



Georgia's State Water Plan

**Savannah-Upper Ogeechee Regional
Water Planning Council April 27, 2021**

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Council Business

Bruce Azevedo, Council Chairman





Virtual Council Meeting
Savannah-Upper Ogeechee Regional Water Council
Draft Agenda – April 27, 2021
10:00 am

<https://zoom.us/j/93117328130>, Meeting ID: 931 1732 8130

- 9:45 – 10:00 a.m. Registration for Council Members
- 10:00 – 10:05 a.m. Welcome
- 10:05 – 10:10 a.m. Council Business, *Chairman Azevedo*
- Approve draft meeting minutes from October 29, 2020 Council Meeting
 - Approve draft meeting agenda
- 10:10 – 10:20 a.m. EPD Updates:
- Seed Grant Updates - *Haydn Blaize, Georgia EPD*
 - Appointment Updates – *Jennifer Welte, Georgia EPD*
- 10:20 – 10:35 a.m. Seed Grant Project Updates– *Tonya Bonitatibus, Savannah River Keeper*
- Developing a real-time, publicly accessible water monitoring system in the Savannah-Upper Ogeechee Basins
- 10:35 - 10:45 a.m. Metro North Georgia Water Planning District Updates – *Danny Johnson, MNGWPD*
- 10:45 - 10:55 a.m. South Carolina Department of Natural Resources Updates – *Scott Harder, SCDNR*
- 5 MINUTE BREAK**
- 11:00 – 11:15 a.m. Municipal Forecasting Results, *Brian Skeens, Jacobs*
- 11:15 – 11:35 a.m. Energy and Industrial Demand Forecasting Results– *William Davis, CDM Smith*
- 11:35 – 11:50 a.m. Agriculture Demand Updates – *Mark Masters, Georgia Water Planning & Policy Center*
- 11:50 a.m. - Noon Public Comments / Wrap Up

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- Welcome and Introductions
- Approve Meeting Summary of October 29, 2020 meeting
- Approve today's Draft Agenda

Georgia EPD Updates

Haydn Blaize, Georgia EPD
Jennifer Welte, Georgia EPD



SEED GRANT UPDATES

- Seed Grant FY19: **In Progress**
 - **Initiating and Upgrading Publicly Accessible Water Monitoring for the SUO and Coastal RWPs**
 - Lead Partner: City of Augusta/Savannah Riverkeeper
 - Date: 9/24/2019 – 8/31/2021

SEED GRANT UPDATES

- Seed Grants FY20: **In Progress**
 - **Historical Analysis of In-stream Water Quantities for the Ogeechee, Savannah, Altamaha and Oconee River Basins**
 - Lead Partner: University of Georgia
 - Date: 4/1/2020 – 3/31/2022

SEED GRANT UPDATES

- Seed Grants FY20: **In Progress**
 - **High Frequency Monitoring and the Effects of Agricultural Water Withdrawal in the Savannah Upper Ogeechee Watersheds**
 - Lead Partner: City of Augusta
 - Date: 4/1/2020 – 9/30/2022

SEED GRANT UPDATES

- Seed Grants FY21: **Selected for Award**
 - **Upgrading Publicly Accessible Water Monitoring for the Savannah-Upper Ogeechee RWP** – *(Phase 11 of Seed Grant FY19: Initiating and Upgrading Publicly Accessible Water Monitoring for the SUO and Coastal RWPs)*
 - Lead Partner: City of Savannah
 - Date: Contract Anticipated to be executed by 9/1/2021 upon completion of Phase 1

GA EPD UPDATES

- Seed Grant FY 22
 - Seed Grant announcement in July 2021
 - No anticipated changes
 - Deadline for submissions: end of October 2021
 - Process improvement may be coming (online platform for submissions)
- Appointments

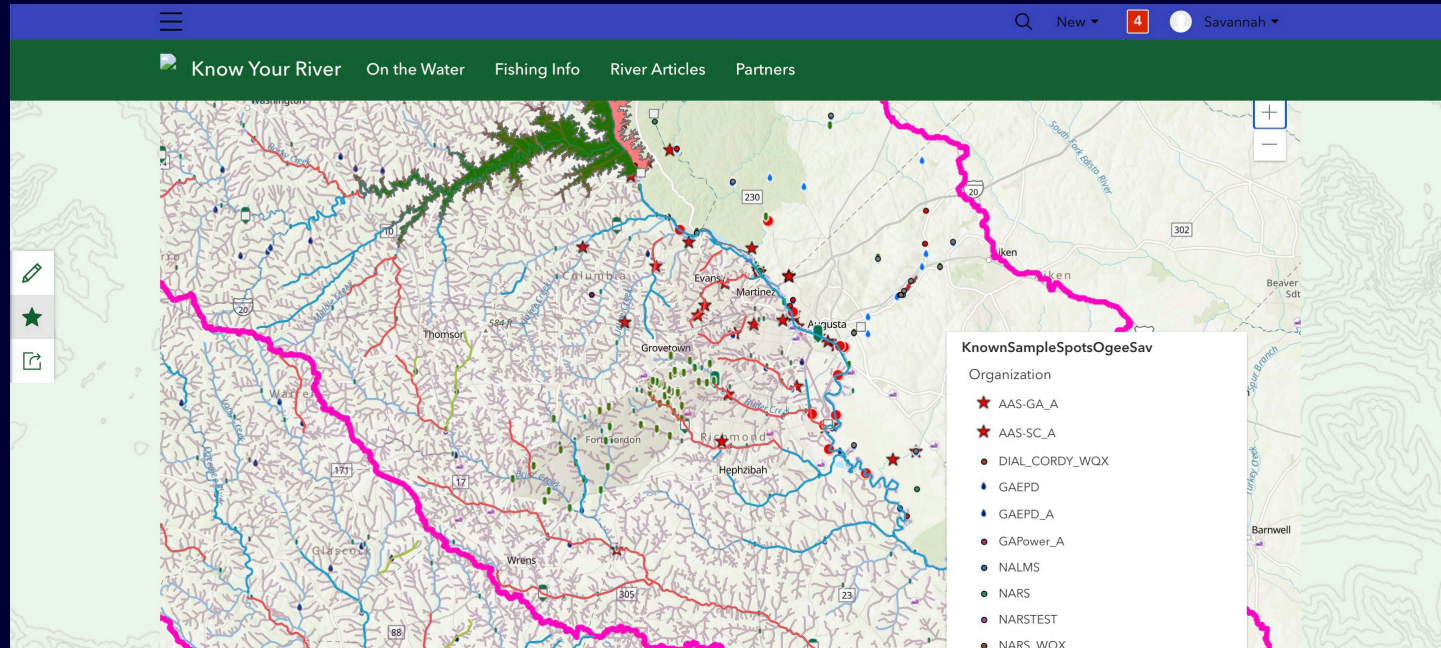
SEED GRANT PROJECT UPDATE:

Developing a real-time, publicly
accessible water monitoring system in
the Savannah-Upper Ogeechee Basins

Tonya Bonitatibus, Savannah Riverkeeper



Seed Grant Update



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Quick site visit: www.KnowYourRiver.com live 4/30



Next Steps:

Migrating from Augusta GIS to in-house Esri suite

Roll out, training begins in late May/ Early June

Real Time monitoring added next quarter

Transitioning grant from Augusta to Savannah

Quick site visit: www.KnowYourRiver.com live 4/30



Grant starting in June:

Convert EPA Storet data to visual

Start local municipalities batch uploads

Create manuals for expanding beyond existing basins

Big education push

Metro District Updates

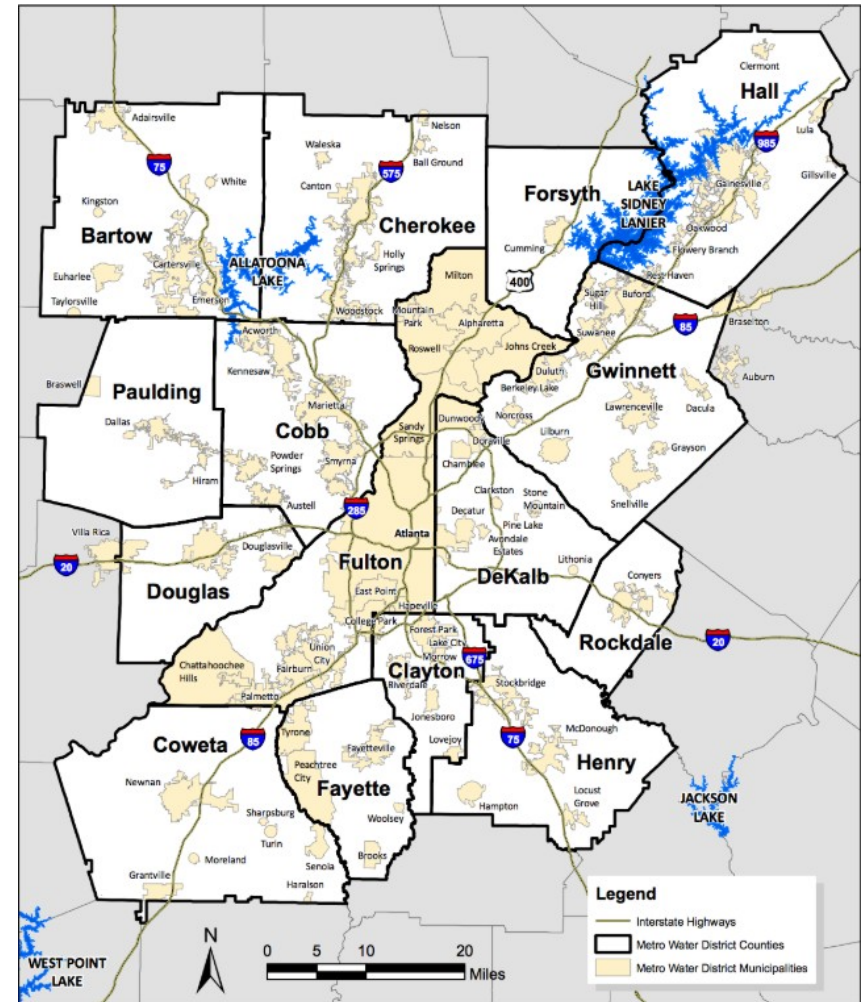
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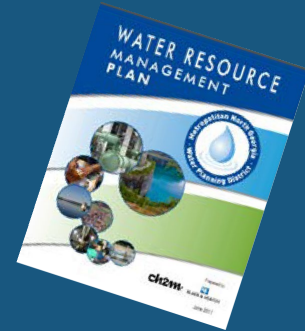
Savannah-Upper Ogeechee Meeting

Metro District Update

- Plan and Schedule Updates
 - Danny Johnson, ARC



2022 Plan Update Schedule



	Sep-20	Dec-20	Mar-21	Jun-21	Sep-21	Dec-21	Mar-22	Jun-22	Sep-22	Dec-22
Data Collection/Resource Forecasting		◆	◆							
Action Items Review and Update		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆			
Appendix A - River Basin Profiles			◆	◆	◆	◆				
Appendix B - Facility Planning				◆	◆	◆				
Stormwater Forecasting			◆	◆	◆	◆				
Supporting Efforts										
Localized Demands Drought Response Options Menu Watershed Resilience		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆				
Full Draft Plan for Review								◆	◆	
Public Comment									◆	◆
EPD/Board Approval										◆

Moving Forward on Conservation Action Items

Improve our region's drought resilience and maintain our national leadership on water conservation by:

- Reducing long-term per capita demands by requiring use of proven water efficiency technology (Nov 2020 TCC)
- Preparing a menu of optional programs utilities can use to implement EPD's drought rule (Feb 2021 TCC)
- Promoting the voluntary, early adoption of new water efficiency technologies (Feb 2021 TCC)



Concepts for Potential Action Item Updates - Efficient Technologies and Water Waste

Codes for New / Renovated Buildings to require More Efficient Technologies

- Plumbing Fixtures
- Landscape Irrigation System Design
- Water-Efficient Appliances
- HVAC Cooling Towers

Adjust Premise Plumbing Sizing Requirements to Account for Efficiency

Update Water Waste Model Ordinance



Concepts for Potential Action Item Updates- Beyond Mandatory Codes

Rebate Programs to promote leading efficient technologies

- Smart Irrigation Controller rebate program
- Smart Leak Detector rebate program

Promoting whole home water efficiency

- HERS H2O Whole House Water Efficiency Rating



South Carolina DNR Updates

Scott Harder, SC DNR



SC Water Planning Update

Scott Harder

Hydrology Section Chief
Land, Water and Conservation Division
S.C. Department of Natural Resources

