



Board of Commissioners Meeting
OJRSA Operations & Administration Building
Lamar Bailes Board Room
May 4, 2026 at 4:00 PM

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Agenda

- A. Call to Order** – Kevin Bronson, Board Chair
- B. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance** – Led by Commissioner Scott McLane
- C. Public Session** – 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.
- D. Approval of Minutes**
- Board of Commissioners Meeting of April 6, 2026
- E. Committee and Other Meeting Reports**
- Reconstitution Committee and Executive Committee Meeting of March 12, 2026 as approved by committee on April 9, 2026 – Kevin Bronson, Committee Chair *Acceptance of the April 9, 2026 meeting minutes to be considered at the board meeting following committee approval*
 - Operations & Planning Committee Meeting of April 23, 2026 – Scott Moulder, Committee Chair
 - Finance & Administration Committee Meeting of April 28, 2026 – Celia Myers, Committee Chair
- F. Secretary/Treasurer's Report** (to be provided at meeting) – Lynn Stephens, Secretary/Treasurer
- G. Presentation and Discussion Items** *[May include vote and/or action on matters brought up for discussion]*
1. Compensation and benefits study presentation and recommendations – Carrie Cavanaugh, Find Great People
 2. Updated cost estimates for the expansion of the treatment plant and conveyance system to accommodate future growth – Jason Gillespie, Weston & Sampson
 3. Consider user rates and impact fees for FY 2027 Budget (Exhibit A) – Chris Eleazer, Director
- H. Action Items**
- Approve Resolution 2026-01 Special Exemption of OJRSA Procurement Policy for Odor Control Equipment (Exhibit B) – Chris Eleazer, Director
- I. Executive Director's Discussion and Compliance Matters** – Chris Eleazer, Director
1. Environmental and regulatory compliance matters
 2. SCDES Coneross Creek Water Reclamation Facility inspection
 3. FY 2027 Budget
 4. Regional Feasibility and Reconstitution Quarterly Report No. 3 (Exhibit C)
 5. Miscellaneous *(if any)*
- J. 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.
- K. Executive Session** *ACTIONS MAY BE TAKEN ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION*
1. Negotiations incident to contractual arrangements and receipt of legal advice – Operating agreement with Oconee County [Section 30-4-70(a)(2)]
 2. Receipt of legal advice regarding a contract with Bio-Nomic Services, Inc. [Section 30-4-70(a)(2)]
- L. Adjourn**

Upcoming Meetings

All meetings to be held in the Lamar Bailes Board Room unless noted otherwise.

- Reconstitution Committee and Executive Committee – May 14, 2026 at 9:00 AM
- Operations & Planning Committee – May 21, 2026 at 8:30 AM
- Finance & Administration Committee – May 26, 2026 at 9:00 AM
- Board of Commissioners – June 1, 2026 at 4:00 PM

Fee Considerations for Fiscal Year 2027

User Data

NOTE: The tables below use the average number of customers and flow billed per month during the periods disclosed.

Count of Customers by Type

Customer Type	Mar 2025-Feb 2026	Mar 2024-Feb 2025	Changes From Year-to-Year	
	Avg #/Month	Avg #/Month	Avg #/Month	Percent
Residential Users	8,269	8,027	242	3.015%
Nonresidential Users	1,543	1,527	16	1.031%
Combined Customers	9,812	9,554	258	2.698%

Volume by Customer Type

Customer Type	Mar 2025-Feb 2026	Mar 2024-Feb 2025	Changes From Year-to-Year	
	Avg Gal/Month	Avg Gal/Month	Avg Gal/Month	Percent
Residential Volume	30,998,281	31,030,274	-31,993	-0.103%
Nonresidential Volume	27,717,957	30,190,749	-2,472,793	-8.191%
Combined Volume	58,716,238	61,221,023	-2,504,786	-4.091%

Revenue by Customer Type

Customer Type	Mar 2025-Feb 2026	Mar 2024-Feb 2025	Changes From Year-to-Year	
	Avg Revenue/Month	Avg Revenue/Month	Avg Revenue/Month	Percent
Residential Revenue	\$255,506.98	\$247,513.18	\$7,993.80	3.230%
Nonresidential Revenue	\$234,186.23	\$245,412.07	-\$11,225.84	-4.574%
Combined Revenue	\$489,693.21	\$492,925.25	-\$3,232.04	-0.656%

