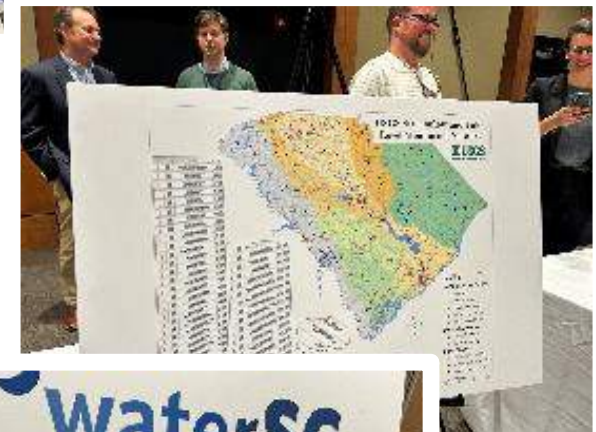
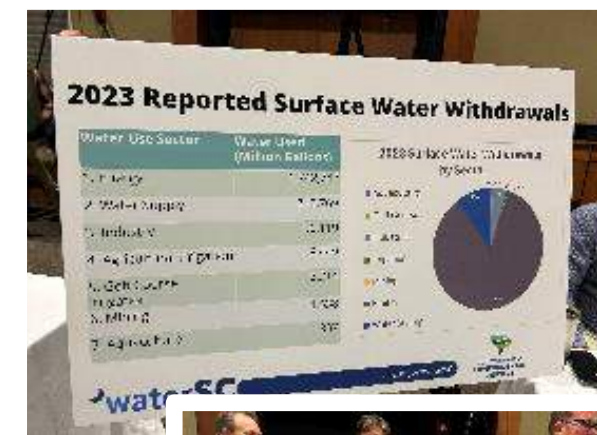
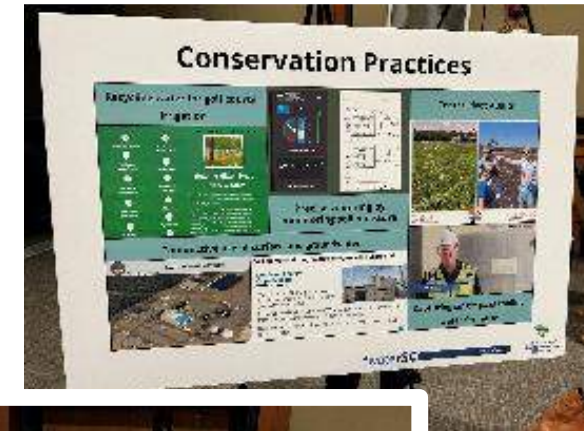


January 7th WaterSC Open House and Listening Session



WaterSC

WaterSC is a collaboration of leaders, partners, and experts from across the state working together to preserve, protect and manage South Carolina's water resources for present and future use.

Jan 7 Water SC Listening Session Speakers

- Alan Stuart, Duke Energy and Upper Savannah RBC Member.
- Tonya Bonitatibus, Savannah Riverkeeper and Upper Savannah RBC Member.
- Hugo Krispyn, Edisto Riverkeeper/Friends of the Edisto and Edisto RBC Member.
- Ken Tuck, Director of Drinking Water Services for Spartanburg Water and Broad RBC Chair.
- Katherine Amidon, Consultant and Saluda RBC Vice Chair.
- Melanie Ruhlman, President of Save our Saluda and Saluda RBC Member
- Jason Gamble, Clarendon County Agricultural Producer and Pee Dee RBC Member
- Brad O’Neal, Coosaw Farms and Lower Savannah-Salkehatchie RBC Member
- Jacob Oswalt, Allendale Farmer (JCO Farms), and Lower Savannah-Salkehatchie RBC Alternate Member
- John Rivers, Farmer from Sumter and Pee Dee RBC Member
- Bert Judy, Dorchester County Farmer.

10 of 11 speakers serve on RBCs

Surface Water Study Committee Appointees

- **Governor:** Myra Reece, Interim Director, SCDES
- **President of the Senate:** Sen. Rex Rice, R, Easley, District 2
Sen. Kent Williams, D, Marion, District 30
- **Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources:** Chairman Wes Climer, R-Rock Hill, District 15
- **Speaker of the House:** Rep. Doug Gillam, R-Buffalo, District 42
Rep. Roger Kirby, D-Lake City, District 101
- **House Agriculture and Natural Resources:** Rep. Bill Hixon, R-North Augusta, District 83

January 23 Surface Water Study Committee Meeting Summary

- Sen. Climer and Rep. Hixon were nominated and approved as co-Chairs.
- A joint resolution was adopted by the Committee, which, if adopted by the General Assembly will:
 - Extend the deadline for the Study Committee's work to March 2, 2026. This will allow WaterSC to complete their work in 2025.
 - Expand the scope of the Study Committee to mirror that of WaterSC (include groundwater)
- It was requested that WaterSC to provide a quarterly report to the Study Committee. The first report will be in late April 2025.
- Myra Reece provided update on WaterSC.