at 34% of wages + equipment costs according to current <u>FEMA Rate Schedule, GSA mileage rate for POV</u>, and/or equipment/material purchase and/or rental fees as applicable.</li> <li>• <b>IF WORK TO BE PERFORMED SOLELY BY A CONSULTANT:</b> The fee shall be the actual consultant's fee + 25% Administration Fee.</li> <li>• <b>IF WORK IS TO BE A COMBINATION OF OJRSA STAFF AND A CONSULTANT:</b> The fee shall be based on the actual consultant's fee + the midpoint of the current year FY pay range for all staff positions involved + benefits costs at 34% of wages + costs of equipment used according to current <u>FEMA Rate Schedule, GSA mileage rate for POV</u>, and/or equipment/material purchase and/or rental fees as applicable.</li> </ul>

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Plans and specifications review<sup>13</sup> (unless otherwise noted, these fees are for each review, including resubmittals)

## Single Family Homes

- On individual lot not located in a subdivision (unless there is a grinder pump, then only the grinder pump fee listed below is applicable) – \$0.00<sup>14,15,16</sup>
- To be located in a subdivision/planned development that requires gravity sewer and/or force mains installation – \$0.07 (old rate \$0.05) per linear foot of pipe
- Pump station addition to serve development – \$300.00 per station (one review fee covers initial review of each plus resubmittals)
- Grinder pumps for individual units – \$2.00 (old rate \$1.00) per pump

## Multi-Family Development

- No amenities (pool, clubhouse, etc.) – \$1.85 per residential living unit
- If includes amenities – \$3.10 per residential living unit
- Gravity sewer and/or force main extension – \$0.07 (old rate \$0.05) per linear foot of pipe
- Pump station addition to serve development – \$300.00 per station (one review fee covers initial review of each plus resubmittals)
- Grinder pumps for individual units – \$2.00 per pump
- Buildings other than residential living units and those that provide amenities (pool, clubhouse, etc.) shall be calculated as a Commercial, Industrial, and/or Institutional Facility as stated below.

## Commercial, Industrial, and/or Institutional Facility

- Building space – \$0.04 per square foot of building space served by water and/or sewer
- Gravity sewer and/or force main extension – \$0.07 per linear foot of pipe
- Pump station addition to serve development – \$300.00 per station (one review fee covers initial review of each plus resubmittals)
- Grinder pumps for individual units – \$2.00 per pump

## Special Pretreatment Devices

- See Section 2.2

General inspection fees (for inspections other than new, replacement, or modification inspection of a Special Pretreatment Device)

Charged per hour with a two (2) hour minimum. Based on the hourly wage of the lowest pay classification of the staff member(s) who has the necessary skills and training to perform the task. The rate used shall be the midpoint of the current year FY pay range + benefits costs at 34% of wage + ½-ton truck according to current [FEMA Rate Schedule](#) (or [GSA mileage rate for POV](#), if applicable).

For inspection fees associated with Special Pretreatment Devices, see Section 2.2.

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<p>GIS and system mapping fees<sup>17</sup> <i>This is applicable to developments installing infrastructure that requires a SCDES Construction Permit (or equivalent) and/or for onsite privately-owned wastewater infrastructure that is greater than or equal to 8-inches in diameter and/or has a privately-owned pump station and force main.</i></p> <p>This fee applies to any portion of the system served directly or indirectly by OJRSA.</p>	<p>\$250.00 Base Fee for up to 1,000 linear feet of gravity sewer and/or force main pipe + \$0.25 per additional linear foot of pipe. There is not a fee associated with pump station construction.<sup>18</sup></p> <p><i>Note: The minimum fee due is the Base Fee.</i></p>
Tap and tap maintenance fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In addition to Impact Fees, all new connections that physically connect directly with the OJRSA wastewater conveyance system must pay the costs to install each tap plus 30% to fund future maintenance of connection. Actual costs are for labor, equipment, and materials and may be performed by either OJRSA or a contractor for OJRSA.</li> <li>If a contractor makes connection (or installs manhole with precast service connection(s)) and they are paid directly by the developer, then the developer shall be required to pay \$200 per diameter inch of the connection to OJRSA's system for future maintenance. The contractor will not have to pay a construction tap fee to the OJRSA as the OJRSA did not incur any costs.<sup>19</sup></li> </ul>
Disconnection from sewer system	\$400.00
Reconnection to sewer system	\$400.00

## Section 5 Contract Services Provided for Non-Wholesale OJRSA Wastewater Systems (including Retail Sewer System)

The OJRSA shall charge the fees as stated in this section for Routine and Nonroutine Work performed for other utility owners on a contractual basis.