Rates: Increase to **Base** Fees Only

Fee Item	CURRENT	1.0%	3.0%	5.0%	10.0%	12.5%	15.0%
Residential Base (/month)	<u>\$10.00</u>	\$10.10	\$10.30	\$10.50	\$11.00	\$11.25	\$11.50
Residential Vol (/1,000 gal)	<u>\$5.66</u>	\$5.66	\$5.66	\$5.66	\$5.66	\$5.66	\$5.66
Nonres Base (/month)	<u>\$15.00</u>	\$15.15	\$15.45	\$15.75	\$16.50	\$16.88	\$17.25
Nonres Vol (/1,000 gal)	<u>\$7.74</u>	\$7.74	\$7.74	\$7.74	\$7.74	\$7.74	\$7.74
APPROX ANNUAL REVENUE	\$5,864,280	\$5,942,165	\$5,967,514	\$5,992,864	\$6,056,238	\$6,087,924	\$6,119,611
Revenue Above Current	0	\$12,675	\$38,024	\$63,374	\$126,747	\$158,434	\$190,121
Residential 5,000 gal/month	\$38.30	\$38.40	\$38.60	\$38.80	\$39.30	\$39.55	\$39.80
Difference From Current	\$0	\$0.10	\$0.30	\$0.50	\$1.00	\$1.25	\$1.50

Rates: Increase to **Volumetric** Fees Only

Fee Item	CURRENT	1.0%	3.0%	5.0%	10.0%	12.5%	15.0%
Residential Base (/month)	<u>\$10.00</u>	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Residential Vol (/1,000 gal)	<u>\$5.66</u>	\$5.72	\$5.83	\$5.94	\$6.23	\$6.37	\$6.51
Nonres Base (/month)	<u>\$15.00</u>	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
Nonres Vol (/1,000 gal)	<u>\$7.74</u>	\$7.82	\$7.97	\$8.13	\$8.51	\$8.71	\$8.90
APPROX ANNUAL REVENUE	\$5,864,280	\$5,975,692	\$6,068,932	\$6,162,173	\$6,395,274	\$6,511,824	\$6,628,374
Revenue Above Current	0	\$46,202	\$139,442	\$232,683	\$465,783	\$582,334	\$698,884
Residential 5,000 gal/month	\$38.30	\$38.58	\$39.15	\$39.72	\$41.13	\$41.84	\$42.55
Difference From Current	\$0	\$0.28	\$0.85	\$1.42	\$2.83	\$3.54	\$4.25

Rates: Increase to **Base** and **Volumetric** Fees

Fee Item	CURRENT	1.0%	3.0%	5.0%	10.0%	12.5%	15.0%
Residential Base (/month)	<u>\$10.00</u>	\$10.10	\$10.30	\$10.50	\$11.00	\$11.25	\$11.50
Residential Vol (/1,000 gal)	<u>\$5.66</u>	\$5.72	\$5.83	\$5.94	\$6.23	\$6.37	\$6.51
Nonres Base (/month)	<u>\$15.00</u>	\$15.15	\$15.45	\$15.75	\$16.50	\$16.88	\$17.25
Nonres Vol (/1,000 gal)	<u>\$7.74</u>	\$7.82	\$7.97	\$8.13	\$8.51	\$8.71	\$8.90
APPROX ANNUAL REVENUE	\$5,864,280	\$5,988,785	\$6,107,375	\$6,225,965	\$6,522,439	\$6,670,676	\$6,818,914
Revenue Above Current	0	\$59,295	\$177,885	\$296,475	\$592,949	\$741,186	\$889,424
Residential 5,000 gal/month	\$38.30	\$38.68	\$39.45	\$40.22	\$42.13	\$43.09	\$44.05
Difference From Current	\$0	\$0.38	\$1.15	\$1.92	\$3.83	\$4.79	\$5.75



RESOLUTION 2026-01

Special Exemption of OJRSA Procurement Policy for Odor Control Equipment

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXEMPTION FROM OJRSA PROCUREMENT AND PROPERTY DISPOSAL POLICY REQUIREMENTS FOR ODOR CONTROL EQUIPMENT DEMONSTRATION AND SERVICES PROVIDED BY ECOSORB INDUSTRIAL AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority (the "**Board**"), the governing body of the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority, South Carolina ("**OJRSA**"), as follows:

WHEREAS, OJRSA operates wastewater treatment facilities that require effective odor control to maintain regulatory compliance and community relations; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of Section 11-35-5320 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, require that OJRSA adopt "procedures embodying sound principles of appropriately competitive procurement," suitable for the unique needs of OJRSA; and

WHEREAS, in keeping with such statutory directive, the Board adopted OJRSA's Procurement and Property Disposal Policy (as amended) (the "**Policy**"), the terms of which set forth the policies and procedures for procuring good and service; and

WHEREAS, OJRSA staff have identified the need to evaluate and implement odor control solutions in a timely manner to address ongoing operational concerns (the "**Project**"); and

WHEREAS, the time required to solicit, procure, and coordinate multiple vendors to perform site evaluations for the Project would result in delays that are not in the best interest of OJRSA operations; and

WHEREAS, OJRSA staff have identified EcoSorb Industrial as a qualified vendor capable of completing the Project in a timely and efficient manner for an amount not to exceed \$120,000 (the "**Project Amount**"); and

WHEREAS, EcoSorb Industrial's proximity to the OJRSA facility will facilitate prompt response times and ongoing operational support during both the evaluation and implementation phases of the Project; and

WHEREAS, EcoSorb Industrial has furnished verifiable written references, which OJRSA staff have independently reviewed and confirmed through direct communication, demonstrating the vendor's successful performance of comparable odor control systems under similar conditions and its ability to meet the represented performance standards; and

WHEREAS, in lieu of formal compliance with the Policy, staff has advised the Project be awarded to EcoSorb Industrial for an amount not exceeding the Project Amount; and

WHEREAS, the waiver of the Policy and the award of the Project to the Contractor for an amount not exceeding the Project Amount, as authorized and contemplated by this Resolution, is in keeping with the findings of the South Carolina Court of Appeals in *Glasscock Co., Inc. v. Sumter Cnty.*, 361 S.C. 483 (2004 Ct. App.), wherein the court validated a procurement exception for contracts approved by ordinance.¹

¹ OJRSA, as a joint agency under South Carolina law, takes official action by resolution instead of an ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes an exemption from the standard procurement requirements of the Policy for the limited purpose of securing odor control equipment demonstration and related services from EcoSorb Industrial; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board has determined that it is in the best interest of OJRSA for the Project to be completed by the vendor. To the extent the award of the Project does not conform to the particular terms of the Policy, particularly the purchase thresholds, competitive bidding requirements, and any further requirements therein, the Board expressly exempts the award of the Project to the vendor from the terms of the Policy. In making such exemption, the Board declares that the award of the Project for an amount not exceeding the Project Amount shall not be subject to the provisions of the Policy. To the extent of any conflict between this Resolution on the one hand and the Policy on the other, this Resolution shall control and constitute the Policy for purposes of the Project.² The authorizations provided herein are explicitly found to embody sound principles of appropriately competitive procurement and the Board believes that such actions are in the best interest of OJRSA and its constituents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Executive Director of OJRSA (the "**Executive Director**") and legal counsel for OJRSA are authorized to negotiate and finalize the terms of any agreement related to the Project (the "**Agreement**"). The Agreement shall be executed and delivered on behalf of OJRSA by the Executive Director, or his assigns. In connection with the execution and delivery of the Agreement, the Executive Director is additionally authorized to prepare, review, negotiate, execute, deliver, and agree to such additional agreements (to include any necessary amendments or extensions), certifications, documents, closing proofs, and undertakings as he shall deem necessary or advisable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all prior actions of the Board, the Executive Director and any other officers of OJRSA in furtherance of the purposes of this Resolution are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all records related to this action shall be maintained in accordance with OJRSA procurement recordkeeping requirements.

Done and adopted this 4th day of May 2026.

Kevin Bronson, Chairman
 OJRSA Board of Commissioners

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

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² See *Glasscock Co., Inc. v. Sumter Cnty.*, 361 S.C. at 491, (allowing "local governments needed flexibility to determine what is 'appropriately competitive' in light of the public business they must transact").

