

**RICHLAND COUNTY**

**SEWER AD HOC**

**COMMITTEE AGENDA**



**Tuesday, MARCH 01, 2022**

**3:00 PM**

**Council Chambers**

**The Honorable Bill Malinowski**

**County Council District 1**

**The Honorable Cheryl English**

**County Council District 10**

# RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL 2021



Bill Malinowski  
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2018-2022



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District 10  
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District 11  
2018-2022



Sewer Ad Hoc Committee  
**AGENDA**  
March 01, 2022 - 3:00 PM  
Council Chambers  
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204

1. **Call to Order** The Honorable Bill Malinowski
  
2. **Approval of Minutes** The Honorable Bill Malinowski
  - a. December 7, 2021 [PAGES 6-8]
  
3. **Adoption of Agenda** The Honorable Bill Malinowski
  
4. **Election of Chair**
  
5. **Items for Action**
  - a. Modifications to ERCPSD Special Purpose District Boundary [PAGES 9-19]
  
  - b. Richland County Properties Identified for Water Master Plan - TMS # R03215-01-14 and TMS # R01700-02-02 [PAGES 20-23]
  
  - c. Projects Funded by Grants [PAGES 24-26]
  
6. **Adjournment**



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Richland County Council  
**SEWER AD HOC COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
December 7, 2021 – 3:00PM  
Council Chambers  
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia SC, 29204

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Malinowski, Chair, and Cheryl English

OTHERS PRESENT: Paul Livingston, Gretchen Barron, Jesica Mackey, Annette Kirylo, Michelle Onley, Tamar Black, Leonardo Brown, Patrick Wright, John Thompson, Lori Thomas, Bill Davis, Angela Weathersby and Justin Landy

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mr. Malinowski called the meeting to order at approximately 3:00 PM

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Audio problems**

a. **December 15, 2020** – Ms. English moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to approve the minutes as published, except the portion of the minutes regarding “Sewer Service for Albene Park”.

In Favor: Malinowski and English

The vote in favor was unanimous.

3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Ms. English moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to adopt the agenda as distributed.

In Favor: Malinowski and English

The vote in favor was unanimous.

4. **ELECTION OF CHAIR** – Ms. English moved, second by Mr. Malinowski, to elect Mr. Malinowski as Chair.

In Favor: Malinowski and English

The vote in favor was unanimous.

5. **PROJECT UPDATE** – Mr. Davis stated this is a project update on the Southeast Sewer System. Water and sewer are to be incorporated as a part of the project. He noted 46 customers completed paperwork by the deadline established by Council.

Mr. Malinowski inquired if any additional applications were received after the deadline.

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Mr. Davis responded they have not received additional applications, even though multiple notifications were sent out.

Mr. Malinowski inquired about the cost for sewer and water service.

Mr. Davis responded the sewer ranges vary, based on each contract, but it will be between \$10,000 - \$25,000, and the additional costs for crossing the roads, etc.

Mr. Malinowski stated, for clarification, how much is the County paying to have the sewer installed.

Mr. Davis responded it is several hundred thousand dollars. He noted water is a lot less, but he does not know the cost off the top of his head.

Mr. Malinowski inquired about a timeframe for a return on the investment.

Mr. Davis responded it will take forever.

Ms. English stated she has been working with Mr. Davis, and his team, since she came on Council. She noted they have applied for additional funds to work with Albene Park to see if we can get them on the system.

## 6. **ITEMS FOR ACTION**

- a. **TCO Change Order 12** – Mr. Davis stated, with the individual sewer pump stations, they typically fail between 2-5 years. He noted, if the homeowner is not doing the maintenance, and it failed over a weekend, the County wants to ensure we have enough storage. The County's specifications and ordinance require storage of about 500 gallons. Based on the contractor's approved design, the pump stations will only allow 95-100 gallons, which is not sufficient. To prevent spillage, we are recommending installation of a concrete structure by the pump station to protect the environment.

Mr. Malinowski inquired why this was not addressed before the contract was let.

Mr. Davis responded this was before his time, and was found as a direct result of his staff looking into the information.

Mr. Malinowski stated, for clarification, the County's ordinance requires 500 gallon, per home.

Mr. Davis responded in the affirmative.

Mr. Malinowski stated, for clarification, we are currently looking at 95-100 gallons, per home, which could lead problems, and cause the County to incur penalties and fines from DHEC.

Mr. Davis responded in the affirmative.

Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. English, to forward to Council with a recommendation to authorize the Utilities Department to move forward with the change order.

In Favor: Malinowski and English

The vote in favor was unanimous.

b. **Resuming Disconnections for Non-payment** – Mr. Malinowski inquired why this item is in this committee, and not the Coronavirus Ad Hoc Committee.