### 5.1 Routine Work

Table 8: Routine Work fees

Routine Work (as stated in the DEFINITIONS section)	\$6,500 per calendar quarter
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### 5.2 Nonroutine Work

Nonroutine Work shall be billed in accordance with the fees listed in Table 9.

Table 9: Nonroutine Work fees

OJRSA Personnel	<p><u>Exempt Staff</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work performed during normal business hours (charged in 1/10 hour increments) – Midpoint of hourly wage of position classification(s) performing task x hours worked in 1/10 hour increment + benefits costs at 34% of wage<sup>20</sup></li> <li>Work performed during non-business hours – (Midpoint of hourly wage of position classification(s) performing task x hours worked in 1/10 hour increment) x 1.5 (to convert wage to overtime pay) + benefits costs at 34% of wage<sup>20</sup></li> </ul> <p><u>Non-Exempt Staff</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work performed during normal business hours – Midpoint of hourly wage of position classification(s) performing task x</li> </ul>
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	<p>hours worked in 1/10 hour increment + benefits costs at 34% of wage<sup>20</sup></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work performed during non-business hours – Midpoint of hourly wage of position classification(s) performing task x hours worked in 1/10 hour increment + benefits costs at 34% of wage<sup>20</sup></li> </ul> <p><u>Other Items</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General accounting – Midpoint of hourly wage of position tasked with accounts payable/receivable x 0.4 hours + benefits costs at 34% of wage<sup>20</sup></li> <li>• Industrial pretreatment program – Midpoint of hourly wage of position tasked with pretreatment program oversight x hours worked in 1/4 hour increment + benefits costs at 34% of wage<sup>20</sup></li> <li>• Engineering – Midpoint of hourly wage of position tasked with engineering or program management x hours worked in 1/4 hour increment + benefits costs at 34% of wage<sup>20</sup></li> </ul>
Vehicles and Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transportation of staff only (no work to be performed that requires tools other than those necessary for SC811 locates) – <a href="#">GSA mileage rate for POV</a> x total mileage driven + 25% Administrative Fee</li> <li>• Vehicles used for performing work (other than SC811 locates) – <a href="#">FEMA Rate Schedule</a> x total hours used (or miles mileage driven, if applicable) + 25% Administrative Fee</li> <li>• OJRSA vehicles or equipment not listed in <a href="#">FEMA Rate Schedule</a> – Cost to rent comparable vehicle or unit of equipment + 25% Administrative Fee</li> <li>• Rental vehicles or equipment – Actual rental cost + 25% Administrative Fee</li> </ul>
Materials and services (including use of non-OJRSA personnel)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Materials– Actual unit cost + 25% Administrative Fee</li> <li>• Services provided by others – Actual cost of services + 25% Administrative Fee</li> <li>• Utilities paid by OJRSA – Actual cost + 25% Administrative Fee</li> </ul>

## Section 6 Other Fees and Fines

### 6.1 Financial and Late Fees

Table 10: Financial and late fees

Credit or debit card processing	Customer to pay actual transaction fee charged by processing company
Late payments	All payments not received within 30 days of the issuance of the invoice will be charged a 10% late fee for every 30 days the payment is outstanding
Returned check (NSF) fee	\$30.00 per returned check