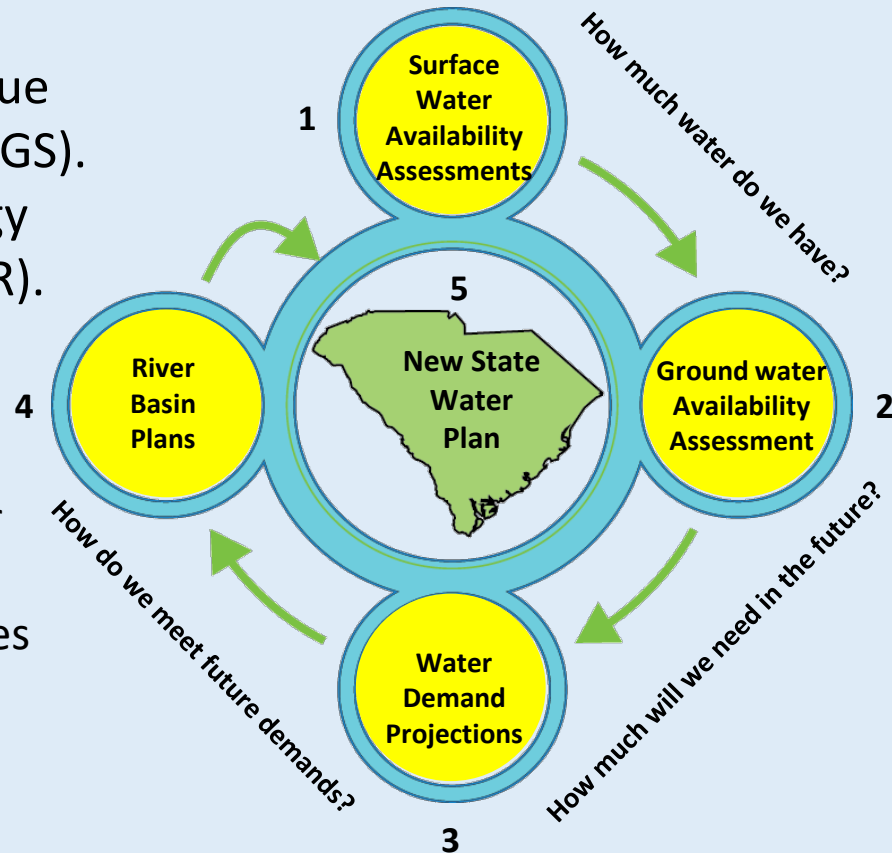


Savannah-Upper Ogeechee Council Meeting (Virtual)
April 27th, 2021

Five-step Process...



1. **Surface Water Assessments** – completed in 2017 (CDM Smith, Inc).
2. **Groundwater Assessment** – final report due in 2021, but model ready for planning (USGS).
3. **Water Demand Projections** – methodology report completed in October 2019 (SCDNR).
 - Projections for Edisto basin completed in 2020 and currently being applied.
4. **River Basin Plans**
 - Publication of South Carolina State Water Planning Framework (2019).
 - Initiation of Edisto basin planning activities (2019).
5. **State Water Plan** – River Basin Plans will form the foundation of a new State Water Plan.



Cooperators:



US Army Corps
of Engineers



Planning Process Advisory Committee (PPAC)



- Convened by SCDNR in March 2018.
- Purpose - formulate a guidance document (Planning Framework) for developing River Basin Plans (Step 4) and for updating the State Water Plan (Step 5).
- *South Carolina State Water Planning Framework (Planning Framework)* was published in October 2019.
- PPAC will continue to have a long-term role in overseeing the State and river basin planning process.

PPAC Vision Statement:

"Reflecting our values of water as a shared resource with a shared responsibility, we will work together to develop and maintain an actionable State Water Plan balancing economic, environmental and social needs of South Carolina for generations to come"



Edisto River Basin Planning Update



- First basin selected for implementing Planning Framework.
- Public kick-off meetings held in November 2019.
 - Introduced Planning Framework.
 - Solicited RBC applications.
- RBC membership finalized in Spring 2020.
- First RBC meeting - June 2020 currently meeting every 3-4 weeks (11 meetings to date)
- Due to Covid, meetings are currently held virtually.
- Attendance:
 - 19 to 22 RBC members or their alternates attended each meeting.
 - Between 40 and 100 total attendees at each meeting.



Edisto RBC Representation



Interest Categories

Agriculture, Forestry, and Irrigation

At-Large

Electric-Power Utilities

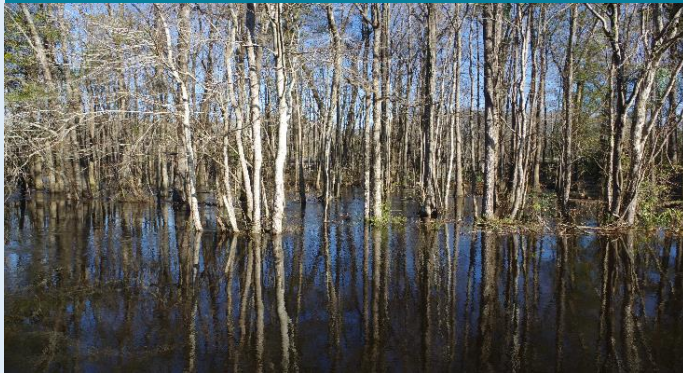
Environmental

Industry and Economic Development

Local Governments

Water and Sewer Utilities

Water-based Recreational



Organizations Represented

Aiken County

Aiken Soil & Water Conservation District

Bamberg Soil and Water District

Charleston Water System

City of Denmark

Clemson University Extension Service

Dominion Energy South Carolina

Dorchester County

Friends of the Edisto & Edisto Riverkeeper

Lowcountry Oyster Company, LCC

Orangeburg Country Club

Orangeburg County

Orangeburg Department of Public Utilities

Palmetto Realty and Land Co.

RBM Forestry LLC

Retired/Public

The Nature Conservancy

Town of Edisto Beach

Walther Farms

Weathers Farms/ Circle W Farms

Western SC Economic Development Council

Planning Team



Facilitation and
Surface Water
Technical Support



Meeting Coordination
and Public Outreach



Groundwater
Technical Support



Oversight and
Education

Progress to Date



- Phase I – Orientation and Educational Information – *completed in December 2020.*
- Topics Covered:
 - River Basin Planning and Guiding Principles
 - Planning Framework
 - RBC Bylaws
 - Water Legislation and Permitting
 - Basin Hydrology and Monitoring
 - Surface Water-Groundwater Connection
 - Low Flow Characteristics
 - FOIA Rules
 - SCDHEC Water Atlas Demo
 - Current Water Use
 - Water Demand Projections
 - Edisto Basin Climatology
 - SC Drought Response Act
 - Coastal Aquatic Resources
 - Freshwater Aquatic Resources
 - Cultural Resources
 - Water Law
 - Surface Water and Groundwater Models
 - Environmental Flows Study

Progress to Date – RBC Actions



- Developed Mission and Vision Statements:

Mission Statement

To develop, update, and support implementation of a River Basin Plan for sustainable management of water resources in the Edisto.

Vision Statement

A resilient and sustainably managed Edisto River Basin where stakeholder and ecosystem needs are recognized, balanced and protected.

Progress to Date – RBC Actions



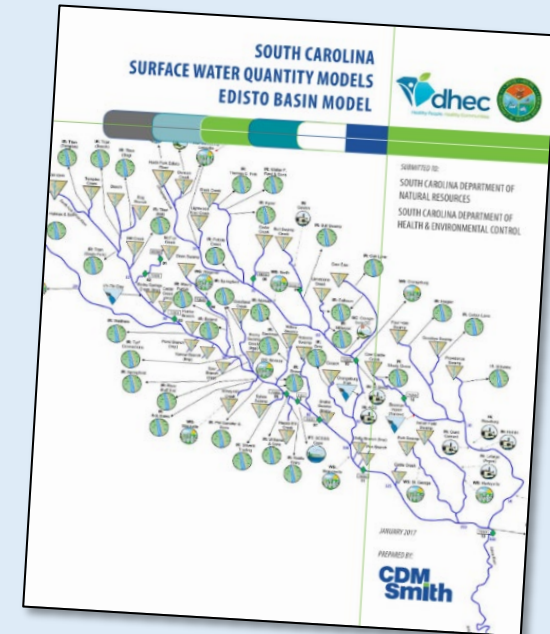
- Developed Goals:

- 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.**

Progress to Date



- Two training sessions covering basics of the Edisto Basin SWAM Model were completed



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SCDNR Hydrology

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Surface Water Models

Surface water models are used to simulate surface water conditions and to assess surface water availability.

Overview

Effective water planning and management requires an accurate assessment of the State's surface water resources. To that end, the SCDNR has supported the development of surface-water quantity models that simulate the surface water system for each of the eight major river basins in South Carolina. The modeling platform is the Simplified Water Allocation Model (SWAM), developed by CDM Smith, Inc. These models will be used to evaluate current and future water availability and will support the development of State and regional water plans. Use the links below to access modeling reports and other documentation for each basin's SWAM model and to learn more about how the SWAM models were developed.

Surface Water Models

SCDNR has publicly released the Simplified Water Allocation Models (SWAM) for the Edisto, Saluda, and Salkehatchie river basins. The Edisto SWAM model was updated in 2020, and the updated model is now available for download.

[Download SWAM Models](#)

Edisto SWAM Model Virtual Training Workshops

[View Workshop #1](#)

[View Workshop #2](#)

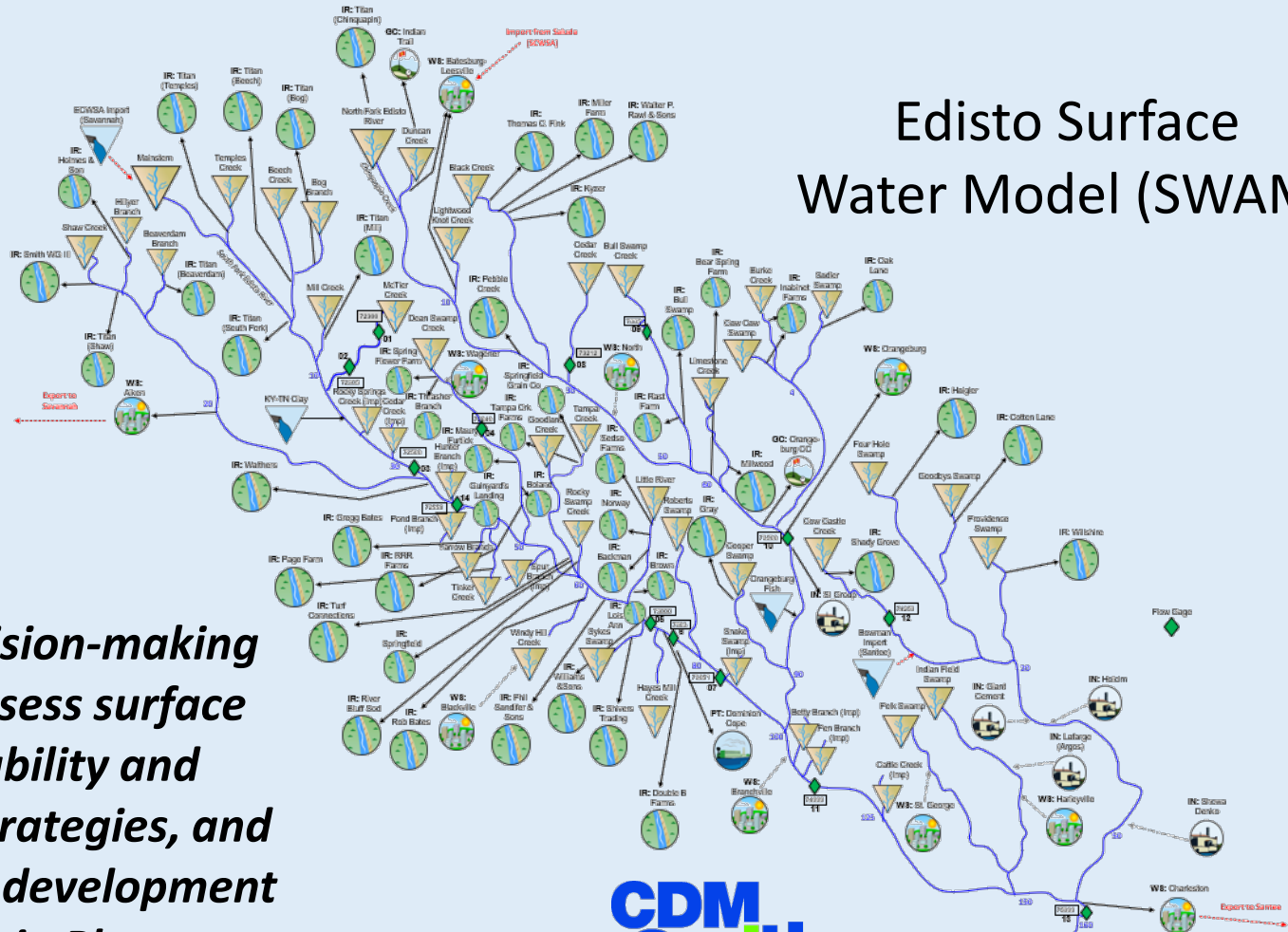
Video recordings
of training sessions



Progress to Date

- Currently in Phase II – Evaluating current and future water availability – initially focusing on surface water resources