Mr. Brown stated, because there is some crossover, they wanted to inform the Sewer Ad Hoc Committee about what the Coronavirus Ad Hoc Committee is doing.

Mr. Malinowski inquired if this is something the Sewer Ad Hoc Committee should take action on.

Mr. Brown responded it would be helpful for the Sewer Ad Hoc Committee to provide a recommendation.

Mr. Malinowski noted, on May 14, 2020, the Governor allowed disconnections to begin with steps to normalize disconnections, but the committee is just being made aware of this.

Mr. Brown responded, during that time, Council discussed how to lessen the burden to citizens, and there was discussion regarding the delay in the sewer rate increase. As we were not willing to increase the rates, he assumed disconnections would also be paused, since reconnections would be expensive for the citizens.

Mr. Malinowski noted the County is in arrears for over a million dollars.

Mr. Brown stated the Coronavirus Ad Hoc Committee and Council approved the use of ARP funding to address those arrears.

Mr. Malinowski inquired where the funds are being used.

Mr. Brown responded the funds will reflect the utility system's bad debt, and put us in a neutral position. This begins telling people the County is going back to disconnection if they are not paying their fee or not honoring their payment plan.

Mr. Malinowski stated, staff's recommendation, is to resume the policy of disconnection of water and sewer for noncompliant individuals.

Ms. English moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to forward to Council with a recommendation to resume the County's policy of disconnection for water and sewer for non-payment.

In Favor: Malinowski and English

The vote in favor was unanimous.

7. **ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:23 PM.



**Agenda Briefing**

<b>Prepared by:</b>	Bill Davis	<b>Title:</b>	Director
<b>Department:</b>	Utilities	<b>Division:</b>	Utilities
<b>Date Prepared:</b>	November 22, 2021	<b>Meeting Date:</b>	March 1, 2022
<b>Legal Review</b>	Patrick Wright via email	<b>Date:</b>	January 25, 2022
<b>Budget Review</b>	Abhijit Deshpande via email	<b>Date:</b>	February 15, 2022
<b>Finance Review</b>	Stacey Hamm via email	<b>Date:</b>	January 18, 2022
<b>Approved for consideration:</b>	Assistant County Administrator	John M. Thompson, Ph.D., MBA, CPM, SCCEM	
<b>Committee</b>	Sewer Ad Hoc		
<b>Subject:</b>	Modifications to ERCPSD Special Purpose District Boundary		

**RECOMMENDED/REQUESTED ACTION:**

Staff recommends approval of proposed modifications to East Richland County Public Service District’s (ERCPSD) Special Purpose District Boundary.

Request for Council Reconsideration:  Yes

**FIDUCIARY:**

Are funds allocated in the department’s current fiscal year budget?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No
If no, is a budget amendment necessary?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No

**ADDITIONAL FISCAL/BUDGETARY MATTERS TO CONSIDER:**

The Tax District will be modified from 2ER to 2DP for the properties in Exhibit A.

The Tax District will be modified from 2DP to 2ER for the properties in Exhibit B.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY’S OFFICE FEEDBACK/POSSIBLE AREA(S) OF LEGAL EXPOSURE:**

State Statute requires modifications to a special purpose district must be made by the County Council.

**REGULATORY COMPLIANCE:**

The changes for the properties in Exhibit A will be submitted to the Central Midlands Council of Governments for requesting a 208 Minor Plan Amendment to change the 208 Management Area from ERCPSD to Richland County Utilities and the sewer service provider to Southwest Water.

The changes for the properties in Exhibit B will reconcile the current 208 Management Area with the Tax District for sewer service provided by ERCPSD. These properties are already within ERCPSD’s 208 Management Area.

**MOTION OF ORIGIN:**

There is no associated Council motion of origin.

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**STRATEGIC & GENERATIVE DISCUSSION:**

Because the properties shown on Exhibit A along N Brickyard Road are on the fringe of the Special Purpose District Boundary, ERCPSD agreed to allow Southwest Water to serve them. Southwest Water was able to obtain funding and provide sewer service for the project within the required timeline. The Tax District will be changed from 2ER to 2DP, and the millage currently being applied for 2ER would be removed from the property taxes.