### 6.2 Freedom of Information Act Fees

Table 11: FOIA fees

Minutes of the meetings of the public body for the preceding six (6) months	No fee per SC Law §30-4-30(D)
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Documents produced by the public body or its agent that were distributed to or reviewed by a member of the public body during a public meeting for the preceding six (6) months	No fee per SC Law §30-4-30(D)
Cumulative research and retrieval time if less than 10 minutes <u>and</u> the total number of documents requested by the FOIA requestor is 10 pages or less	No fee
Documents are in electronic format at the time a request is received	No fee for electronic files per SC Law §30-40-30(B); however, applicable research fees shall still apply. Documents will be provided for distribution once any necessary research fees have been paid.
Scanning documents to electronic format	Actual costs + contract services costs, if applicable. Fifteen percent (15%) Administrative Fee will be added to contract services costs.
Staff research, search, retrieval, redaction, and copying	Prorating of fees shall be based on increments of one-tenth (1/10) of an hour and will not exceed the prorated hourly wage of lowest pay classification of the staff member(s) who has the necessary skills and training to fulfill the request.
Distribution of records methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pick-up at OJRSA Administrative Complex – No fee<sup>21</sup></li> <li>• U.S. First Class Mail – Actual cost of postage<sup>21</sup></li> <li>• Filesharing website or email – No fee<sup>21</sup></li> <li>• Flash drive – Actual cost of flash drive<sup>21,22</sup></li> </ul>
Copies	<p><u>Black &amp; white</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8.5 x 11 and 8.5 x 14 – Other applicable fees + \$0.10 per page</li> <li>• 11 x 17 – Other applicable fees + \$0.25 per page</li> <li>• Larger than 11 x 17 – Other applicable fees + \$0.50 per square foot or contract service costs + 15% Administrative Fee</li> </ul> <p><u>Color</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8.5 x 11 and 8.5 x 14 – Other applicable fees + \$0.15 per page</li> <li>• 11 x 17 – Other applicable fees + \$0.50 per page</li> <li>• Larger than 11 x 17 – Other applicable fees + \$0.50 per square foot or contract service costs + 15% Administrative Fee</li> </ul>
Other reproduction services	Other applicable fees + actual costs + 15% Administrative Fee

### 6.3 Penalties and Fines

Table 12: Penalties and fines

Illegal Taps or other illegal connections	\$2,000.00 penalty + Applicable Impact Fee(s) + Tap Fee(s) + Cost of Repairs and/or Cleaning to System + General Inspection Fees + Applicable Legal Fees
Users who violate the provisions of the <i>OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation</i> or fail to abide by any rules, requirements, or procedures that OJRSA implements in support of the Regulation	As stated in SECTION 8 of the <i>OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation</i>

**END OF FEES**

## Section 7 Appeal of Fees

- A. Items as stated within the *OJRSA Schedule of Fees* can be appealed to the OJRSA Board of Commissioners via the agency's standing Operations & Planning (O&P) Committee by requesting that OJRSA Administration add the matter to an O&P Committee meeting agenda. Dates of the meetings can be found on the OJRSA website ([www.ojrsa.org](http://www.ojrsa.org)) but it is recommended that the requestor filing for appeal contact the OJRSA office by phone at 864-972-3900 to confirm meeting dates and times. Requestors asking for a variance of this Policy shall attend all meetings to present their case for appeal and address questions and concerns from OJRSA Commissioners and staff; however, attending the meetings is not a substitute for submitting a written appeal as stated above.
- B. Requests for appeals must be received no less than five (5) business days prior to the upcoming meeting and must be in writing to:
- Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority  
ATTN: Executive Director  
623 Return Church Road  
Seneca, South Carolina 29678  
[info@ojrsa.org](mailto:info@ojrsa.org)
- C. If the request for variance is approved by the O&P Committee, then it will proceed to the OJRSA Board of Commissioners at the next scheduled meeting for consideration. The decision made by the Board of Commissioners shall be final.

