



Joint Water Council Meeting

Coastal Georgia and Savannah-Upper Ogeechee Councils

September 23, 2025

10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Georgia Southern Continuing & Professional Education Center

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Statesboro, GA 30458

Meeting Objectives

- Meet members of neighboring councils and share perspectives on regional water planning
- Hear presentation from Savannah Water Resources Division regarding Pilot Testing of Well Relocation
- Understand the Coastal Permitting Strategy project
- Discuss population projections in preparation for next cycle of planning
- Review preliminary materials for the implementation assessment reports
- Learn about water-related funding opportunities

9:30 Registration

10:00 Welcome and Introductions

- *Benjy Thompson, Coastal Georgia Council*
- *Bruce Azevedo, Savannah-Upper Ogeechee Council*

10:10 Meeting Overview

- *Kristin Rowles, GWPPC*

10:15 Meeting Summaries Approval

10:20 Cross-Council Discussions

10:50 Updates from Georgia Environmental Protection Division

- *Johmar Hays and Joseph Martinenza, GAEPD*

11:00 Savannah Water Resources Division Pilot Testing of Well Relocation

- *Ron Feldner, Chief of Water Resources*

11:30 Coastal Permitting Strategy

- *Wei Zeng, Georgia EPD*
- *Katherine Zitsch, GWPPC*

12:00 Lunch

- 1:00 **2025 Population Projections**
 - *Taylor Hafley, CVIOG*
- 1:30 **Population Projections Discussions**
- 2:10 **Funding for Water Projects**
 - *GEFA Funding -- Judy Adler and Andrew Briscoe*
- 2:55 **Break**
- 3:05 **Implementation Assessments**
 - *Kristin Rowles, GWPPC*
- 3:35 **Public Comment**
- 3:45 **Joint Meeting Closing Discussion**
- 3:55 **Next Steps**
- 4:00 **Adjourn**