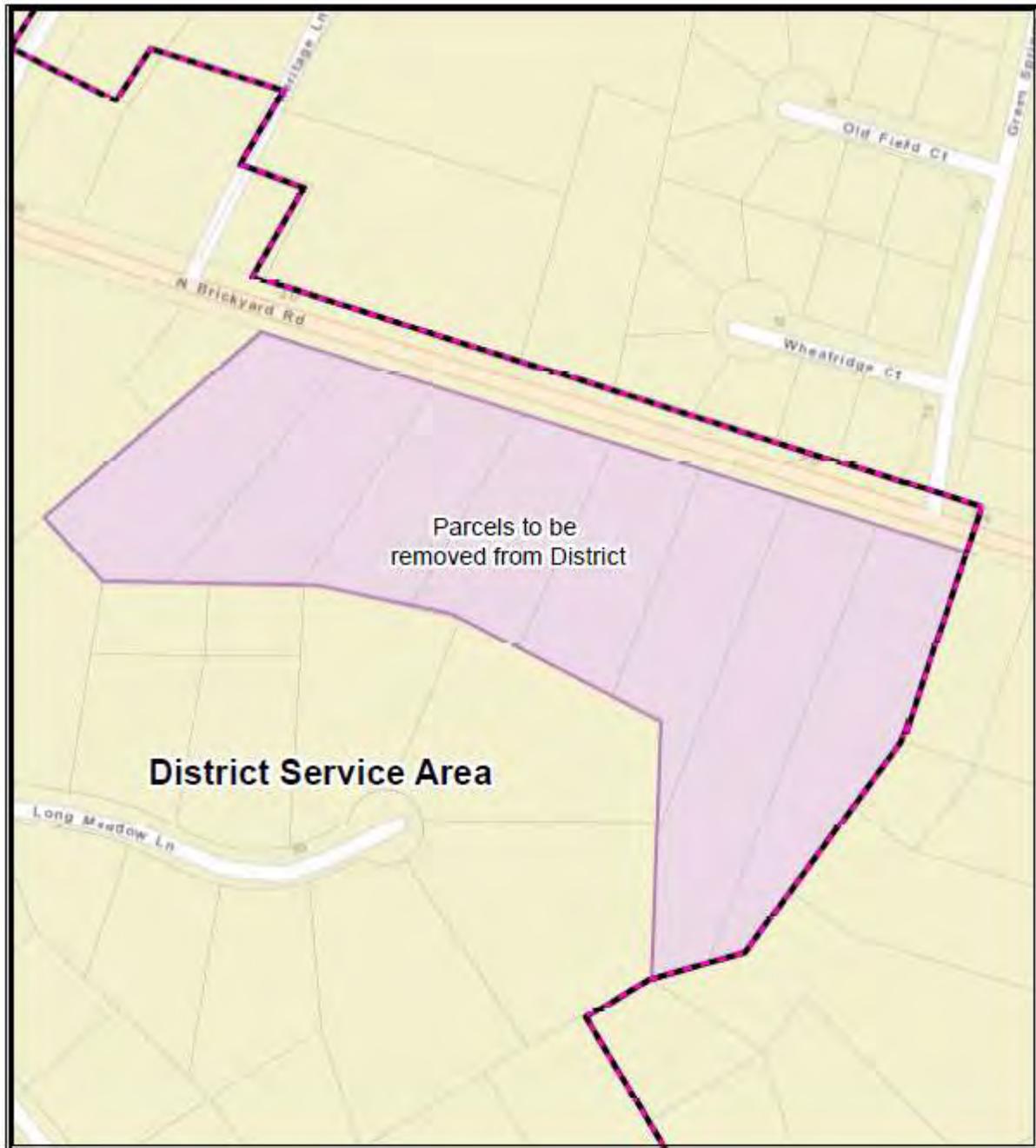
The properties shown on Exhibit B are currently within ERCPSD’s Management Area, and they are considered the sewer service provider for the area according to the Central Midlands Council of Governments. By changing the Tax District from 2DP to 2ER, we would be adding the required millage for the ERCPSD Special Purpose District, see Richland County 2021 Millage Schedule attached.

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Exhibit A
2. Exhibit B
3. Richland County 2021 Millage Schedule
4. Letter to Council from ERCPSD Requesting Tax District Changes
5. Minor 208 Plan Amendment Letter 1
6. Minor 208 Plan Amendment Letter 2
7. Letter South Carolina Water Utilities-PU1