## Endnotes (Comments, Examples, and Fee Justification)

- <sup>1</sup> Wholesale Residential Well Customer rate is based on estimated wastewater discharge of 150 gallons per day x 30 days per month = 4,500 gallons per month ÷ 1,000 = 4.5 thousand gallons per month x \$5.66 per 1,000 gallons per month = \$25.47.
- <sup>2</sup> Retail Residential Well Customer rate is based on estimated wastewater discharge of 150 gallons per day x 30 days per month = 4,500 gallons per month ÷ 1,000 = 4.5 thousand gallons per month x \$6.70 per 1,000 gallons per month = \$30.15.
- <sup>3</sup> To be determined by a special meter to measure water discharged to sewer ("sewer meter") or other means as recommended by a qualified engineering and/or rate consultant and approved by OJRSA Administration.
- <sup>4</sup> The formula for calculating surcharges is: (Monthly Concentration Average for Monitoring Parameter minus Surcharge Concentration Threshold for Same Parameter) x 8.34 conversion factor x (Total Flow for the Month in Gallons ÷ 1,000,000 Gallons) x Surcharge Rate = Surcharge Amount Due in Dollars NOTE: If an industry samples less frequently than monthly (i.e., quarterly), then the monthly average calculation will continue each month until the next month the parameter is sampled.
- The following calculation uses fictitious fees for demonstration purposes only (This example uses fees for BOD; however, the same formula applies for all monitored parameters. Fee calculations shall use those listed in the current OJRSA Schedule of Fees) – An industry has a monthly BOD average concentration of 500 mg/L. The total flow for the month is 310,000 gallons and the threshold limit for BOD is 250 mg/L. The BOD surcharge rate is \$0.30/lb of BOD.
- Step 1: (500 mg/L - 250 mg/L) x 8.34 x (310,000 gal/month ÷ 1,000,000 gal) x \$0.30/lb of BOD = BOD Surcharge Fee
- Step 2: 250 mg/L x 8.34 x 0.310 million gal/month x \$0.30/lb of BOD = BOD Surcharge Fee
- BOD Surcharge Fee Due = \$193.91
- <sup>5</sup> An industry will not be charged both BOD and COD, the surcharge will be calculated for both BOD and COD and the industry will be charged the higher rate.
- <sup>6</sup> The sum of organic nitrogen, ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>), and ammonium (NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>) in wastewater. TKN does not include Nitrate (NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>) and Nitrite (NO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>).
- <sup>7</sup> Total Industrial User capacity per month is equal to the facility's Permitted Allocated Capacity per day multiplied by the number of days for each month individually (e.g., 31 days for January, 28 days for February, etc.).
- The following calculation uses fictitious fees for demonstration purposes only (Fee calculations shall use those listed in the current OJRSA Schedule of Fees) – An industry is permitted for a maximum allocation of 20,000 gpd of process wastewater discharge. In January (31 days in the month), they discharge a total of 176,700 gallons. The Unused Capacity threshold is 50% (meaning if they do not average greater than or equal to 50% of their allocated maximum discharge as stated on the permit, then they are subject to paying an unused capacity fee for that month for the unused volume between their actual monthly discharge and 50% of their permitted volume). The rate is \$1.50/1,000 gallons, which is prorated (not rounded to nearest 1,000 gallons).
- Step 1: Determine if the industry is subject to an unused process wastewater allocation capacity fee. Is the facility's monthly discharge at least 50% of their allocation of 20,000 gpd?
- 20,000 gpd x 31 days = 620,000 gal per month of maximum permitted discharge

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176,700 gal actually discharged in January ÷ 620,000 gal max allowed x 100 = 28.5% usage of capacity  
This facility DID NOT meet or exceed 50% of their discharge, so they will owe an unused capacity fee. (They would have needed to discharge at least 310,000 gallons in January to reach the 50% threshold.)

Step 2: Determine the amount of fee owed.

((Total Capacity Per Month x Allowed Percentage) – Total Monthly Discharge) ÷ 1,000 gal x \$1.50/1,000 gal =  
Fee Owed for Month

((620,000 gpM x 50%) – 176,700 gpM) ÷ 1,000 gal x \$1.50/1,000 gal = \$199.95 owed for January

<sup>8</sup> Unused Industrial User capacity fees are collected for the purpose of treatment and conveyance system expansion and are held in the restricted Impact Fee Fund in accordance with the *OJRSA Impact Fee Policy* and *OJRSA Financial and Accounting Policy* for the Wholesale or Retail Service Area, as appropriate, to be used in accordance with the *OJRSA Impact Fee Policy*.

<sup>9</sup> Industrial pretreatment expense billing Administrative Fee covers incidentals and general labor spent by other OJRSA staff that are involved in the pretreatment program as necessary, as well as general use materials used by the program collectively (e.g., fuel used for vehicle, general office supplies, electricity and other utilities for program, etc.). If specific industries require substantial time by other OJRSA staff, then the industries that the work is performed for shall be billed for this time based on the hourly wages of the lowest pay classification staff member(s) who have the necessary skills and training to perform the tasks.