Edisto Surface Water Model (SWAM)



SWAM is a decision-making tool used to assess surface water availability and management strategies, and will support the development of River Basin Plans

Future Schedule

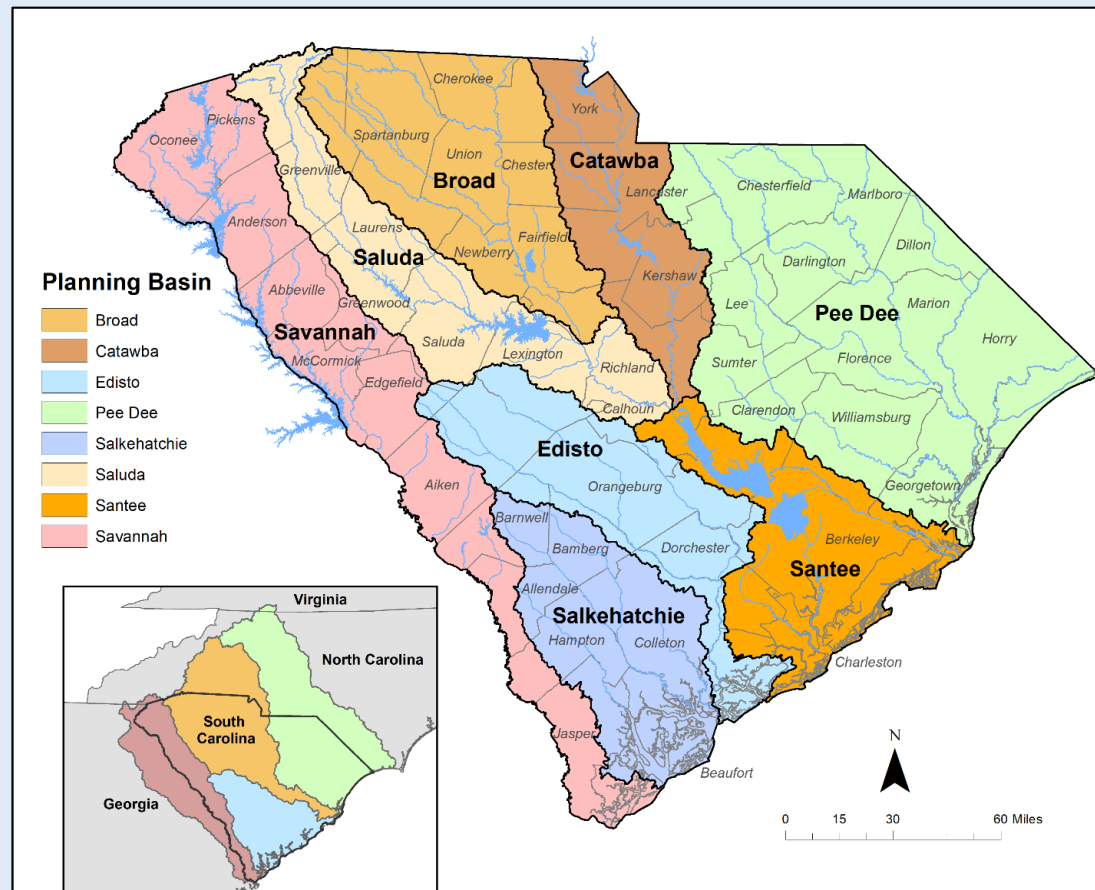


- Currently in a 2-month pause in planning activities, which was needed to:
 - Complete an ecological flow study, which will be included in the surface water availability analyses.
(Clemson/TNC/SCDNR/Research Triangle Institute)
 - Complete a groundwater model update.
 - Prepare for in-person meetings beginning in the Spring.
- April 28th: RBC field trip to an agricultural facility and a groundwater monitoring site in the basin.
- May 26th: next regular RBC meeting – *will be first formal in-person meeting.*
 - Resume surface water availability analyses and begin groundwater availability analyses.

South Carolina's Eight Planning Basins



- River Basin Plans will be developed for the State's 8 major river basins using a ***"bottom-up"*** approach where stakeholders in each basin lead the development of their basin plan.
- *Collectively, the River Basin Plans will form the foundation of a new State Water Plan.*
- Funding for two additional basins currently under consideration in State Legislature:
 - Pee Dee and Broad basins
 - If funded, planning activities would begin in late summer/early fall of 2021.



Hydrology Section – Planning Website



Water Planning

The SCDNR Hydrology Section is responsible for formulating and establishing a comprehensive water resources policy for the State of South Carolina.

Overview

The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) is legislatively mandated through the [South Carolina Water Resources Planning and Coordination Act](#) (§ 49-3-10, et. seq., Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976) to formulate and establish a comprehensive water resources policy or water plan for the State. The [first edition of the South Carolina Water Plan](#) was published in 1998, and was subsequently [updated in 2004](#) to incorporate experiences and knowledge gained from the severe, statewide drought of 1998–2002. The 2004 Water Plan highlighted the need for water planning on a regional level, and in 2014, SCDNR began the process of developing regional water plans that will ultimately support the development of a new State Water Plan. Regional water plans, or River Basin Plans, will be developed for the eight major river basins in the State – Broad, Catawba, Edisto, Pee Dee, Salkehatchie, Saluda, Santee, and Savannah. To support the development of the River Basin Plans, hydrologic models have been developed for both the State's surface water and groundwater resources and will be used along with water demand projections to assess current and future water availability in the State.

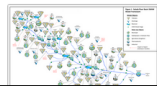
New State and River Basin Planning Framework



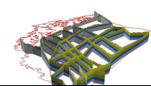
Edisto Basin Planning



Surface Water Models



Groundwater Models



Water Demand Projections



<http://hydrology.dnr.sc.gov/water-planning.html>

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- Meeting announcements
- Access to water planning documents (Planning Framework/technical reports)
- RBC meeting materials/agendas

Edisto Basin Planning

Activities and reports on water planning in the Edisto River basin.

Overview

The new South Carolina State Water Planning Framework ([available here](#)) will be first applied to the Edisto Basin. Two public meetings, scheduled for November 18th and November 21st, 2019, will be held in the basin to introduce the new Planning Framework to stakeholders and to solicit River Basin Council Membership applications. Meeting locations and times for the public meetings can be found below. River Basin Council activities are tentatively scheduled to begin in 2020. Please visit this website for periodic updates and new information regarding Edisto river basin planning activities.

Edisto Public Meeting Locations & Times:

Blackville, S.C., November 18, 2019; 6 pm – 8 pm
Clemson University's Edisto Research and Education Center
64 Research Rd
Blackville, SC 29817
[Map](#)

St. George, S.C., November 21, 2019; 6 pm – 8 pm
Lovely Hill Convention Center
5905 W Jim Bilton Blvd
St. George, SC 29477
[Map](#)

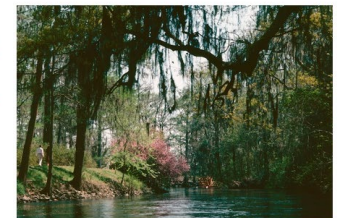


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[Edisto Planning News](#)

[Hydrology Calendar](#)

<http://hydrology.dnr.sc.gov/edisto-basin-planning.html>

BREAK TIME

Five Minute Break

Forecasting Updates

Municipal Forecasting Results

Brian Skeens, Jacobs

Industrial and Energy Forecasting

Bill Davis, CDM Smith

Agricultural Demand Updates

Mark Masters, GWPCC

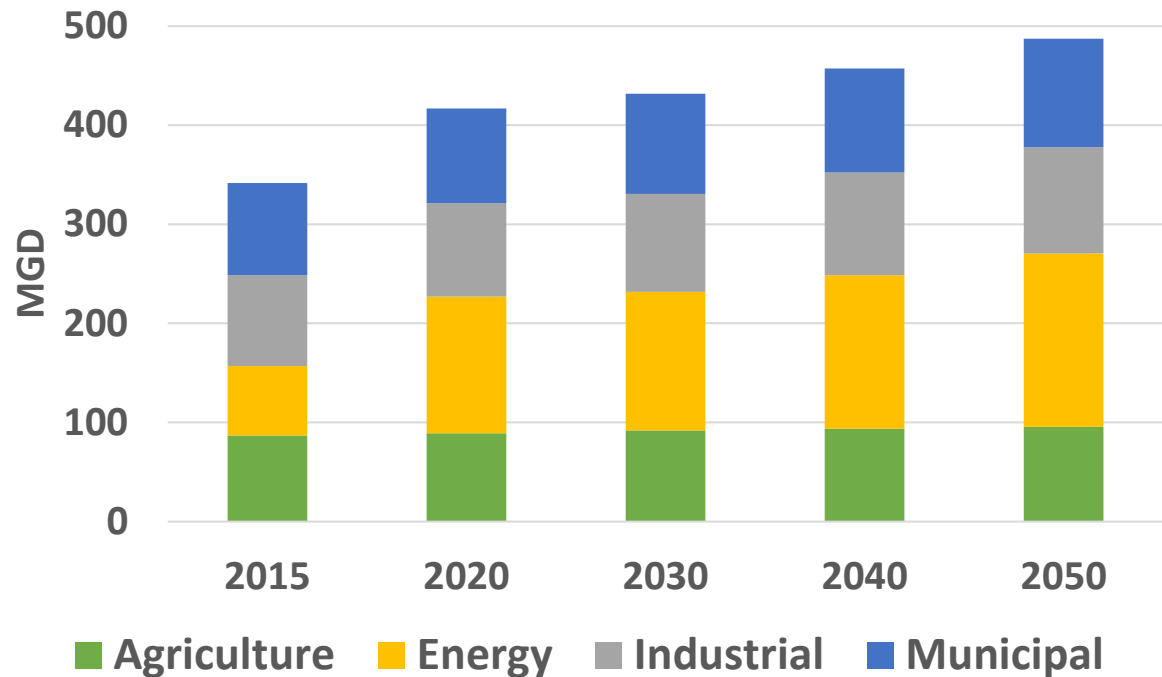




Updates on Demand Forecasting for the 2020-2022 Regional Water Plan Update Cycle

Review of 2017 Demand Forecast for SUO

- Total demand increases 43% from 342 MGD to 487 MGD
- Municipal demand increases from 93 MGD to 109 MGD
- Industrial demand increases from 92 MGD to 107 MGD
- Energy demand increases from 70 MGD to 138 MGD as Vogtle 3&4 come on-line
- Agricultural demand increases from 87 MGD to 96 MGD



Review of 2017 Water Demands by County

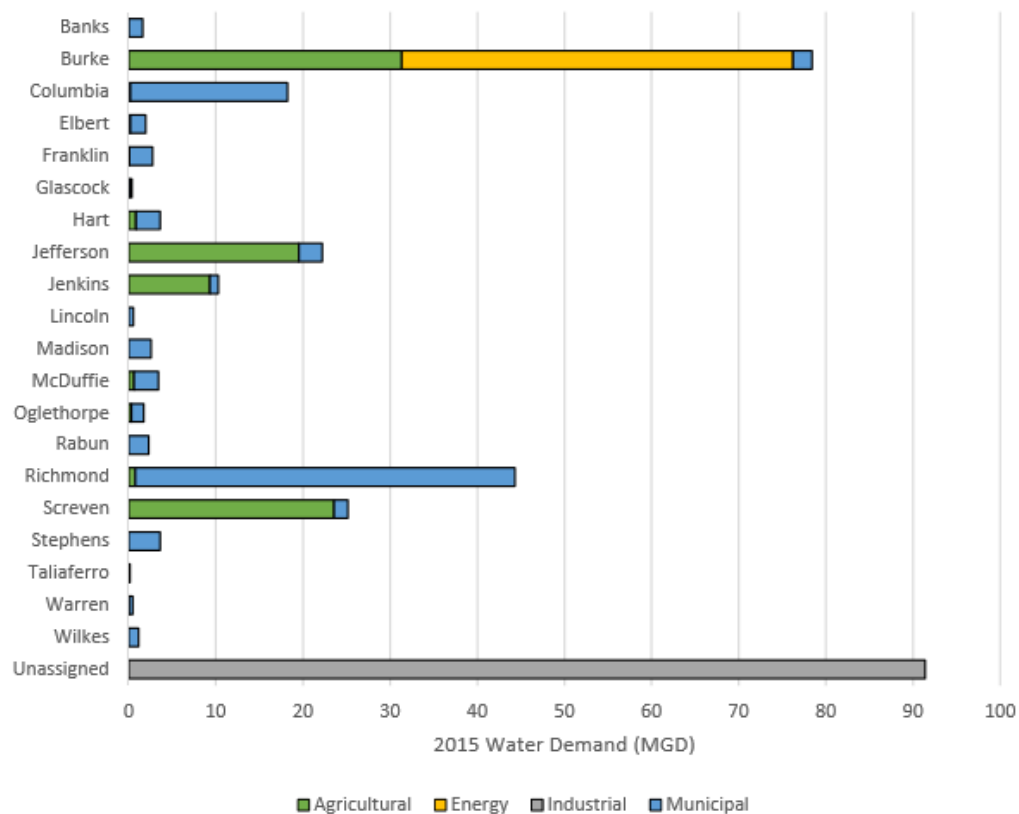


Figure 7-3
County Water Demand by Sector for 2015



Municipal Water Demand Forecast

Municipal Demand Forecast Update

- Forecast prepared by Black & Veatch team
<https://waterplanning.georgia.gov/forecasting/municipal-water-use>
- Revised population projections by county*
- Updated GPCD by county*
- Forecast was reviewed by Municipal Forecasting Stakeholder Group with representative from each Council