 **EXHIBIT A** 



**RICHLAND COUNTY  
2021 MILLAGE SCHEDULE**

**PAUL BRAWLEY  
RICHLAND COUNTY AUDITOR**

	1A1	1CC	1CY	1ER	1FA	1TE	1LR	1UR	2AL	2CC	2DP	2ER	2FA	2TB	2WL	6CC	6TI	6UD						
School Operating	266.5	266.5	266.5	266.5	266.5	266.5	266.5	266.5	331.7	331.7	331.7	331.7	331.7	331.7	331.7	246.1	246.1	246.1						
School Bonds	64.0	64.0	64.0	64.0	64.0	64.0	64.0	64.0	104.0	104.0	104.0	104.0	104.0	104.0	104.0	69.5	69.5	69.5						
Recreation Commission	12.5	-	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	-	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	-	12.5	12.5						
Recreation Bonds	2.5	-	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	-	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	-	2.5	2.5						
Midlands Technical College	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7						
Riverbanks Zoo Bonds	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8						
<b>East Richland PSD Bonds</b>	4.0	-	-	4.0	4.0	-	4.0	-	4.0	-	4.0	4.0	4.0	-	4.0	-	-	-						
Stormwater Management	3.4	-	-	3.4	3.4	-	3.4	-	3.4	-	3.4	3.4	3.4	-	3.4	-	-	3.4						
Fire Service Operating	22.7	22.7	-	22.7	22.7	22.7	22.7	22.7	22.7	22.7	22.7	22.7	22.7	22.7	22.7	22.7	22.7	22.7						
Fire Service Bonds	-	-	-	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	-	-	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	-	-	0.5						
Windsor Lake Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18.5	-	-	-						
<b>INDUSTRIAL LEVY</b>	<b>382.1</b>	<b>359.7</b>	<b>352.0</b>	<b>382.6</b>	<b>382.6</b>	<b>375.2</b>	<b>378.6</b>	<b>487.3</b>	<b>464.9</b>	<b>483.8</b>	<b>487.8</b>	<b>487.8</b>	<b>487.8</b>	<b>480.4</b>	<b>506.3</b>	<b>344.8</b>	<b>359.8</b>	<b>363.7</b>						
County Operating	59.9	59.9	59.9	59.9	59.9	59.9	59.9	59.9	59.9	59.9	59.9	59.9	59.9	59.9	59.9	59.9	59.9	59.9						
County Bonds	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0						
Library	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0						
Mental Health	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3						
Riverbanks Zoo Operating	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4						
Landfill	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4						
Conservation Commission	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5						
Neighborhood Redevelopment	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5						
Capital Replacement	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5						
<b>COUNTY LEVY</b>	<b>96.5</b>	<b>96.5</b>	<b>96.5</b>	<b>96.5</b>	<b>96.5</b>	<b>96.5</b>	<b>96.5</b>	<b>96.5</b>	<b>96.5</b>	<b>96.5</b>	<b>96.5</b>	<b>96.5</b>	<b>96.5</b>	<b>96.5</b>	<b>96.5</b>	<b>96.5</b>	<b>96.5</b>	<b>96.5</b>						
<b>SUBTOTAL MUNICIPAL LEVY</b>	<b>478.6</b>	<b>458.2</b>	<b>448.5</b>	<b>479.1</b>	<b>479.1</b>	<b>471.7</b>	<b>475.1</b>	<b>583.8</b>	<b>561.4</b>	<b>580.3</b>	<b>584.3</b>	<b>584.3</b>	<b>584.3</b>	<b>576.9</b>	<b>602.8</b>	<b>441.3</b>	<b>456.3</b>	<b>460.2</b>						
<b>TOTAL LEVY</b>	<b>478.6</b>	<b>550.0</b>	<b>502.2</b>	<b>479.1</b>	<b>526.9</b>	<b>596.7</b>	<b>475.1</b>	<b>583.8</b>	<b>655.2</b>	<b>580.3</b>	<b>584.3</b>	<b>584.3</b>	<b>632.1</b>	<b>576.9</b>	<b>602.8</b>	<b>535.1</b>	<b>456.3</b>	<b>460.2</b>						
<b>LOST CREDIT FACTOR</b>	<b>0.001570</b>	<b>0.003850</b>	<b>0.001570</b>	<b>0.001570</b>	<b>0.002890</b>	<b>0.007120</b>	<b>0.001570</b>	<b>0.001570</b>	<b>0.003950</b>	<b>0.001570</b>	<b>0.001570</b>	<b>0.001570</b>	<b>0.002890</b>	<b>0.001570</b>	<b>0.001570</b>	<b>0.003850</b>	<b>0.001570</b>	<b>0.001570</b>						
<b>MUNICIPALITY</b>	<b>DIST.</b>	<b>LEVY</b>	<b>LOST</b>	<b>SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE</b>																				
City of Columbia	1CC	93.8	0.002290	1AL	Arcadia Lakes	<b>SCHOOL DISTRICT TWO</b>																		
	2CC	93.8	0.002290	1CC	City of Columbia	2AL	Arcadia Lakes	<b>SCHOOL DISTRICT SIX (LEX. #5)</b>																
	6CC	93.8	0.002290	1ER	East Richland Public SD	2CC	City of Columbia	6CC	City of Columbia															
	1FA	47.8	0.001120	1FA	City of Forest Acres	2DP	Dentonsville/Pontiac Area (not ERPSD)	6TI	Town of Irmo															
	2FA	47.8	0.001120	1LR	Lower Richland	2ER	East Richland Public Serv. Dis.	6UD	Upper Dutch Fork															
	1TE	125.0	0.005550	1TE	Town of Eastover	2FA	City of Forest Acres																	
	1CY	53.7	-	1UR	Urban & Rural Areas	2TB	Town of Blythehood																	
	2TB	-	-	1CY	City of Cayce	2WL	Windsor Lake																	
	6TI	-	-	1CY	City of Cayce	2SH	Sandhills Area																	



