

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Regarding Public Meeting and Public Comment Period  
Proposed Major Amendment to the Waccamaw Region Section 208 Water Quality  
Management Plan to Add the Grand Strand Water & Sewer Authority Central WWTP Expansion Project  
**Public Comment Period August 19, 2022 - September 29, 2022**  
**Public Meeting Monday, September 19, 2022**

The Waccamaw Regional Council of Governments (WRCOG) is reviewing an application for a Major Amendment to the Waccamaw Region Section 208 Water Quality Management Plan (Section 208 Plan). The Central Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP), owned by Grand Strand Water & Sewer Authority (GSWSA), is requesting a Major Amendment to be included in the Section 208 Plan to satisfy a requirement in SCDHEC's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit process. GSWSA Central WWTP facility is located across from GSWSA Administration Building 166 Jackson Bluff Road, Conway, SC 29526. A two-stage lagoon system was previously located at this site and was permitted to discharge 1.2/Million Gallons Day (MGD) to the Waccamaw River (NPDES# SC0040410). Central WWTP currently serves as an equalization basin prior to treatment and discharge from the GSWSA Schwartz WWTP. Central WWTP will be upgraded to treat 4.0 MGD due to the overall need for wastewater treatment and discharge in the area. To meet permit limit requirements outlined in the Waccamaw River total maximum daily load, the 303lbs/day wasteload allocation along this segment of the river will be shared between the GSWSA Conway WWTP and the Central WWTP.

An ongoing Memorandum of Understanding between SC DHEC and WRCOG is in place which requires proposed sewer construction projects, new or reissued National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits, new or reissued No Discharge (ND) permits, and wastewater facility upgrades to be reviewed for conformance with the Section 208 Plan. SCDHEC is the final approval entity and administrator of all water and wastewater permits issued in the State of South Carolina.

The new NPDES permit #SC0049362 and the Waccamaw Region Section 208 Plan can be viewed at:  
<http://wrcog.org/transportation-planning/air-quality-coalition/>

### **PUBLIC MEETING:**

A public meeting will be held to provide information about this proposed Section 208 Major Amendment and SCDHEC NPDES Application permit. This meeting is scheduled for **Monday, September, 19, 2022, at 5-6:30 pm at Horry County Government Complex- 1301 2nd Ave, Conway, SC 29526.**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

The Public Comment period for this project will be open from August 19, 2022 through September 29, 2022. Comments should be submitted in writing to: Mark Hoeweler, WRCOG, 1230 Highmarket Street, Georgetown, SC 29440 or via email at [mhoeweler@wrcog.org](mailto:mhoeweler@wrcog.org). Individuals with questions concerning the proposed amendment may contact WRCOG at (843) 546- 8502 between the hours of 9 AM and 5 PM.

The proposed amendment will be considered for approval by the WRCOG Board following public review. Individuals may request to be notified of the final decision regarding this Section 208 Plan Major Amendment proposal.