**Impacts Municipal Forecast*

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MUNICIPAL WATER DEMAND AND WASTEWATER FLOW FORECASTING METHODS REPORT



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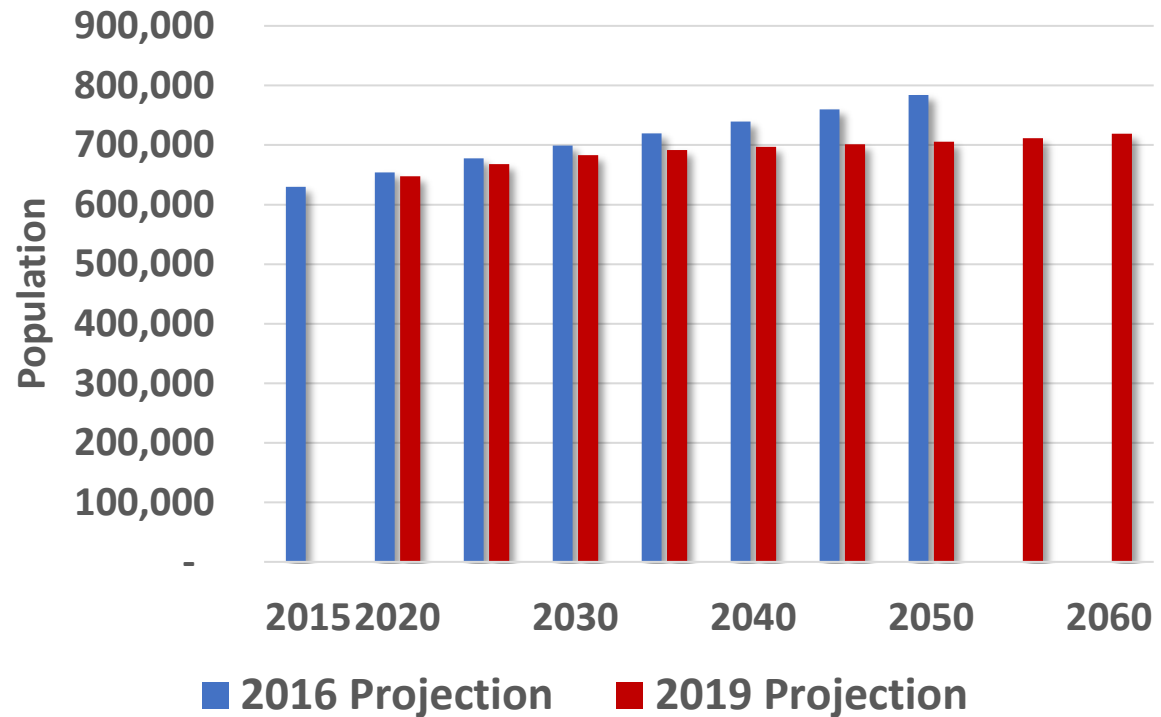
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SUO Population Projections

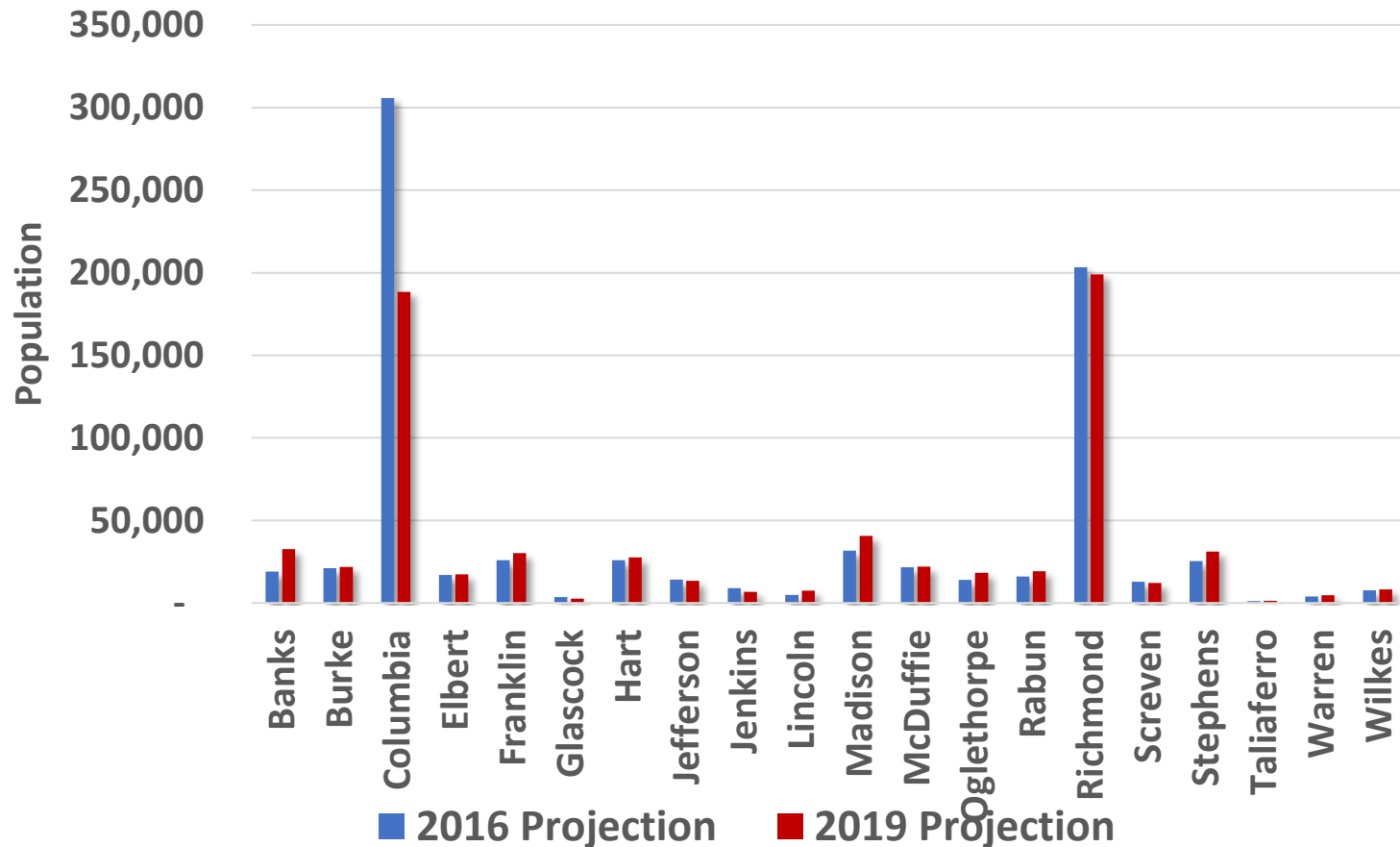
- 2017 RWP Update was based on 2016 population projections from Office of Planning & Budget (OPB)
- 2020 Municipal Forecast Demand Update based on 2019 OPB population projections
- OPB 2020 projections became available in October 2020 and similar to 2019 projections



SUO Population Projections Comparison for 2050 by County

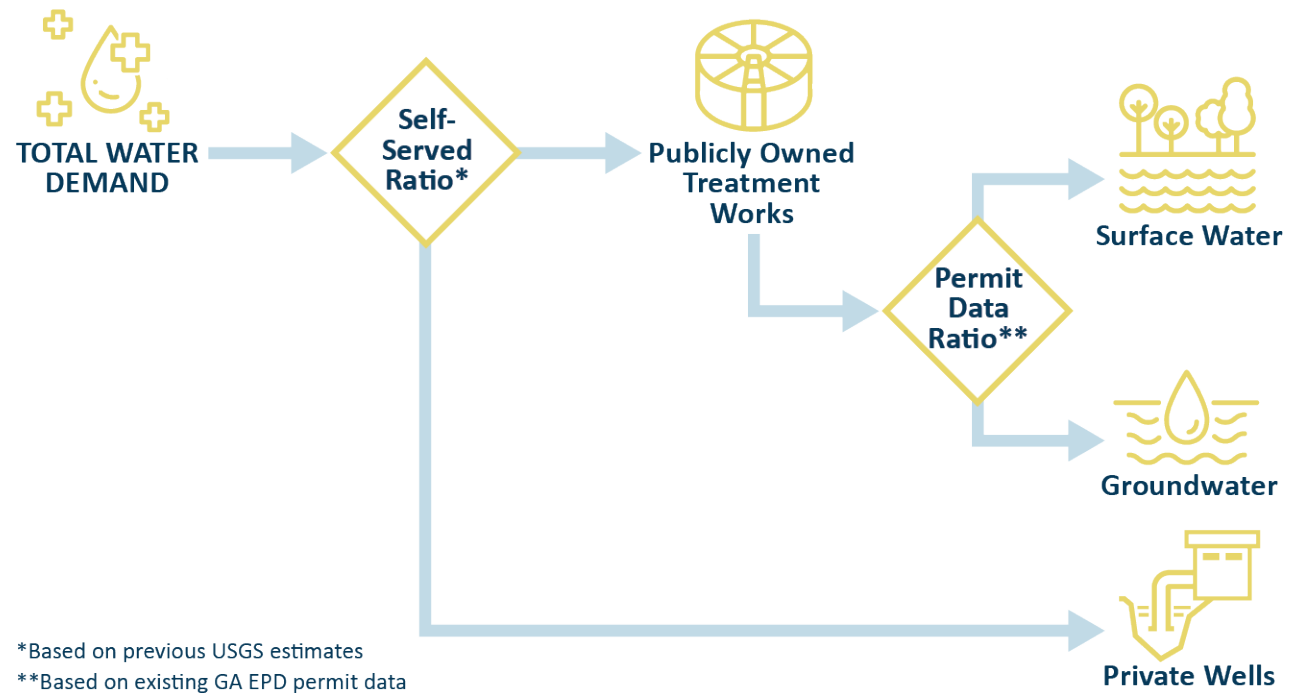
In 2050:

- 14 counties projected to have higher population in 2050
- 6 counties projected to have lower population in 2050



County Water Demand Methodology

- Some % of county population is self-served (75 gpcd)
- Remainder of population is municipally-supplied
- Each county has unique municipal gpcd (weighted average)



SUO Region Percent Self Supplied

- 2020 % self-supplied taken from USGS 2015 data
- Percentages held constant for the future except for 8 counties
- Self-supplied population assumed to use 75 GPCD (USGS)

County	2017 % Self-Supplied	2020 % Self-Supplied	2060 % Self-Supplied
Banks	57%	49%	49%
Burke	64%	63%	63%
Columbia	13%	17%	5%
Elbert	51%	54%	45%
Franklin	51%	27%	27%
Glascok	60%	100%	100%
Hart	66%	52%	25%
Jefferson	47%	40%	40%
Jenkins	23%	54%	25%
Lincoln	29%	31%	31%
Madison	20%	70%	25%
McDuffie	53%	18%	10%
Oglethorpe	83%	69%	12%
Rabun	27%	32%	32%
Richmond	2%	2%	2%
Screven	59%	67%	67%
Stephens	10%	4%	4%
Taliaferro	62%	100%	100%
Warren	44%	33%	33%
Wilkes	51%	36%	36%