# East Richland County Public Service District

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November 29, 2021

Richland County Council  
2020 Hampton Street  
Columbia, SC 29201

RE: Tax District Change Requests  
Properties on N Brickyard Road, and  
Properties along Farrow Road at I-20

Dear County Council:

The East Richland County Public Service District (District) hereby requests approval to change the Special Purpose Tax District Boundaries for the properties identified in Exhibit A and Exhibit B. These properties are currently within the District's designated Management Area in accordance with the "208 Water Quality Management Plan for the Central Midlands Region".

The properties on N Brickyard Road identified in Exhibit A are currently within the District's Special Purpose Tax District (2ER). The District formally requests that these properties be removed from the 2ER and be moved to the Dentsville/Pontiac Area Special Purpose Tax District (2DP). Upon approval by County Council, a Minor 208 Plan Amendment will be submitted to the Central Midlands Council of Governments to change the properties to the Richland County Utilities designated Management Area. This Amendment will allow Southwest Water (SWW) to replace the District as the sewer service provider for these properties.

The properties along Farrow Road at I-20 identified in Exhibit B are currently within the Dentsville/Pontiac Special Purpose Tax District (2DP). The District intends to provide sewer service for these properties (and as indicated above, the properties are already within the District's designated Management Area), and, as such, formally requests that County Council approve changing the Special Purpose Tax District from 2DP to the District's Special Purpose Tax District (2ER).

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Thank you for your consideration of these requests.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry Brazell". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue horizontal line.

Larry Brazell, Executive Director  
East Richland County Public Service District

Attachments

cc: Bill Davis, PE, Richland County Utilities  
Adam Delk, PE, Southwest Water

**RICHLAND COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
UTILITIES DEPARTMENT**

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November 22, 2021

Mr. Gregory Sprouse, AICP  
Director of Research, Planning, and Development  
Central Midlands Council of Governments  
236 Stoneridge Drive  
Columbia, SC 29210

Re: 208 Minor Plan Amendment Request  
Properties along N Brickyard Road

Dear Mr. Sprouse,

We would like to request a Minor Plan Amendment to the "208 Water Quality Management Plan for the Central Midlands Region". This amendment is requested to allow Southwest Water (SWW) to become the sewer service provider for the properties shown on Exhibit A. These properties are currently within East Richland County Public Service District's (ERCPSD) designated Management Area. Richland County Utilities (RCU) hereby requests that the designated Management Area be changed to RCU and the sewer service provider be changed to SWW.

In accordance with the 208 Water Quality Management Plan administrative procedures for plan amendment submission requirements (page 40), see our comments below;

1. **Detailed description and scope of the project;**  
The project flow is 2,400 gpd and the flow is collected by 972 linear feet of 8" gravity sewer lines constructed to serve 8 properties along N Brickyard Road. The gravity sewer lines are owned, operated, and maintained by SWW and the flow is treated at their Spears Creek WWTP.
2. **Preliminary engineering data regarding facility design and cost;**  
The gravity sewer line has already been designed and constructed.
3. **Financing strategy and/or feasibility analysis;**  
Financing was provided by SWW.
4. **Potential fiscal or engineering impact on existing facilities, if any;**  
SWW has capacity to serve these properties in their collection system and to treat the flow at their Spears Creek WWTP.
5. **Associated environmental risks or impacts;**  
Constructing gravity sewer lines for these properties complies with the 208 Plan by providing infrastructure to help preserve and maintain water quality in developing areas through a regional approach to collecting and treating wastewater.
6. **Project justification or need;**



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ERCPSD agreed to allow SWW to serve these properties to meet the timing for the project. SWW had adjacent infrastructure to provide sewer service for the properties and funding was available.

