



Development of Drought Response Strategies and Recommendations

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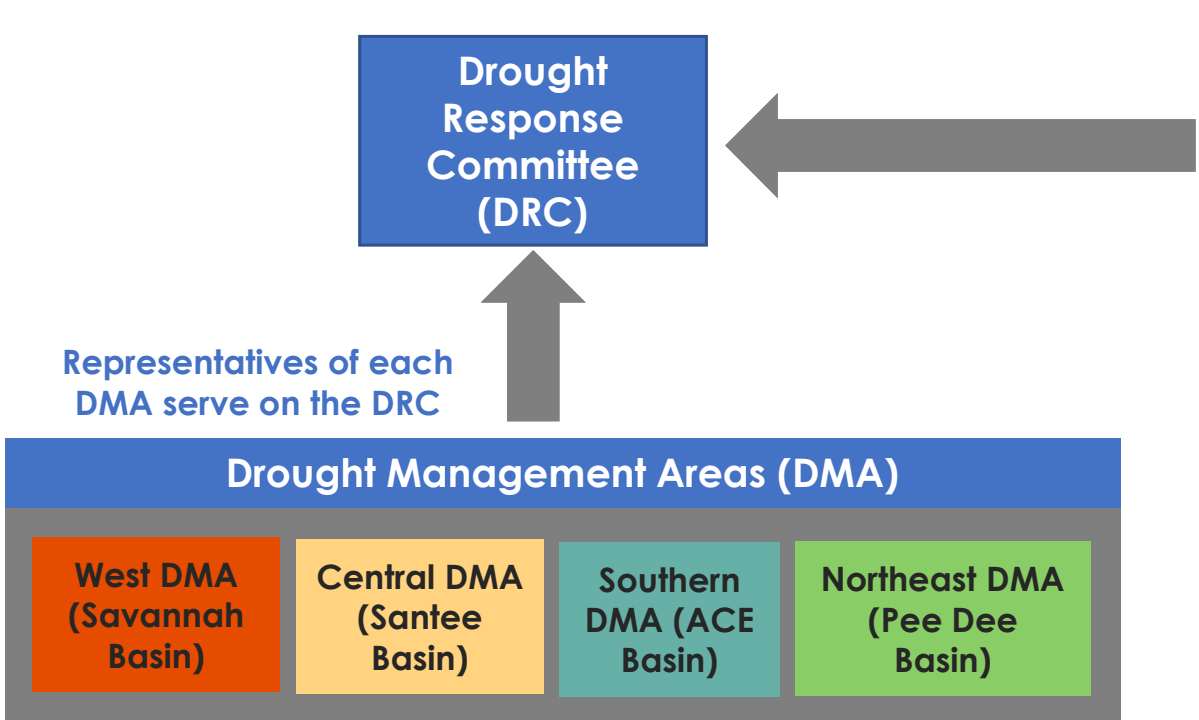
Per the Planning Framework, the Specific Drought Response-related Obligations of the RBC, with Support from SCDNR, are:

1. **Collecting** and **evaluating local hydrologic information** for drought assessment.
2. **Providing local drought information** and recommendations to the DRC regarding drought declarations.
3. **Communicating** drought conditions and drought declarations to the rest of the RBC, stakeholders, and the public.
4. **Advocating** for a coordinated, basin-wide response by entities with drought management responsibilities.
5. **Coordinating** with other drought management groups in the basin as needed.

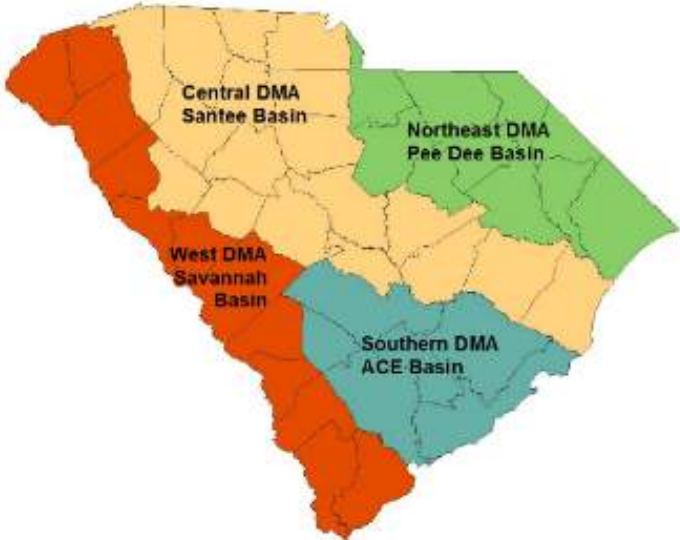
Planning Framework Outline for **Chapter 8. Drought Response**