<sup>10</sup> Hauled Waste Disposal Permit fee is based on the calendar year (January through December), not the Fiscal Year. If waste hauler is issued a Hauled Waste Disposal Permit (HWDP), then they must pay for the entire month the HWDP is applied for. Providing the waste hauler is in good standing with the OJRSA, the HWDP will remain valid through December 31 of that year. Amount owed if HWDP is obtained anytime during that month (e.g., if they apply for the HWDP on May 31, they must pay the amount for May as shown in the list within this footnote):

January = \$120.00	May = \$80.00	September = \$40.00
February = \$110.00	June = \$70.00	October = \$30.00
March = \$100.00	July = \$60.00	November = \$20.00
April \$90.00	August = \$50.00	December = \$10.00

<sup>11</sup> There are no refunds issued on Hauled Waste Disposal Permits.

<sup>12</sup> Waste hauler also subject to other enforcement actions as stated in the *OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation* and other applicable regulations and policies.

<sup>13</sup> Plan reviews based on average time and labor costs for an OJRSA staff member and/or third-party consultant employed by OJRSA to perform such functions.

<sup>14</sup> For each review, including resubmittals. If the owner/developer changes the plans after the initial review or corrections must be made per the *OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation*, *OJRSA Development Policy*, other OJRSA policy, or requirements imposed by a Member City or other governmental agency, the fee must be paid for each review thereafter.

<sup>15</sup> There are no fees for projects that are designed and installed by a Member City when they are paying for the installation themselves, such as if a city is installing a main line extension entirely at their own expense and is not funded by a developer or other party. In most cases, the projects that meet this exemption are when a Member City is installing infrastructure to replace or rehabilitate existing facilities or when they are extending their own system at their own expense (and not as a pay-in-advance or reimbursement project by third-party(ies)). Appeals can be made by the Member City to the OJRSA Board of Commissioners in accordance with the process stated within SECTION 7 of the *OJRSA Schedule of Fees* to determine if this fee should be waived for other projects.

<sup>16</sup> Or in a subdivision that received a Permit for OJRSA Wastewater System Capacity (or equivalent) prior to January 1, 2020. These were considered at the time the original subdivision plans were reviewed.

<sup>17</sup> This fee is used for the OJRSA to incorporate data from the record drawings and other supporting documents (e.g., GPS devices, surveys, etc.) into its Geographic Information System map, which is used for hydraulic modeling, manage and track work orders, asset management, planning, etc.

<sup>18</sup> The following calculation uses fictitious fees for demonstration purposes only (Fee calculations shall use those listed in the current OJRSA Schedule of Fees) – A project has been designed that has a 900 linear feet of gravity sewer pipe, 400 feet of force main pipe, and one (1) pump station. The Base Fee for the first 1,000 linear feet of total pipe is \$200.00 and the fee per additional linear foot of pipe is \$0.25/foot. There is no cost for the pump station.

Step 1: 900 feet of gravity + 400 feet of force main = 1,300 total linear feet of pipe for project

Step 2: 1,300 total linear feet – 1,000 linear feet for base rate = 300 linear feet above the base

Step 3: \$200.00 Base Fee + (300 linear feet x \$0.25/foot) + (1 pump station x \$0.00) = GIS fee due

Step 4: \$200 + \$75 + \$0 = GIS fee due

GIS Fee Due = \$275.00

<sup>19</sup> Fee to pay for future maintenance of connection. The following calculation uses fictitious fees for demonstration purposes only (Fee calculations shall use those listed in the current OJRSA Schedule of Fees) – A contractor will bore into an existing



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OJRSA manhole to make one (1) 4-inch pipe diameter service connection. The Tap Maintenance Fee Due at the time is \$200/inch diameter. (*OR* contractor shall set a doghouse manhole on existing OJRSA pipeline with one (1) 4-inch pipe diameter service connection.)

Step 1: \$200/inch diameter x 4-inch pipe diameter = Tap Maintenance Fee Due

Step 2: \$800 = Tap Maintenance Fee Due

<sup>20</sup> "Benefits fee" is a general term that covers employer costs for South Carolina Retirement System expenses, Social Security, Medicare, insurance, etc.

<sup>21</sup> All copying, staff time, and other applicable fees must be paid prior to distribution of requested materials.

<sup>22</sup> Device must be provided by the OJRSA to avoid risk of potential viruses that may be on flash drives belonging to the requester.

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### Revision History

As this document is an extension of the *OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation*, previous editions must be maintained in accordance with the *OJRSA Records Retention Policy*.