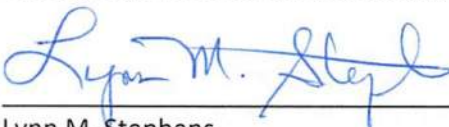
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Submittal Statement

This report is provided to the South Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority, Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority ("OJRSA") Board of Commissioners, and Oconee County Council in accordance with the recommendations provided by the Ad Hoc Regional Feasibility Study Implementation Committee and as accepted by the OJRSA Board of Commissioners on July 15, 2025.



Christopher R. Eleazer
OJRSA Executive Director, and
OJRSA Ad Hoc Reconstitution Committee Member



Lynn M. Stephens
OJRSA Secretary/Treasurer

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Background

In 2022, the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority (“OJRSA” or “Authority”) was awarded a Regional Feasibility Planning Grant¹ by the South Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority (“RIA”). OJRSA subsequently procured the services of W.K. Dickson (now, Ardurra) to develop a comprehensive Regional Feasibility Planning Study (“Planning Study”) to determine if regionalizing sewer collection, conveyance, and treatment in Oconee County, South Carolina (“County”) will streamline service delivery and enhance the success of the community and its quality of life. The Planning Study² included the analysis and recommendations in the following core areas: (1) governance structure; (2) revenues and finance; (3) environmental compliance, (4) utility resources, and (5) efficiency in operations and service.

The Planning Study was completed in August 2024 and adopted by the OJRSA Board of Commissioners (“Board”) in September 2024. A special Ad Hoc Regional Feasibility Study Implementation Committee (“Feasibility Committee”) was established by the Board in November 2024 to review, discuss, and evaluate the Planning Study’s primary recommendations and to provide independent recommendations for implementing this restructuring.

The Feasibility Committee established five major recommendations to reorganize/reconstitute the OJRSA under the South Carolina Joint Authority Water and Sewer Systems Act (the “Act”), as follows:

1. The collection systems of current Authority members and Oconee County should be consolidated into one combined system – owned, operated, and maintained by the reconstituted Authority.
2. The Authority should be reconstituted with a new five-member Board of Commissioners (the “New Board”).
3. The governance documents of the reconstituted Authority will be drafted and supersede all existing Authority governance documents and contracts, which must be dissolved as a part of this process. These documents will also provide that the reconstituted Authority will have the power to provide retail sewer services within its service area as necessary to support the operation of the consolidated collection systems. This should be finalized upon completion of the consolidation but can be drafted during the consolidation process.
4. The current Board will dissolve the Feasibility Committee and then establish a working group or smaller ad hoc committee to oversee and guide the initial implementation steps outlined above (the “Reconstitution Committee”³).
5. It is recommended that a communications plan for the reorganization be developed, which should be used by all entities involved. This plan will ensure clear and consistent messaging while also allowing for input from residents and customers of the Authority. Maintaining an open process is crucial to maximize the chances of success in consolidating the collection systems and establishing the reconstituted Authority with the New Board.

The Feasibility Committee noted the recommendations were vital to the long-term success of the Authority, and in the absence of the implementation of these recommendations, the OJRSA runs the risk of significant regulatory compliance matters, lack of funding, and restrictions on growth and development of the County as a whole.

The final Feasibility Committee recommendations, which were presented to and accepted by the Board at a joint meeting with Oconee County Council in July 2025, included a list of specific tasks which were established by the Feasibility Committee with timelines associated with each function. These included:

1. Within 45 days (August 29, 2025)⁴, the current Board will dissolve the Feasibility Committee and

¹ RIA Grant Number RGRG-23-5006

² *Regional Feasibility Planning Study 2024* by W.K. Dickson, Bolton & Menk, and Willdan Financial Services. (www.ojrsa.org/info)

³ This committee was identified in the recommendations as the “Implementation Committee”

⁴ Target dates are included for each based on date the recommendations were accepted by the Board

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establish the Reconstitution Committee for further implementation oversight.