1. Summarize **existing drought plans** and **drought advisory groups**
2. Summarize any **drought response initiatives** developed by the RBC
3. List **recommendations** on drought management or drought management strategies
4. Include a **communication plan** to inform stakeholders and the public on current drought conditions and activities regarding drought response

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DROUGHT PLANNING GUIDEBOOK

A Resource for Water Systems
in the Palmetto State

Guidance for Reviewing and Updating Drought
Management Plans and Response Ordinances

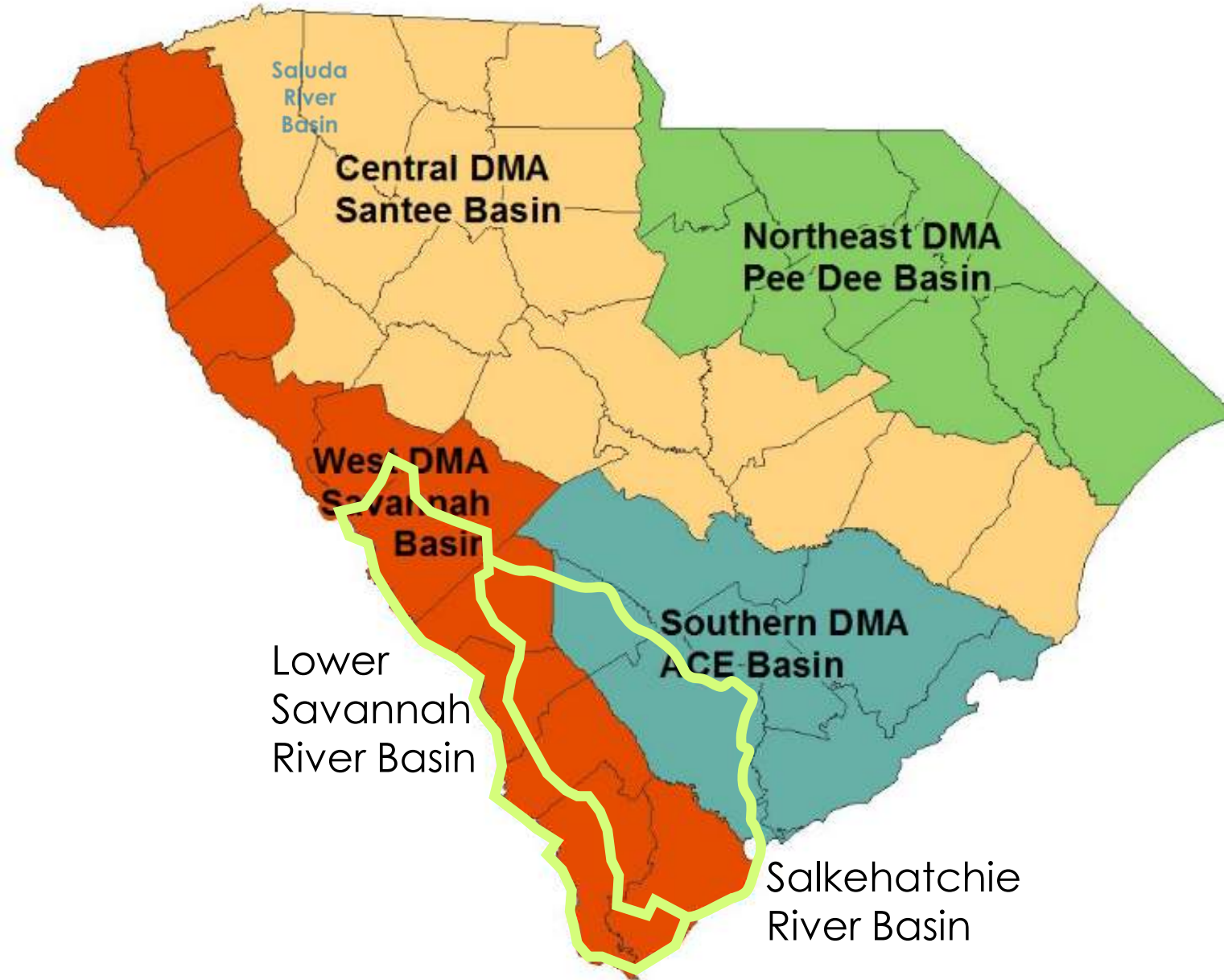
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Drought Management Areas



