

Vision and Goals Development

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Setting the Long-term Vision and Goals

- The Vision Statement and Goals should summarize the RBC's priorities for water resource use and management in the Santee River Basin.
- Support and Balance All Water Needs
- Assessment of Supply and Demand
- Source Water Protection and Land Management
- Plan for Droughts
- Conduct Public Education and Outreach

- Promote Conservation and Reuse
- Support Effective Policy Development
- Recognize and Support Economic Growth
- Understanding regulation

Example Vision Statements

- 1 "A resilient and sustainably managed Edisto River Basin where stakeholder and ecosystem needs are recognized, balanced and protected."
- 2 "Empowered stakeholders taking coordinated actions to conserve and enhance the resilience of the Broad River Basin to provide water resources for quality of life, while accounting for the ecological integrity of our shared water resources."
- 3 "To make sure water is available for all in the Pee Dee River Basin."

Example Vision Statements

- 4 "A resilient and sustainably managed Saluda River Basin that balances human and ecological needs."
- ⁵ "A resilient Upper Savannah River Basin that collaboratively, sustainably, and equitably manages and balances human and ecological needs."

Santee RBC Vision Statement

A resilient and sustainably managed Santee River Basin that balances human and ecological needs now and in the future.

The vision statement was adopted by motion

Goals set by the Edisto RBC

- 1. Develop water use strategies, policies, and legislative recommendations for the Edisto River Basin in order to:
 - a. Ensure water resources are maintained to support current and future human and ecosystem needs.
 - b. Improve the resiliency of the water resources and help minimize disruptions within the basin.
 - c. Promote future development in areas with adequate water resources.
 - d. Encourage responsible land use practices.
- 2. Develop and implement a communication plan to promote the strategies, policies and recommendations developed for the Edisto River Basin.

Goals set by the Broad RBC

- 1. Enhance the understanding of regional water issues and the need for support of policies and behaviors to protect resources through promotion and education.
- 2. Use sound science and data driven practice to support collaboration for all entities to effectively and efficiently manage the basin.
- 3. Provide policy and legislative recommendations.

Goals set by the Saluda RBC

- 1. To perform a review and update of the plan every 5 years at a minimum or sooner should a significant event occur requiring plan update.
- 2. Develop and implement an education and communication plan to promote the strategies, policies, and recommendations developed for the Saluda River Basin.
- 3. Apply science-based resource management and conservation strategies that consider resource availability and allocation.

Santee RBC Goals

- 1. Understand and evaluate existing history, hydrology, policies, and management of the basin.
- 2. Identify information and management gaps and develop new policy and water management strategy recommendations, as may be required, to ensure that water resources are maintained to support stakeholder's and ecological needs.
- 3. Evaluate current surface water and groundwater demands and project future water demands and needs.
- 4. Coordinate efforts and collaborate with the upstream and other impacted basins.
- 5. Enhance the stakeholders' understanding of regional water issues and the need for support of policies and behaviors to protect resources through public education and promotion.

The goals were adopted by motion