SUO Municipal Forecast

GPCD

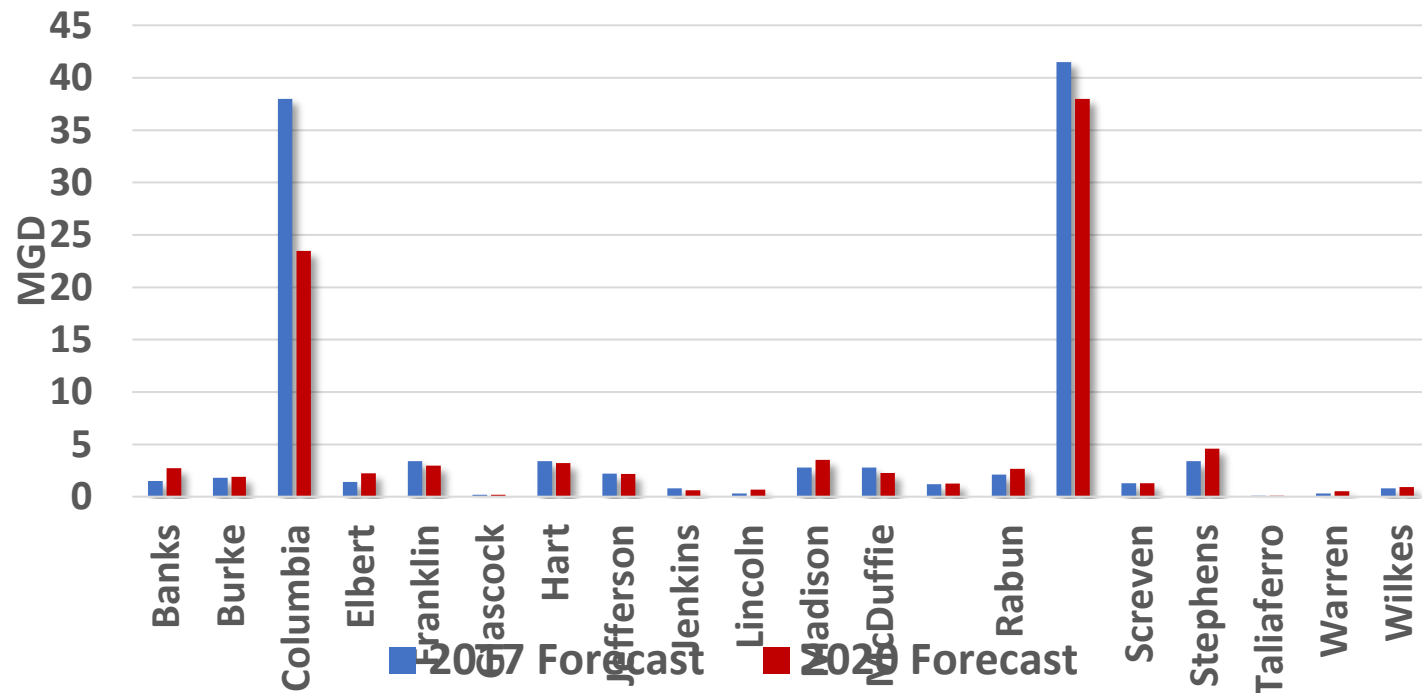
- Updated GPCD by county based on weighted average from 2015 – 2018 Water Loss Audits
- GPCD calculated from State Drinking Water Information System (SDWIS) data if Water Loss Audit data not available
- 10 counties have lower GPCD
- 10 Counties have higher GPCD

County	2017 GPCD	2020 GPCD	Change
Banks	102.0	101.0	-1.0
Burke	129.1	128.4	-0.7
Columbia	133.7	132.0	-1.8
Elbert	105.0	190.0	85.0
Franklin	161.0	114.7	-46.3
Glascok	73.4	75.0	1.6
Hart	157.9	143.3	-14.6
Jefferson	163.5	171.0	7.5
Jenkins	106.5	110.0	3.5
Lincoln	66.3	109.0	42.7
Madison	103.6	104.0	0.4
McDuffie	141.5	112.4	-29.1
Oglethorpe	99.7	75.0	-24.7
Rabun	163.9	155.5	-8.4
Richmond	216.8	197.0	-19.8
Screven	160.1	189.0	28.9
Stephens	145.8	155.4	9.6
Taliaferro	71.4	75.0	3.6
Warren	72.1	136.7	64.6
Wilkes	156.4	143.5	-12.9

SUO Municipal Demand Forecast Comparison for 2050 by County

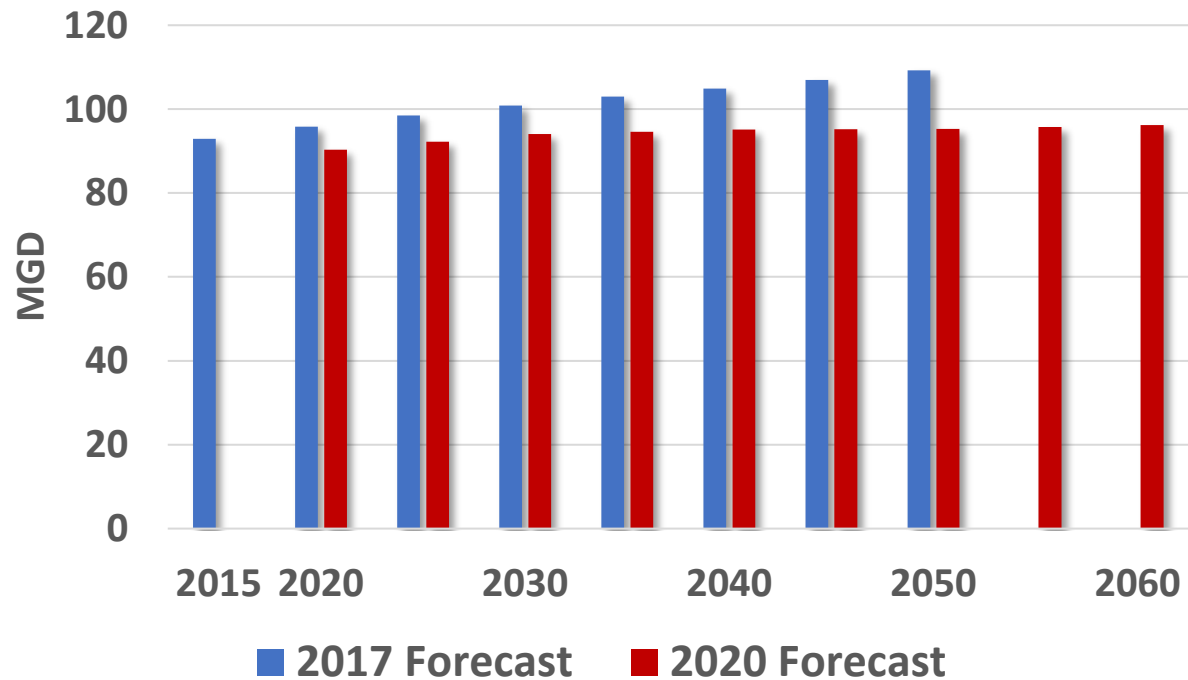
In 2050:

- 10 counties have lower demand
- 10 counties have higher demand



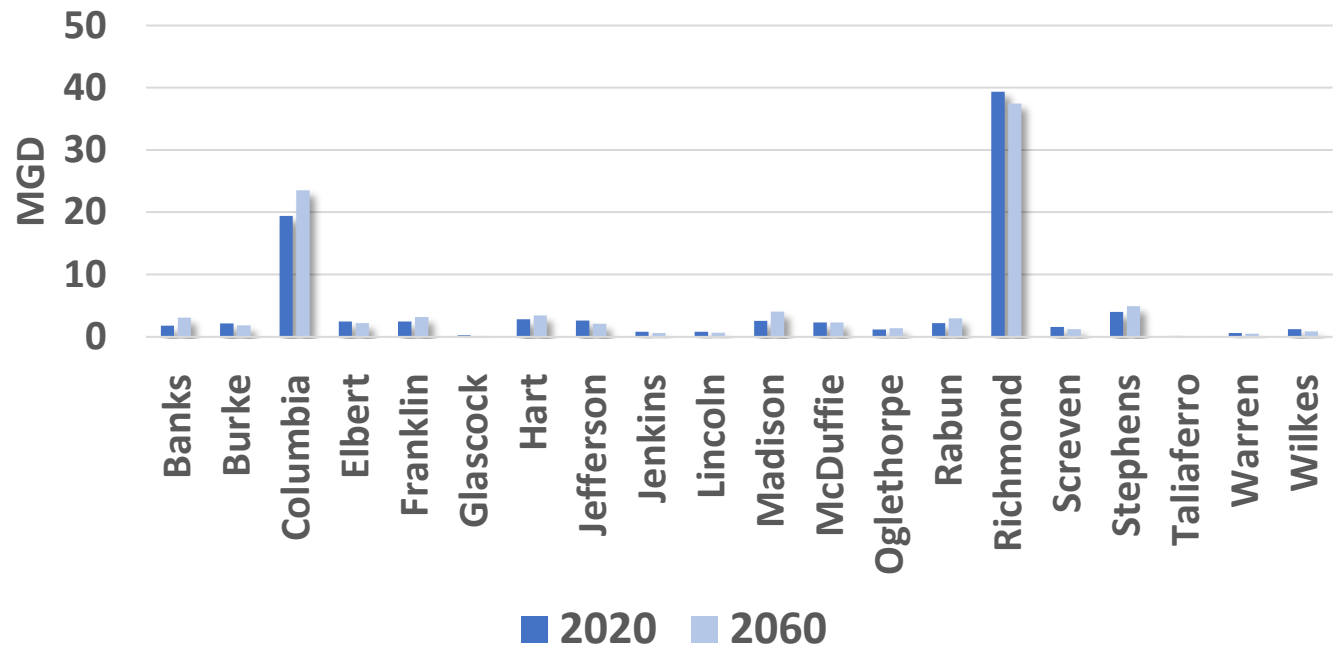
SUO Region Municipal Demand Forecast

- Current (2020) demand is lower than the 2017 forecast
- Population projections are higher by 3% in 2050
- Overall, county GPCDs are lower



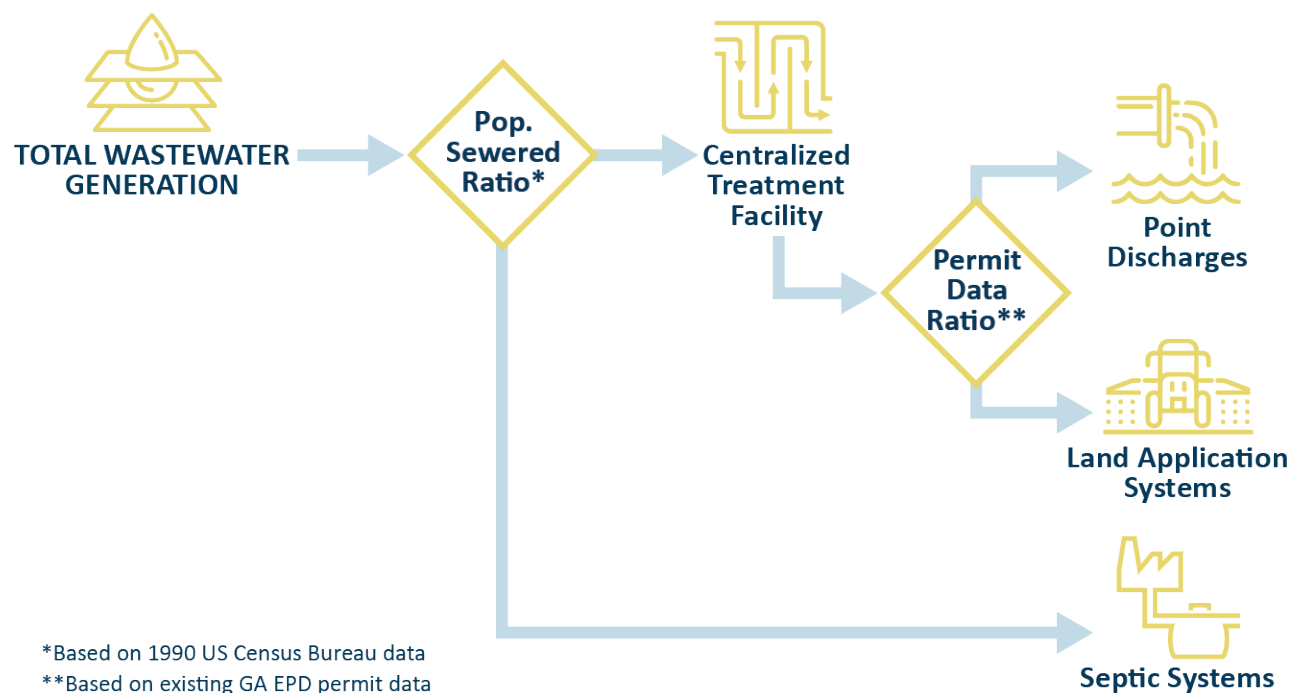
SUO 2020 Municipal Demand Forecast by County

The 2020 Municipal demand forecast shows 12 counties with a decline and 8 with an increase in demand



Municipal Wastewater Methodology

- Septic flow based on % households on septic (80% of use)
- Used 2019 discharges by county
- Applied % change in population
- Maintain same ratio of Point and LAS



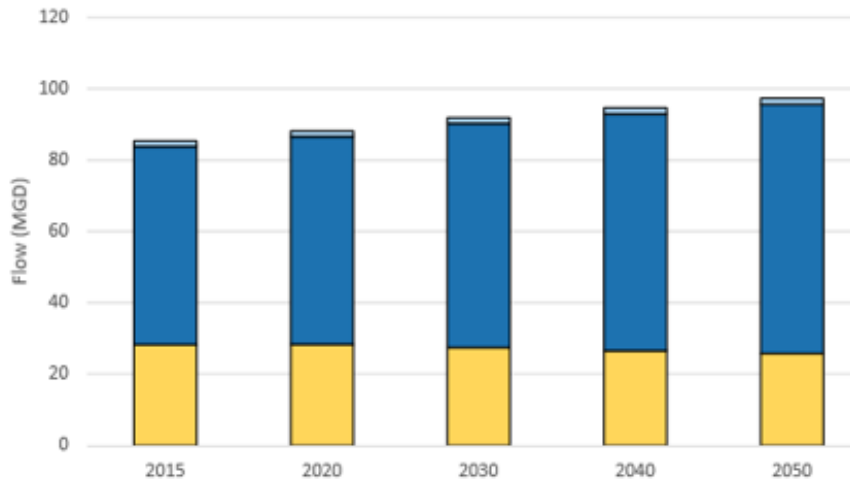
Municipal Wastewater – Septic

- County % population on septic systems
 - Held constant, unless specific input provided
- Values with asterisks are from the 1990 Census housing characteristics for Georgia
- Values w/o asterisks are from Georgia Dept. of Public Health data (through 2018)