2. On a quarterly basis, the Reconstitution Committee will provide an update to RIA, the current Board, and Oconee County on the progress of the implementation of these initial recommendations.
3. Within 45 days (August 29, 2025), the legislative revisions to the Act will be finalized and provided to the Oconee County Delegation (“Delegation”). Consultation shall be made with the Delegation on whether lobbyist support will be needed.
4. Within 90 days (October 13, 2025), resolutions of support for system consolidation/Authority reorganization will be provided to and adopted by each governing body affected by the recommendations, including the Board, Seneca City Council, Walhalla City Council, Westminster City Council, West Union Town Council, and Oconee County Council.
5. Within 120 days (November 12, 2025), consultants shall be engaged, and the process of collection system evaluation (technical) and valuation (financial) will be initiated, including identification of potential funding for this effort and immediate rehabilitation projects that may be identified or on current Capital Improvement Plans (“CIP”). Additionally, a rate consultant will be engaged.
6. Within 120 days (November 12, 2025), a Communications Plan will be developed under the guidance of the Implementation Committee and provided to all entities involved.
7. Within 60 days of the approved changes to Act being approved (likely July/August 2026), the list of recommendations for the initial commissioners for the reconstituted Authority (“New Commission”) will be provided to the Delegation.
8. Within 15 months (February 27, 2027), the evaluation and valuation of collection systems will be completed.
9. Within 18 months (May 12, 2027), the determination of a timeline for developing a unified, equitable rate structure will be provided as a part of the initial terms for collection system consolidation.
10. Within 24 months (July 15, 2027), legal documents to transfer collection system assets to the Authority will be executed, as well as all necessary reconstitution documents.
11. Within 25 months (August 16, 2027), if the legislative amendments have not been approved, plans for consolidation under the amended Act will be abandoned. Thereupon, the Authority will proceed to consolidate the member system and implement the reconstitution under the existing Act, with such process to be finalized by no later than 36 months (July 17, 2028). Additionally, all members shall be issued permits in compliance with the OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation (“SUR”) and added as co-permittees under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (“NPDES”) permit.

Summary of Current Actions

This section separately addresses each of the specific tasks identified in the Background section above.

Committee Members

The following are members of the Ad Hoc Reconstitution Committee (also referred to herein as the “Committee”):

- Appalachian Council of Governments – Chip Bentley
- Oconee County – Glenn Hart
- OJRSA – Chris Eleazer
- OJRSA Legal Counsel – Lawrence Flynn
- Seneca – Scott Moulder⁵
- Walhalla – Celia Myers⁵
- Westminster – Kevin Bronson⁵

⁵ Also a member of OJRSA Executive Committee

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- Facilitator⁶ – Katherine Amidon
- Facilitator⁶ – Joel Jones
- Facilitator⁶ – Angie Mettlen

Town of West Union Mayor Linda Oliver has also participated in the meetings as a nonvoting member.

Committee Meetings

The following events and meetings occurred during the reporting period:

- January 8, 2026 – *Meeting cancelled*
- February 12, 2026 – Ad Hoc Reconstitution Committee and OJRSA Executive Committee meeting
- March 12, 2026 – Ad Hoc Reconstitution Committee and OJRSA Executive Committee meeting

Recommendation Item 1: Dissolve Feasibility Committee and Create New Committee

Target Date: August 29, 2025

Status: Complete

See Report No. 1 for information.

Recommendation Item 2: Submit Quarterly Report

Target Date: Within 14 days after completion of each calendar quarter

Status: Report #3 complete

This quarterly report has been prepared and submitted in accordance with Recommendation Item 2. Best efforts will be made to submit quarterly reports to RIA within two (2) weeks of the conclusion of each calendar quarter⁷ until the conclusion of this program.

Recommendation Item 3: Submit Joint Authority Water and Sewer System Act Draft to Oconee County Delegation

Target Date: August 29, 2025

Status: Target date of submittal In Progress

Senate Bill 829 was introduced by Senator Thomas Alexander on January 20, 2026, and was referred to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary that same day. The committee adopted the amendment on March 17, and it received unanimous approval (40-0) on third reading by the Senate on March 19. The proposed legislation was then referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary on March 24.

Although out of the control of the OJRSA, the organization believes it is in a good position to see the bill passed into law before *Sine Die* on May 14, 2026.