Revision Number	Effective Date	Description of Changes
0000	02/18/1980	Initial sewer user fees developed and approved by OCSC Board.
0001	08/04/1980	Hauled waste disposal fee modified.
0002	06/19/1984	Sewer use fees increased.
0003	01/01/1985	Revised sewer treatment fees developed and approved by OCSC Board via resolution approved on 01/07/1985.
0004	07/01/1985	Resolution approved on 01/07/1985 expired and rate structure changed.
0005	08/28/1989	Approved annual industry permitting fee on 08/28/1989.
0006	01/01/1990	Oconee County Ordinance [19]89-6 established Impact Fee for treatment capacity for future renovation, modernization, and expansion. OCSC approved on 08/28/1989.
0007	09/10/1990	Approved 2% late fee.
0008	10/07/1996	Approved increase of septic tank waste disposal and treatment fees.
0009	04/07/1997	Approved industrial surcharge fees.
0010	06/05/2000	Hauled waste fee increase approved.
0011	07/03/2006	Approved increase to Impact Fees and established a tap fee.
0012	04/01/2008	Approved addition of a "Transportation and Trunk Line Impact Fee."
0013	05/05/2008	Hauled waste fees increase based on percent increase on Member City fees.
0014	02/02/2009	Approved 20% Administrative Fee for permitted Industrial Users.
0015	10/03/2011	<i>OJRSA Schedule of Fees</i> updated.
0016	10/05/2015	Impact Fee calculation method changed.
0017	12/04/2017	Added fee for acceptance of portable toilet waste.
0018	11/06/2018	Inclusion of additional fees for credit card transactions, returned check, fats oils and grease program, engineering services, and FOIA. Approved by OJRSA Board on 11/05/2018.
0019	02/04/2019	Approved industrial facility flow surcharge and revised biosolids disposal fees.
0020	04/09/2021	Revised hauled waste program fees per <i>OJRSA Resolution 2021-11 Hauled Waste Policy Update</i> .
0021	07/01/2021	Revised Impact Fees per <i>OJRSA Resolution 2021-12 Impact Fee Policy Update</i> .
0022	10/01/2021	Approved comprehensive fee update on 09/13/2021.
0023	07/01/2022	Established unused capacity fee for Industrial Users. Includes other minor modifications.
0024	07/01/2023	Eliminated pro rata share model for user fees and established base plus volumetric model for Residential and Nonresidential Users.
0025	01/01/2024	Revised Impact Fees per <i>OJRSA Resolution 2024-04</i> .
0026	03/04/2024	Board approved newly established Retail Service Area rates.
0027	05/06/2024	Board approved updated fees per <i>OJRSA Resolution 2024-10</i> .
0028	06/02/2025	Board approved updated fees per <i>OJRSA Resolution 2025-04</i> .

END OF REVISIONS

# MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Chris Eleazer, Executive Director, Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority

**FROM:** Jason Gillespie, P.E.

**DATE:** April 3, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Impact Fee Analysis – SCDES Contributory Loadings

Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority (OJRSA) currently has an impact fee based on an estimate of \$15.25 per GPD, as assessed on an estimated typical flow from the water meter size. These current rates are shown in Table 1.

**Table 1: Current Impact Fee Structure Based on Meter Type and Size**

Meter Type / Size		Impact Fee CURRENT (approved in 2023)	WSE Recommended Impact Fee For FY 2024
Residential	5/8" or 3/4"	\$2,300	\$3,700
	1"	\$5,600	\$8,900
Commercial / Industrial	5/8" or 3/4"	\$3,400	\$5,500
	1"	\$5,600	\$15,300
	1 1/2"	\$24,900	\$39,900
	2"	\$50,400	\$81,000
	3"	\$150,000	\$240,500
	4"	\$188,200	\$302,300
	6"	\$360,400	\$578,900
	8"	\$565,800	\$908,900

WSE evaluated the capital improvement costs in the current construction market climate in 2023, and the impact fee was raised to \$15.25 per gpd ADF. This is below the WSE's recommendation at that time of \$24.50 per gpd ADF. We have now updated the analysis again to estimate costs for the current market climate in 2025. Our analysis showed that construction costs within the wastewater construction industry have risen approximately 5% since 2023. Therefore, updated capital improvement costs as of April 2025 are estimated as<sup>1</sup>:

Treatment Plant Construction	\$14.70/gpd
Soft Costs – Design, Permitting, Construction Administration and Inspection, Legal, etc. (20%)	\$2.94/gpd

<sup>1</sup> See "Recommendations for Impact Fee (April 2025 Update)" Memorandum from Weston & Sampson, April 3, 2025 for more information

Project Contingency (20%)	\$2.94/gpd
<b>TOTAL TREATMENT PLANT COSTS</b>	<b>\$20.58/GPD</b>
<b>TOTAL CONVEYANCE SYSTEM COSTS (25% OF TREATMENT)</b>	<b>\$5.15/GPD</b>
<b>TOTAL RECOMMENDED IMPACT FEE BASIS</b>	<b><u>\$25.73/GPD</u></b>

OJRSA requested an analysis of what the impact fees would be if the \$15.25 per GPD were instead assessed on the sewer contributory loading as defined in South Carolina Department of Environmental Regulation 61-67, "Standards for Wastewater Facility Construction" Appendix A: Unit Contributory Loadings to All Domestic Wastewater Treatment Facilities. One downside to using the unit contributory loadings is that it does not always correlate to the actual amount of wastewater that the system may see due to the particular development.

The table of Unit Contributory Loadings is shown in Appendix A attached, along with a representative example of each type of establishment, and its corresponding impact fee based on \$15.25 per gpd.



### Appendix A: Impact Fees Based on SCDES Contributory Loading

Type of Establishment	SCDES Hydraulic Loading (GPD)	Representative Example				
		Units	Component Flow (GPD)	Total Flow (GPD)	Impact Fee @ \$15.25/GPD	Impact Fee @ \$25.73/GPD
<b>Airport</b>				560	\$ 8,540	\$ 14,409
Per Employee	8	20	160			
Per Passenger	4	100	400			
<b>Apartments, Condominium, Patio Homes</b>						
3 Bedrooms	300			300	\$ 4,575	\$ 7,719
2 Bedrooms	225			225	\$ 3,431	\$ 5,789
1 Bedroom	150			150	\$ 2,288	\$ 3,860
<b>Assembly Hall</b>						
Per Seat	4	500		2000	\$ 30,500	\$ 51,460
<b>Barber Shop</b>				594	\$ 9,059	\$ 15,284
Per Employee	8	18	144			
Per Chair	75	6	450			
<b>Bars, Taverns</b>				816	\$ 12,444	\$ 20,996
Per Employee	8	12	96			
Per Seat, Excluding Restaurant	30	24	720			
<b>Beauty Shop</b>				708	\$ 10,797	\$ 18,217
Per Employee	8	18	144			
Per Chair	94	6	564			
<b>Boarding House, Dormitory</b>						
Per Resident	38	100		3800	\$ 57,950	\$ 97,774
<b>Bowling Alley</b>				880	\$ 13,420	\$ 22,642
Per Employee	8	16	128			
Per Lane, No Restaurant, Bar or Lounge	94	8	752			
<b>Camps</b>						
Resort, Luxury (Per Person)	75	100		7500	\$ 114,375	\$ 192,975
Summer (Per Person)	38	100		3800	\$ 57,950	\$ 97,774
Day, with Central Bathhouse (Per Person)	26	100		2600	\$ 39,650	\$ 66,898
Travel Trailer (Per Site)	131	50		6550	\$ 99,888	\$ 168,532
<b>Car Wash</b>						
Per Car Washed	56	80		4480	\$ 68,320	\$ 115,270
<b>Churches</b>						
Per Seat	2	500		1000	\$ 15,250	\$ 25,730
<b>Clinics, Doctors Office</b>				496	\$ 7,564	\$ 12,762
Per Employee	11	16	176			
Per Patient	4	80	320			
<b>Country Club, Fitness Center, Spa</b>						
Per Member	38	250		9500	\$ 144,875	\$ 244,435
<b>Dentist Office</b>				928	\$ 14,152	\$ 23,877
Per Employee	11	24	264			
Per Chair	6	16	96			
Per Suction Unit, Standard	278		0			
Per Suction Unit, Recycling	71	8	568			
Per Suction Unit, Air Generated Unit	0		0			
<b>Factories, Industries</b>						
Per Employee	19	50		950	\$ 14,488	\$ 24,444
Per Employee, w/ Showers	26	200		5200	\$ 79,300	\$ 133,796
Per Employee w/ Kitchen	30	200		6000	\$ 91,500	\$ 154,380
Per Employee w/ Showers and Kitchen	34	250		8500	\$ 129,625	\$ 218,705
<b>Fairgrounds</b>						
Average Attendance Per Person	4	1000		4000	\$ 61,000	\$ 102,920
<b>Grocery Store</b>						
Per Person, No Restaurant or Food Prep	19	400		7600	\$ 115,900	\$ 195,548
<b>Hospitals</b>				13500	\$ 205,875	\$ 347,355
Per Resident Staff	75	80	6000			
Per Bed	150	50	7500			