7. **Summary examination of alternative options, where appropriate;**  
There were no other alternatives to serve the project.
8. **Timing and phasing of the project or proposal;**  
The project is complete.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



**William (Bill) H. Davis, PE**  
Director  
Richland County Government  
Utilities Department

Attachment

Cc: Adam Delk, PE, Southwest Water  
Larry Brazell, East Richland County PSD



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## East Richland County Public Service District

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November 23, 2021

Mr. Gregory Sprouse, AICP  
Director of Research, Planning and Development  
Central Midlands Council of Government  
236 Stoneridge Drive  
Columbia, SC 29210

RE: 208 Minor Plan Amendment Request  
Properties along N Brickyard Road

Dear Mr. Sprouse:

The East Richland County Public Service District (District) hereby agrees with a Minor Plan Amendment to the "208 Water Quality Management Plan for the Central Midlands Region" as requested by the Richland County Utilities (RCU) by separate letter. The Amendment is requested to allow the Wastewater Management Area for certain properties on N. Brickyard Road as shown on the attached Exhibit A to be changed from the District to RCU. This change would allow Southwest Water (SWW) to serve the properties.

The properties on N Brickyard Road are currently in the District's Wastewater Management Area, and the District is only able to provide very limited service. As such, the District fully supports changing the properties to the RCU Wastewater Management Area and the resulting change in sewer service provider to SWW.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you should have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Larry Brazell, Executive Director  
East Richland County Public Service District

cc: Bill Davis, PE, Richland County Utilities  
Adam Delk, PE, Southwest Water



# South Carolina Water Utilities- PUI

Mr. Gregory Sprouse, AICP  
Director of Research, Planning, and Development  
Central Midlands Council of Governments  
236 Stoneridge Drive  
Columbia, SC 29210

Re: 208 Minor Plan Amendment Request  
Properties along N Brickyard Road

Dear Mr. Sprouse,

We would like to request approval of the Minor Plan Amendment to the "208 Water Quality Management Plan for the Central Midlands Region" requested by Richland County Utilities (RCU).

This amendment will allow South Carolina Water Utilities- PUI Inc, a SouthWest Water Company (SWW), to become the sewer service provider for the properties shown on Exhibit A.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

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Adam Delk, PE, Southwest Water

Attachment

Cc: William H. Davis, PE, Richland County Utilities  
Larry Brazell, East Richland County PSD

**RICHLAND COUNTY  
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**Agenda Briefing**

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<b>Date Prepared:</b>	November 22, 2021	<b>Meeting Date:</b>	March 1, 2022
<b>Legal Review</b>	Patrick Wright via email	<b>Date:</b>	December 1, 2021
<b>Budget/Finance Review</b>	Stacey Hamm via email	<b>Date:</b>	December 2, 2021
<b>Approved for consideration:</b>	Assistant County Administrator	John M. Thompson, Ph.D., MBA, CPM, SCEM	
<b>Committee</b>	Sewer Ad Hoc		
<b>Subject:</b>	Richland County Properties Identified for Water Master Plan - TMS# R02315-01-14 and TMS# R01700-02-02		

**STAFF’S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

The Water Master Plan for Richland County Utilities (RCU) requires staff to search for and acquire properties for water infrastructure such as water treatment plants and elevated tank locations. The two properties identified herein are currently owned by Richland County and need to be reserved for these purposes.

- Option 1: Council agrees with the staff’s recommendation to place a hold on any sale or use of these properties until the RCU’s Water Master Plan is completed.

Request for Council Reconsideration:  Yes

**FIDUCIARY:**

Are funds allocated in the department’s current fiscal year budget?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
If no, is a budget amendment necessary?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No

**ADDITIONAL FISCAL/BUDGETARY MATTERS TO CONSIDER:**

The proposed properties will help eliminate or reduce the land acquisition costs for future projects.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY’S OFFICE FEEDBACK/POSSIBLE AREA(S) OF LEGAL EXPOSURE:**

None.

**REGULATORY COMPLIANCE:**

None applicable.

**MOTION OF ORIGIN:**

There is no associated Council motion of origin.

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**STRATEGIC & GENERATIVE DISCUSSION:**

The RCU’s Water Master Plan will identify the County’s infrastructure needs for the next twenty years.

As one of the fastest-growing areas in the state, the County needs to be prepared to provide adequate water systems to support county residents and businesses in addition to those currently being served. (Table 1 & Figure 1). The resources required to effectively operate these systems will need to be developed as part of an overall Water Master Plan. (Figure 2)

The two properties (R02315-01-14 and R01700-02-02) are potential sites to accommodate growth for our water systems. Should these properties be selected as part of our future water infrastructure plans, we will decide how to acquire the properties in question. Once the funding source is identified, it will take approximately 12 months to complete the water masterplan.