Recommendation Item 4: Adoption of Resolutions of Support

Target Date: October 13, 2025

Status: Complete

The following resolutions of support for wastewater system consolidation/Authority reorganization have been adopted by the following as of December 31, 2025:

- Seneca – August 26, 2025
- OJRSA – September 8, 2025
- Westminster – September 9, 2025
- Walhalla – September 16, 2025
- West Union – December 9, 2025
- Oconee County – March 3, 2026

⁶ Facilitators are nonvoting members

⁷ The end of March, June, September, and December of each year

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Recommendation Item 5: Initiate Collection System Technical Evaluation and Financial Valuation

Target Date: November 12, 2025

Status: In process

The Committee was presented with proposals from Raftelis Financial Consultants and First Tryon Advisors on February 12, 2026. After review, the body unanimously approved recommending to the OJRSA Board of Commissioners that they execute agreements with both financial firms to conduct the following (summarized):

- Phase 1: Raftelis Financial Consultants
 - Gather and analyze current financial information for the OJRSA and member entities (OJRSA, Oconee County, City of Seneca, City of Walhalla, City of Westminster, and Town of West Union), hereafter referred to as “Member Entities.”
 - Project revenue requirements needed for operation and maintenance costs, capital costs (to include debt service payments and cash-financed capital), and reserve requirements for the consolidated system to include the Member Entities.
 - Examine billing records to determine customer demand for wastewater service and forecast billable units for next five-to-ten years.
 - Determine a retail rate for a combined sewer system for each year of the forecast period.
 - Develop a model for revenue requirements and perform operational and capital financial planning.
- Phase 2: First Tryon Advisors
 - Analyze the existing financial condition, credit profile, and debt portfolio of the OJRSA, and
 - Build a comprehensive financial planning model to assist in evaluating and establishing the consolidated system’s debt capacity for various capital projects.

Phase 1 of the project is projected to be completed by September 2026. The second phase does not yet have a projected completion date, as this phase is predicated on information from Phase 1 and an ultimate determination that consolidation is feasible and what entities remain open to it.

The OJRSA Board unanimously approved the execution of both proposals on March 2, 2026. All entities except the Town of West Union are contributing financially to cover the cost of these studies based on an agreed upon formula.

Recommendation Item 6: Develop Communications Plan

Target Date: November 12, 2025

Status: Ongoing

The following Reconstitution Progress Communication Memorandums were disseminated to the councils and leadership of the Member Cities, Oconee County, Town of West Union, and key stakeholders:

- January 19, 2026 – Memo #2 summarized frequently asked stakeholder questions and responses from the Committee.
- Memo #3 and #4 are being prepared for review by the Committee.

Recommendation Item 7: Consider Initial Commissioners for New Authority

Target Date: Within 60 days of approved changes to Act (likely July/August 2026)

Status: Contingent on legislative approval

If the recommended amendments to the Act are approved by the South Carolina Legislature and signed into law by the Governor, then the list of possible candidates for the New Commission will be provided to

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the Delegation soon thereafter (assuming the proper filing and reconstitution of the Authority).

Recommendation Item 8: Complete Technical Evaluation and Valuation of Collection Systems

Target Date: February 27, 2027

Status: Study underway

As noted in Recommendation Item 5, this study is underway.

Recommendation Item 9: Develop Unified, Equitable Rate Structure

Target Date: May 12, 2027

Status: Not started

Recommendation Item 8 must be completed prior to beginning this task.

Recommendation Item 10: Execute Transfer of Wastewater Collection System Assets and Reconstitution Documents

Target Date: July 15, 2027

Status: Not started

This task will begin much later in the process.

Recommendation Item 11 (contingency): Abandon Consolidation and Reconstitution Plan

Target Date: August 16, 2027

Status: Not applicable at this time

This contingency item will only apply if legislative amendments are not approved or if the Reconstitution Committee cannot reach consensus. That said, there are some questions from some of the entities regarding the proposed Board appointment process and voting allocations with the reduced number of members. The facilitators recognize that these issues are ones that could derail the process. As such, they are working to clarify the process/voting allocations and address other concerns from the entities as they arise to keep this effort moving forward. The importance of transparent and open communication has been conveyed to the committee as the facilitators feel this to be a key factor in successfully completing the reconstitution of the authority.

Past Actions

See previous submittals for previous actions performed by the Reconstitution Committee.