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Domestic User	Eric Carrier	Aiken
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Power Generation Facilities	Preston Pierce	Oconee
Private Water Supplier	J. Scott Willett	Anderson
Public Service District	Chris Rasco	Anderson
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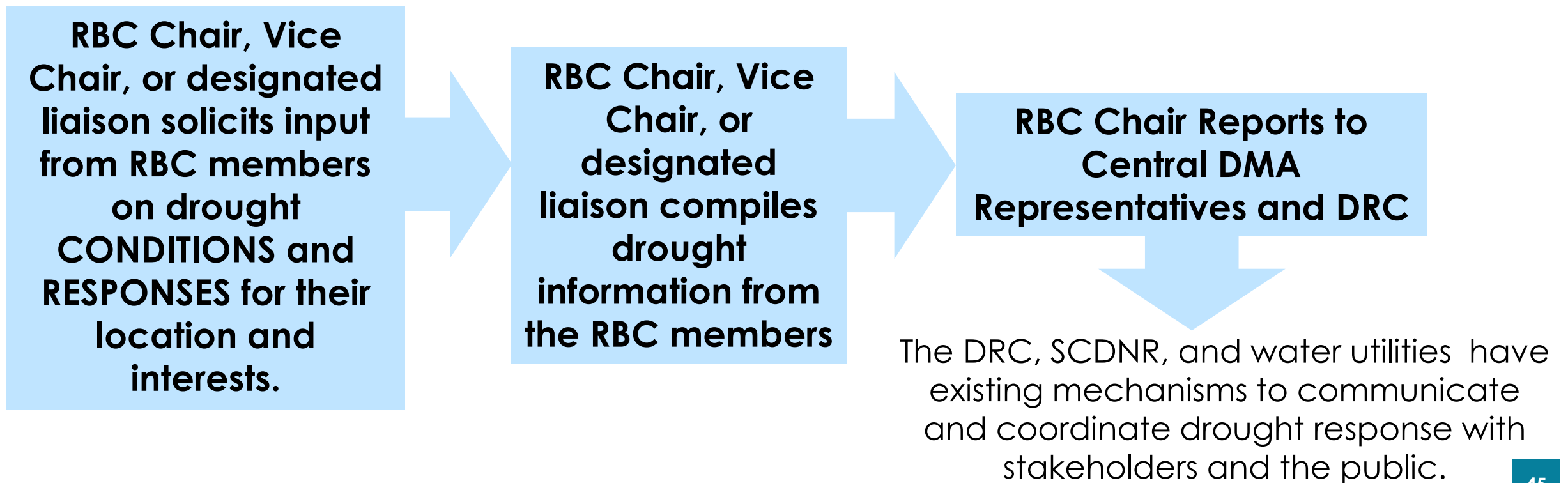
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General approach adopted by the Edisto, Saluda, Broad, and Pee Dee RBCs:



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The Upper Savannah RBC discussed and agreed on recommending an approach which would eliminate the Drought Management Areas (DMAs), replacing them with the RBCs, or a subset of members representing each RBC. It was acknowledged that this would require a change to the SC Drought Response Act and supporting regulations.