**Table 1:** RCU Drinking Water System Production

<b>Water System</b>	<b>Avg Production (gpd)</b>	<b>Max Production (gpd)</b>
Murray Point	2,069	2,937
Pond Drive	3,034	5,670
Gadsden Elementary	1,620	4,187
Hopkins	79,718	153,297

FIGURE 1: RCU WATER SYSTEM

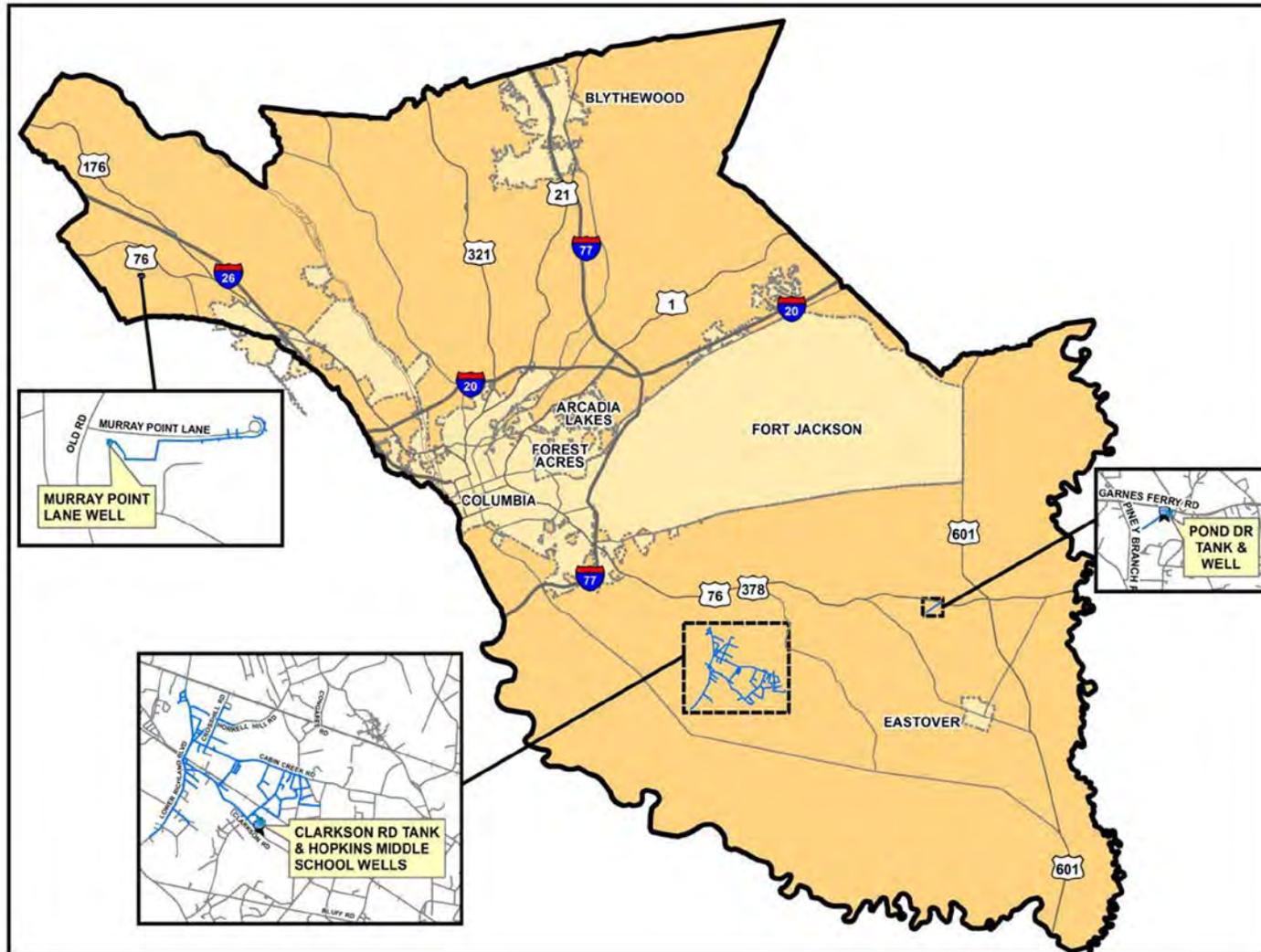
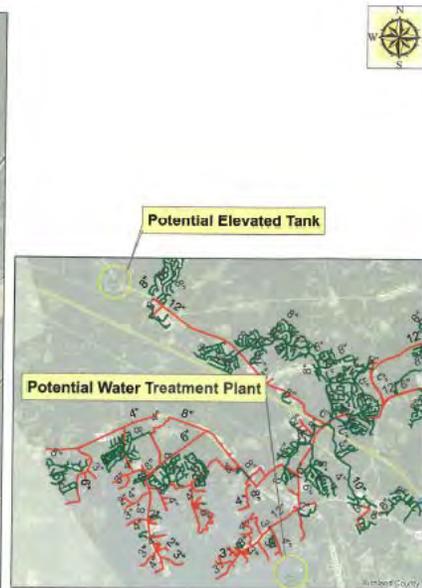