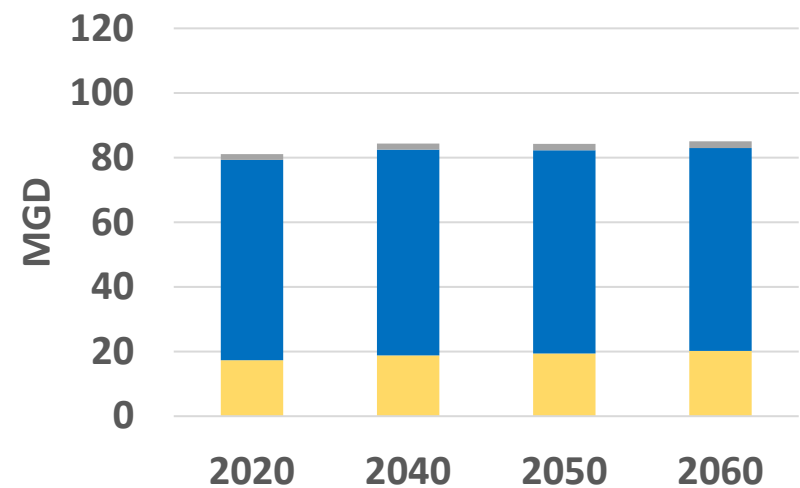
County	2020 % Septic
Banks	90%*
Burke	65%*
Columbia	20%
Elbert	61%*
Franklin	75%*
Glascock	74%*
Hart	78%*
Jefferson	54%*
Jenkins	84%
Lincoln	81%*
Madison	93%*
McDuffie	80%
Oglethorpe	94%*
Rabun	85%*
Richmond	21%
Screven	72%*
Stephens	60%*
Taliaferro	76%*
Warren	62%*
Wilkes	57%*

SUO Municipal Wastewater Forecast

2017 Forecast



2020 Forecast



■ Septic ■ Point Source ■ LAS



Energy Water Demand Forecast

Energy Demand Forecast Update

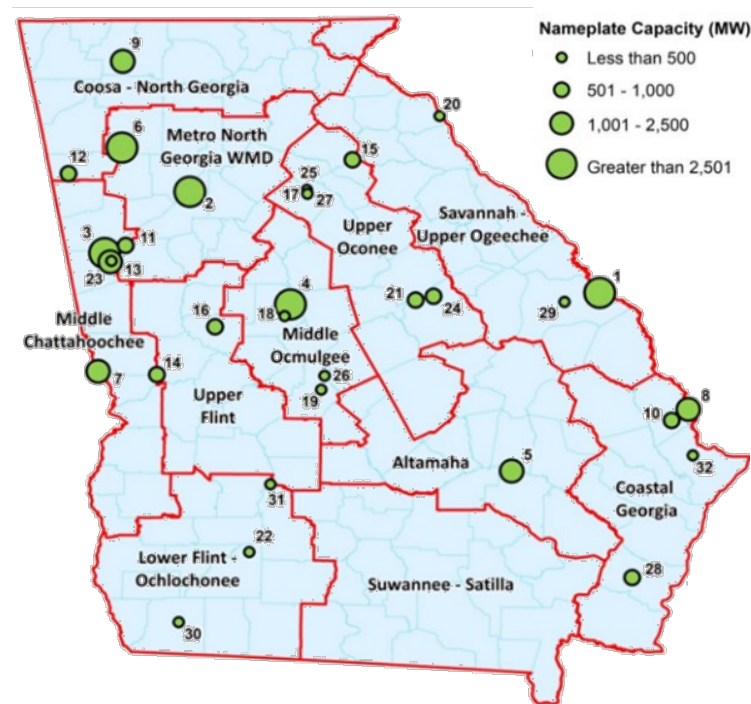
- Convened a stakeholder advisory group representing power companies in the State of Georgia
- Worked with stakeholder group to identify future sources of power generation
- <https://waterplanning.georgia.gov/forecasting/energy-water-use>

Participating Representatives from:

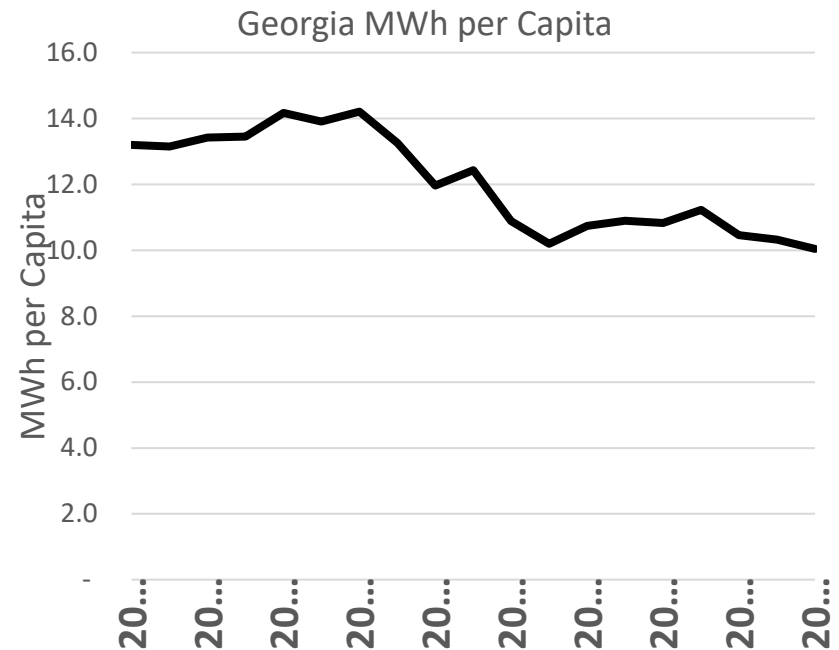
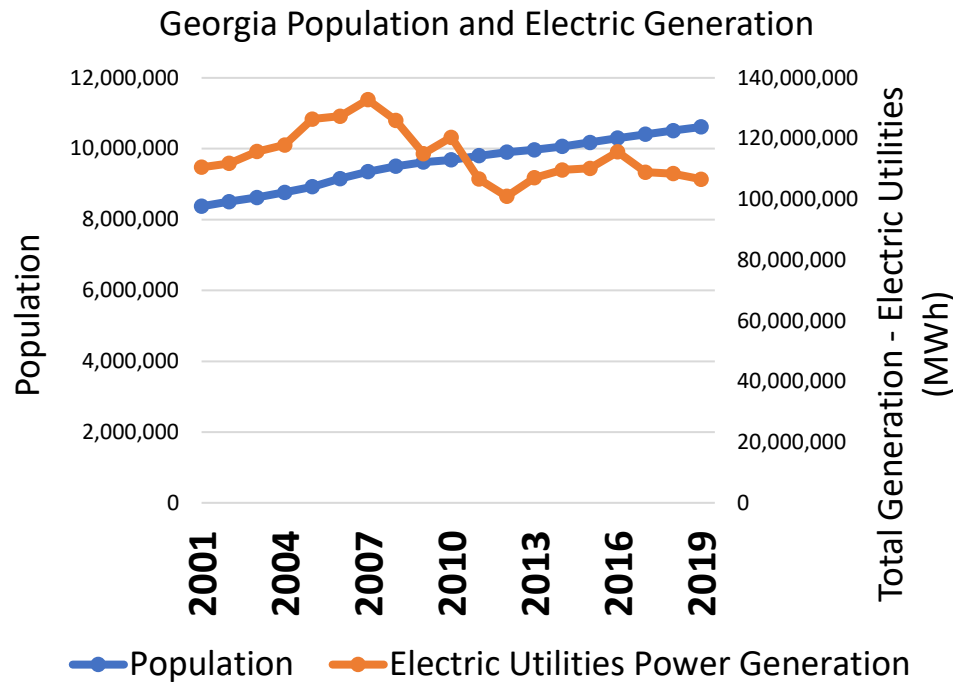
- Georgia Power / Southern Company
- Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia (MEAG)
- Oglethorpe Power Corporation
- Dalton Utilities
- Georgia Public Service Commission
- Georgia Environmental Finance Authority

Energy Demand Forecast Update Methodology

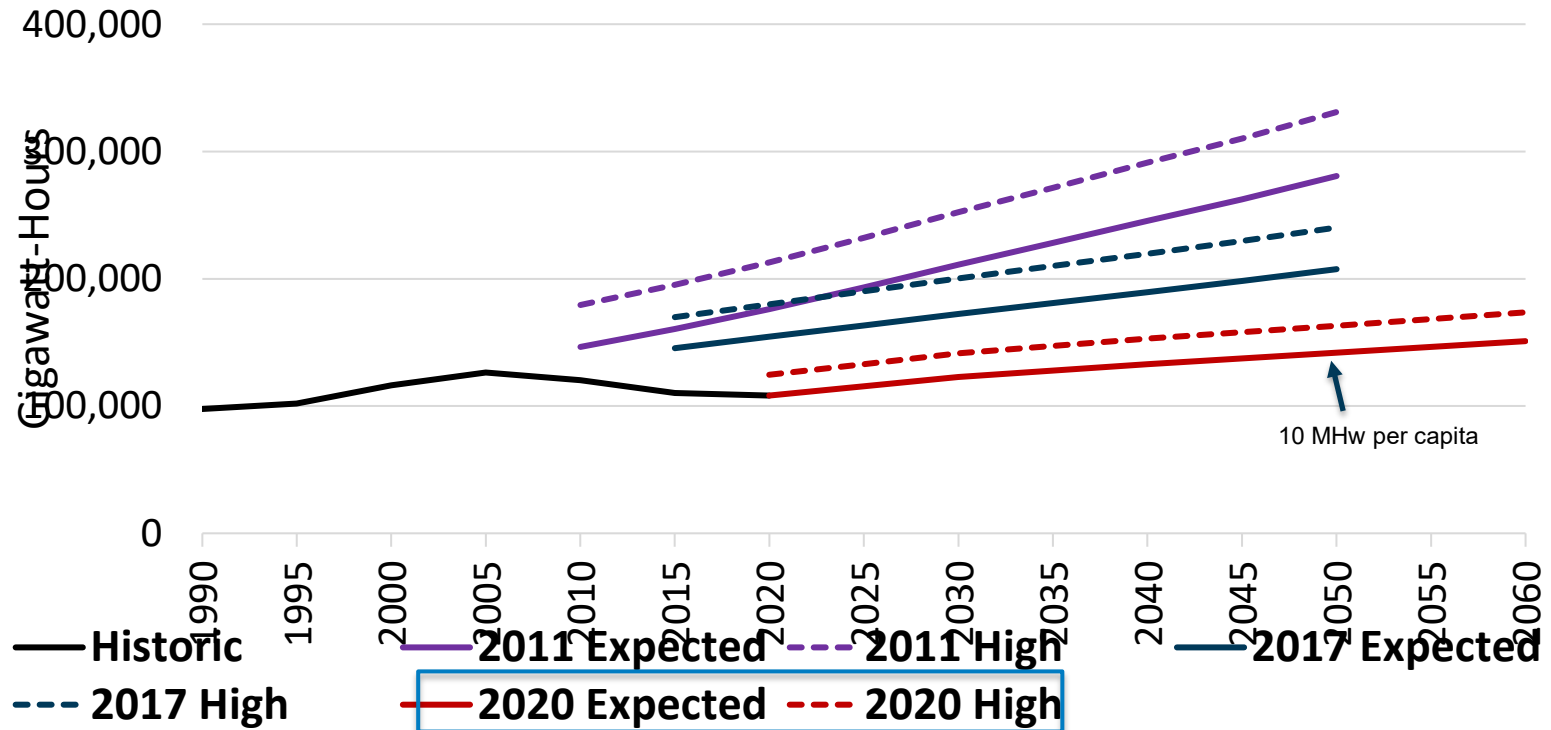
- Updated the list of active, retired and planned generating units
- Evaluated historic MWh per capita use
- Estimated need for power generation
- Estimated statewide generation by fuel type
- Applied water use factors by fuel type
- Identified water withdrawals and consumption by facility location



How Much Energy Do Georgians Use?