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		Units	Component Flow (GPD)	Total Flow (GPD)	Impact Fee @ \$15.25/GPD	Impact Fee @ \$25.73/GPD
<b>Hotels</b>						
Per Bedroom No Restaurant	75	100		7500	\$ 114,375	\$ 192,975
<b>Institution</b>						
Per Resident	75	100		7500	\$ 114,375	\$ 192,975
<b>Laundries</b>						
Per Machine (Self Service)	300	25		7500	\$ 114,375	\$ 192,975
<b>Marinas</b>						
Per Slip	23	30		690	\$ 10,523	\$ 17,754
<b>Mobile Homes</b>						
Per Unit	225			225	\$ 3,431	\$ 5,789
<b>Motels</b>						
Per Unit, No Restaurant	75	100		7500	\$ 114,375	\$ 192,975
<b>Nursing Homes</b>						
Per Bed	75	40		3000	\$ 45,750	\$ 77,190
Per Bed w/ Laundry	113	80		9040	\$ 137,860	\$ 232,599
<b>Offices, Small Stores, Business, Administration Buildings</b>						
Per Person, No Restaurant)	19	25		475	\$ 7,244	\$ 12,222
<b>Picnic Parks</b>						
Average Attendance Per Person	8	100		800	\$ 12,200	\$ 20,584
<b>Prison / Jail</b>						
Per Employee	11	25	275	4975	\$ 75,869	\$ 128,007
Per Inmate	94	50	4700			
<b>Residences</b>						
Per House	300			300	\$ 4,575	\$ 7,719
<b>Rest Areas, Welcome Center</b>						
Per Person	4	50		200	\$ 3,050	\$ 5,146
Per Person w/ Showers	8	50		400	\$ 6,100	\$ 10,292
<b>Rest Homes</b>						
Per Bed	75	40		3000	\$ 45,750	\$ 77,190
Per Bed, w/ Launry	113	80		9040	\$ 137,860	\$ 232,599
<b>Restaurants</b>						
Fast Food, Not 24 Hrs, Per Seat	30	50		1500	\$ 22,875	\$ 38,595
24 Hr, Per Seat	53	50		2650	\$ 40,413	\$ 68,185
Drive In, Per Car Space	30	24		720	\$ 10,980	\$ 18,526
Vending Machine, Walk-up Deli or Food Prep (Per Person)	30	40		1200	\$ 18,300	\$ 30,876
<b>Schools, Day Care</b>						
Per Person	8	50		400	\$ 6,100	\$ 10,292
Per Person w/ Cafeteria	11	500		5500	\$ 83,875	\$ 141,515
Per Person w/ Cafeteria, Gym & Showers	15	1200		18000	\$ 274,500	\$ 463,140
<b>Service Stations</b>						
Per Employee	8	12	96	5776	\$ 88,084	\$ 148,616
Per Car Served	8	150	1200			
Car Wash (Per Car Washed)	56	80	4480			
<b>Shopping Centers, Large Department Stores, Malls</b>						
Per Person, No Restaurant	19	1000		19000	\$ 289,750	\$ 488,870
<b>Stadiums, Coliseums</b>						
Per Seat, No Restaurant	4	1000		4000	\$ 61,000	\$ 102,920
<b>Swimming Pools</b>						
Per Person, w/ Sewer Facilities and Showers	8	100		800	\$ 12,200	\$ 20,584
<b>Theatres</b>						
Indoor, Per Seat, Drive in, Per Stall	4	800		3200	\$ 48,800	\$ 82,336