FIGURE 2: RICHLAND COUNTY OWNED PROPERTIES



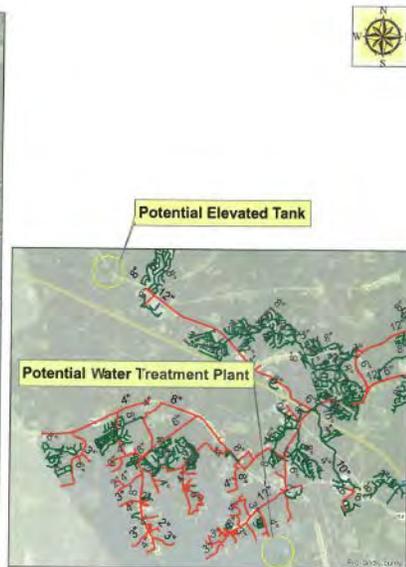
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<b>Legal Review</b>	Patrick Wright via email	<b>Date:</b>	January 24, 2022
<b>Budget Review</b>	Abhijit Deshpande via email	<b>Date:</b>	February 7, 2022
<b>Finance Review</b>	Stacey Hamm via email	<b>Date:</b>	January 21, 2022
<b>Approved for consideration:</b>	Assistant County Administrator	John M. Thompson, Ph.D., MBA, CPM, SCEM	
<b>Committee</b>	Sewer Ad Hoc		
<b>Subject:</b>	Projects funded by grants		

**RECOMMENDED/REQUESTED ACTION:**

Staff recommends that County Council approve staff to pursue the various projects where a grant may cover all or a portion of the project cost over the next few years. Currently, there are several projects including, but not limited to, the following:

- 1) Shady Grove Pump Station (PS) Rehabilitation
- 2) 24" Forcemain (FM) Gadsden Elementary to Eastover Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP);
- 3) Eastover WWTP Upgrade;
- 4) 10" FM from Rabbit Run to Garners Ferry Road;
- 5) Stoney Point/Cedar Cove Sewer Rehabilitation Project

Request for Council Reconsideration:  Yes

**FIDUCIARY:**

Are funds allocated in the department's current fiscal year budget?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No
If no, is a budget amendment necessary?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No

**ADDITIONAL FISCAL/BUDGETARY MATTERS TO CONSIDER:**

Utilities Department is seeking funding for some projects through grants such as but not limited to: the South Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority (SCRIA), State Revolving Fund (SRF), American Rescue Plan (ARP), Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), and any other approved funding sources. The approved projects offering the greatest grant contribution will be selected by staff and presented to Council for approval in compliance with the funding source’s qualifications. The total estimated project cost for the projects mentioned above is \$70,877,739.50.

Project Title	Description	Engineering Fee	Construction Estimate	Project Cost
Shady Grove PS	Construction		\$650,000.00	\$650,000.00
24" FM Gadsden to Eastover WWTP	Design & Construction	\$2,500,000.00	\$15,000,000.00	\$17,500,000.00
Eastover WWTP Upgrade	Design & Construction	\$4,000,000.00	\$41,000,000.00	\$45,000,000.00
10" FM from Rabbit Run to Garners Ferry	Design & Construction	\$18,650.00	\$467,500.00	\$486,150.00
Stoney Point/Cedar Cove	Construction	\$198,680.00	\$7,042,909.50	\$7,241,589.50

**COUNTY ATTORNEY’S OFFICE FEEDBACK/POSSIBLE AREA(S) OF LEGAL EXPOSURE:**

None.

**REGULATORY COMPLIANCE:**

In the past, Utilities had Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs) at the Stoney Point/Cedar Cove Sewer System and Shady Grove pump stations. These two projects will ensure that Richland County is compliant with regulatory agencies such as the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC).

**MOTION OF ORIGIN:**

There is no associated Council motion of origin.

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**STRATEGIC & GENERATIVE DISCUSSION:**

The projects improve current wastewater collection systems and the Eastover Wastewater Treatment Plant. The projects will help with capacity issues as the system ages and grows reducing risk of Sanitary SSOs, which would cause environmental impacts on downstream water bodies. Many of these projects will increase the system's capacity to serve the Low-to-Moderate Income (LMI) and under-served areas. The Northwest area of Richland County is in need of system improvements due to the aging system asset, which are allowing the Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) of rain and ground water leading to SSOs. The upgrades will improve level of service and provide smart growth opportunities. These projects would fit many of the criteria for Environmental Justice promoted by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and SC DHEC leading to zero or minimal financial participation from the County. Due to some of the funding source application deadlines, staff is requesting approval to submit project grant applications.

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

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