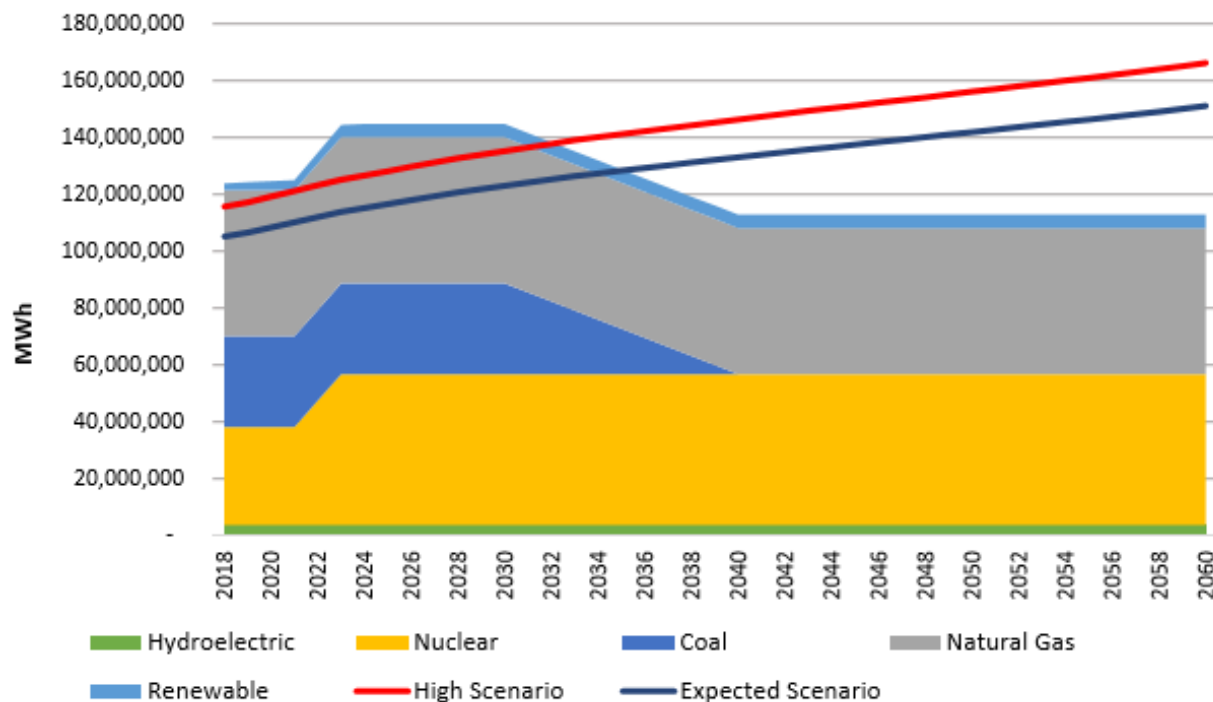


How Much Power will Georgia Need?



Using Current Generating Capacity for the Future

- Nuclear generation (yellow) will increase with Vogtle 3&4
- Coal generation (blue) will be phased out in the future
- Both Natural Gas and Renewable assumed to increase to meet the need



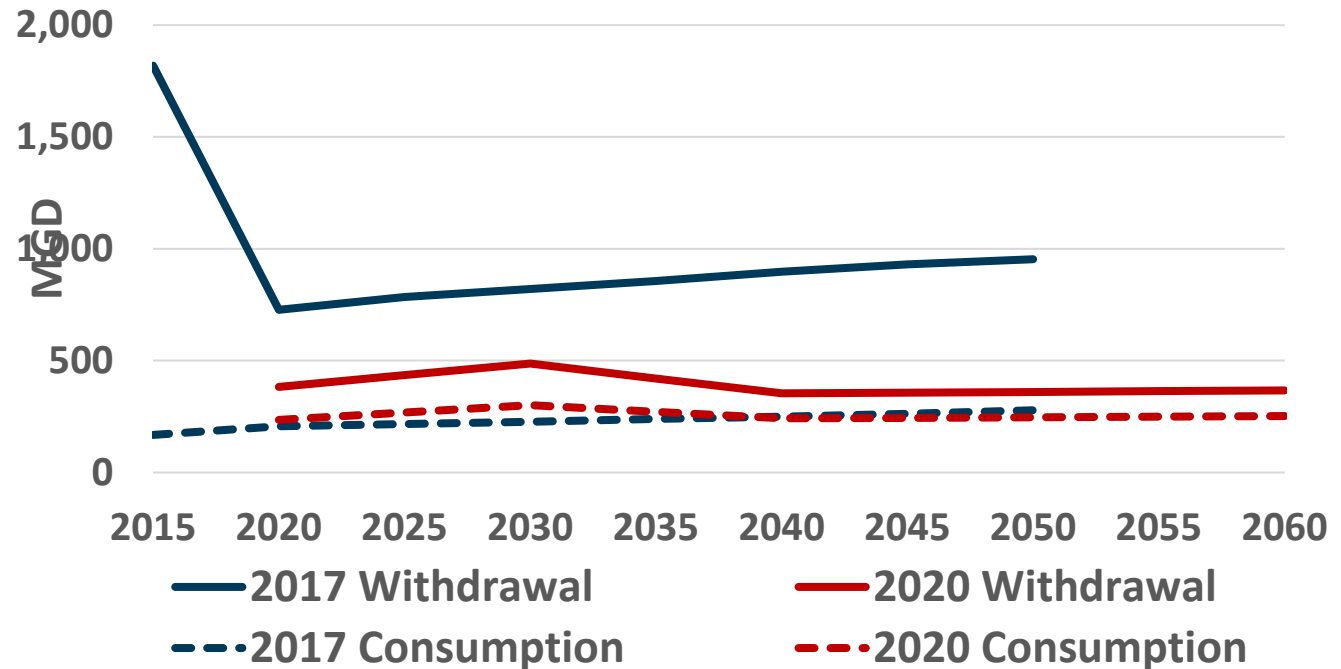
Water Use by Generation Configuration

POWER GENERATING CONFIGURATION	WATER WITHDRAWALS Gal/MWh	WATER CONSUMPTION Gal/MWh
Fossil Fuel/Biomass, Steam Turbine, Once-Through Cooling	41,005	0
Fossil Fuel/Biomass, Steam Turbine, Cooling Tower	1,153	567
Fossil Fuel/Biomass, Gas (Combustion) Turbine	0	0
Natural Gas, Combined-Cycle, Cooling Tower	225	198
Nuclear, Steam Turbine, Cooling Tower	1,372	880

Source: 2003-2007 Averages from EIA and EPD data for Georgia facilities

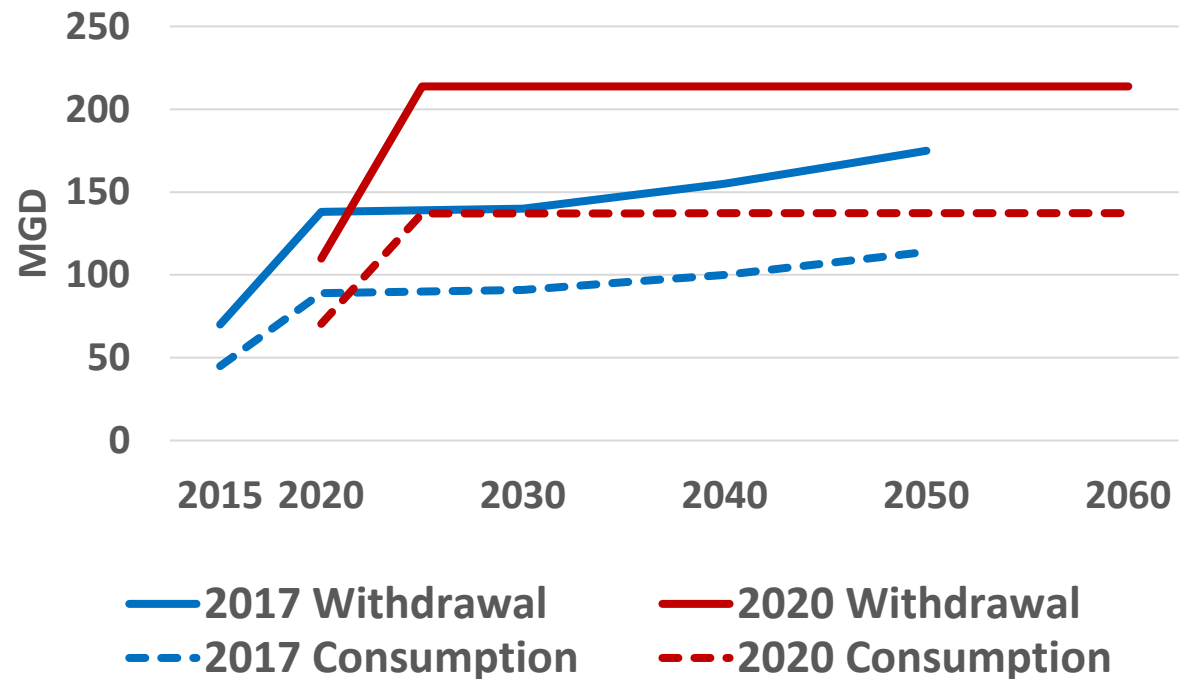
Statewide Energy Water Demand Forecast

- 2017 Forecast has high withdrawals for coal facilities now retired
- 2020 Need (MWh) is lower
- Water per MWh is more efficient



SUO Energy Water Demand Forecast

- The 2017 forecast assumed that Plant Vogtle units 3&4 would be on-line by 2020
- The 2020 forecast assumes that Plant Vogtle units 3&4 will be on-line by 2025





Industrial Water Demand Forecast

Industrial Demand Forecast Update

- Updated forecasting methodology based on input from industry representatives from across the state
- No longer based on employment
- Convened industry experts into multiple advisory groups and developed separate estimates
- <https://waterplanning.georgia.gov/forecasting/industrial-water-use>

Industrial Sub-Sectors:

- Paper and Forest Products
- Food Processing
- Manufacturing
- Mining

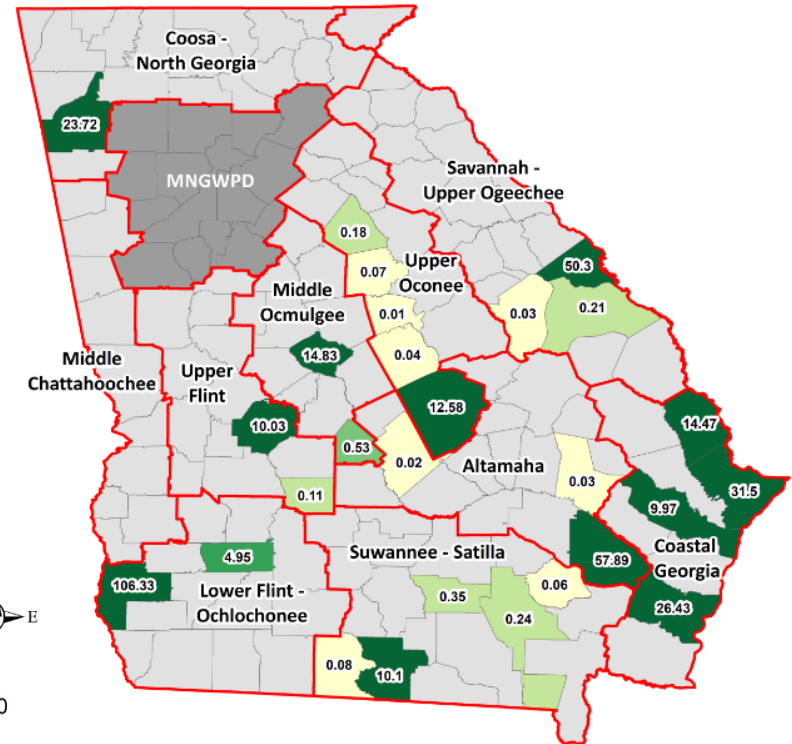
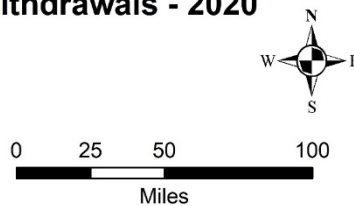
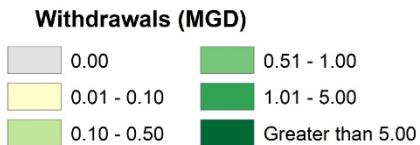
Industrial Stakeholder Advisory Group

- BASF
- Covia
- Georgia Association of Manufacturers
- Georgia Chemistry Council
- Georgia Department of Economic Development
- Georgia Mining Association
- Georgia Pacific
- Georgia Paper and Forest Products Association
- Georgia Poultry Federation
- Georgia Tech Research Institute
- Gerdau Steel
- Gulfstream Aerospace
- International Paper
- Irving Consumer Products
- Kamin
- Kia Motors
- Milliken and Company
- Mohawk Industries
- Office of Planning and Budget
- Packaging Corporation of America
- Rayonier Performance Fibers
- SAFT, Inc.
- Southwire
- Toyo Tire

Paper & Forest Products

- Water use to remain constant using the (2010 to 2019) 10-year average water withdrawals by location

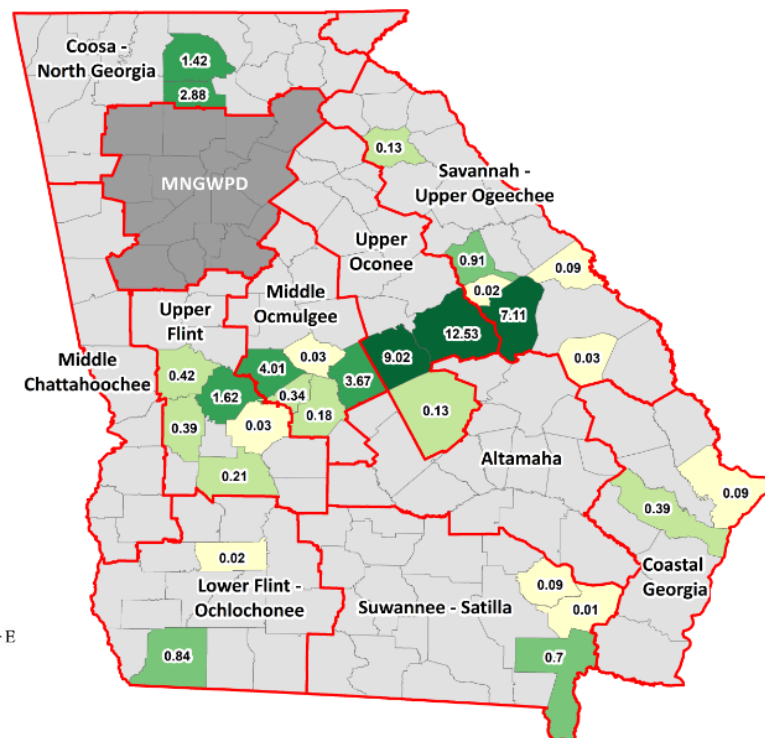
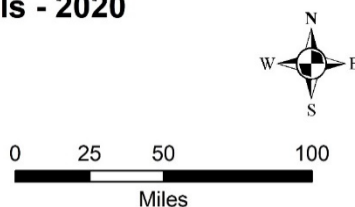
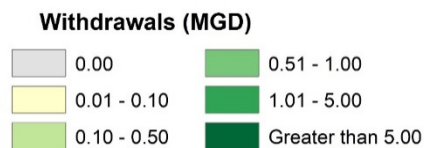
Paper & Forest Products Water Withdrawals - 2020



Mining

- Water use to remain constant using the (2010 to 2019) 10-year average water withdrawals by location

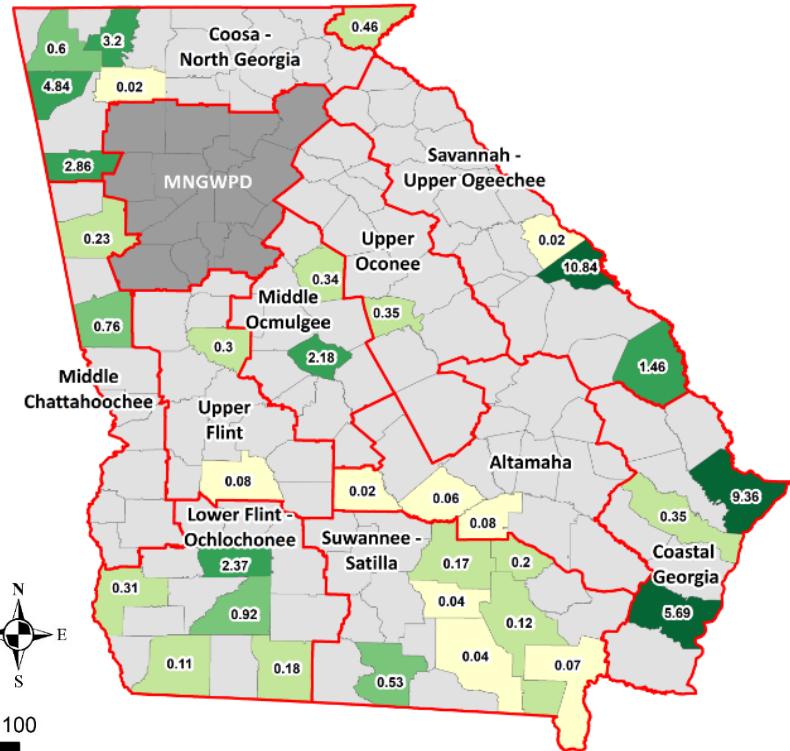
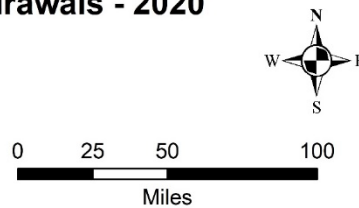
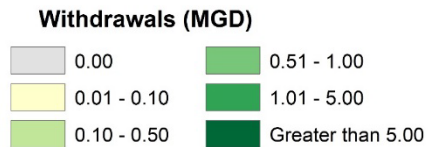
Mining Water Withdrawals - 2020



Manufacturing

- Water use to remain constant using the (2010 to 2019) 10-year average water withdrawals by location

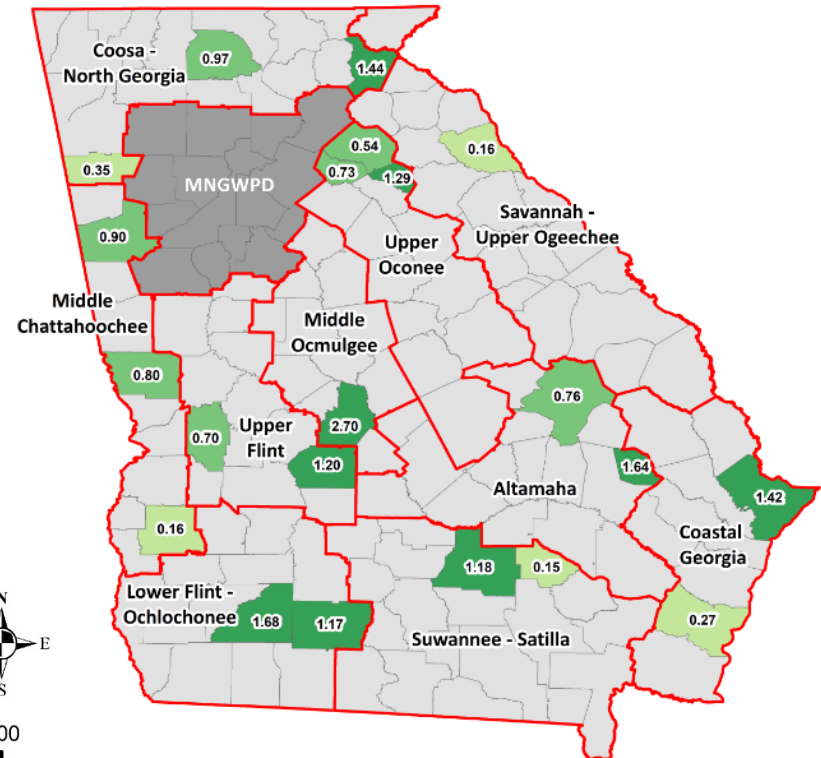
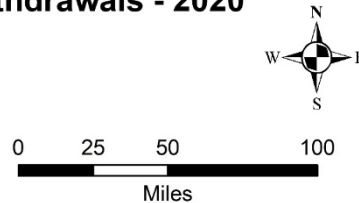
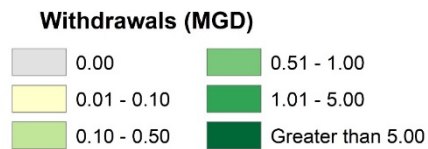
Manufacturing Water Withdrawals - 2020



Food Processing

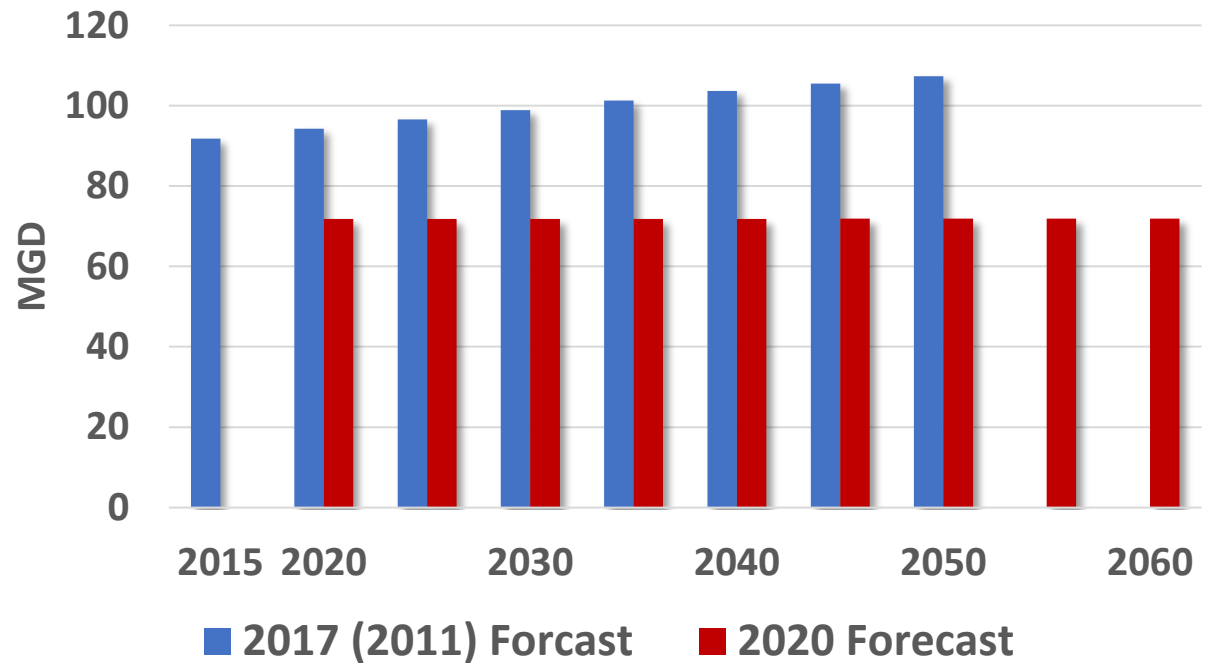
- Poultry processing projected to increase
- Non-poultry processing to remain constant at 10-year average water withdrawals

Food Processing Water Withdrawals - 2020



SUO - Industrial Forecast

- 2017 forecast is from the 2011 RWP, and was based on employment growth projections
- 2020 based on input from local industry experts

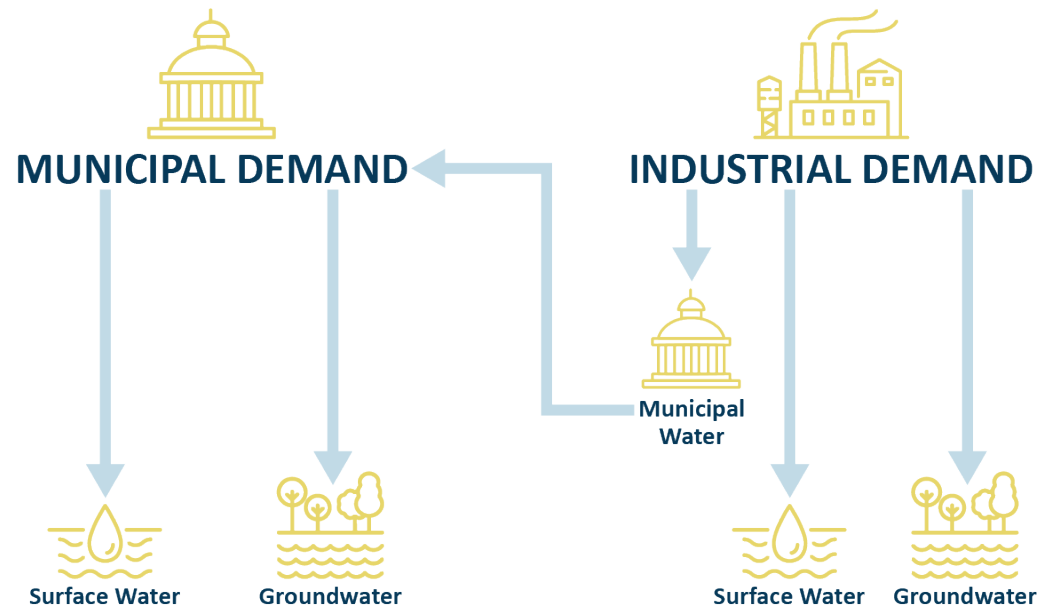


Coordination with Municipal Water Demand Forecast

- Shared information with municipal forecast team where municipal water use is identified and greater than 0.2 MGD

Are we double counting?

- If we add Municipal and Industrial demand, yes
- If we add surface water and groundwater demand, no





Agricultural Water Demand Update

AGRICULTURAL WATER USE UPDATE

Savannah-Upper Ogeechee Regional Water
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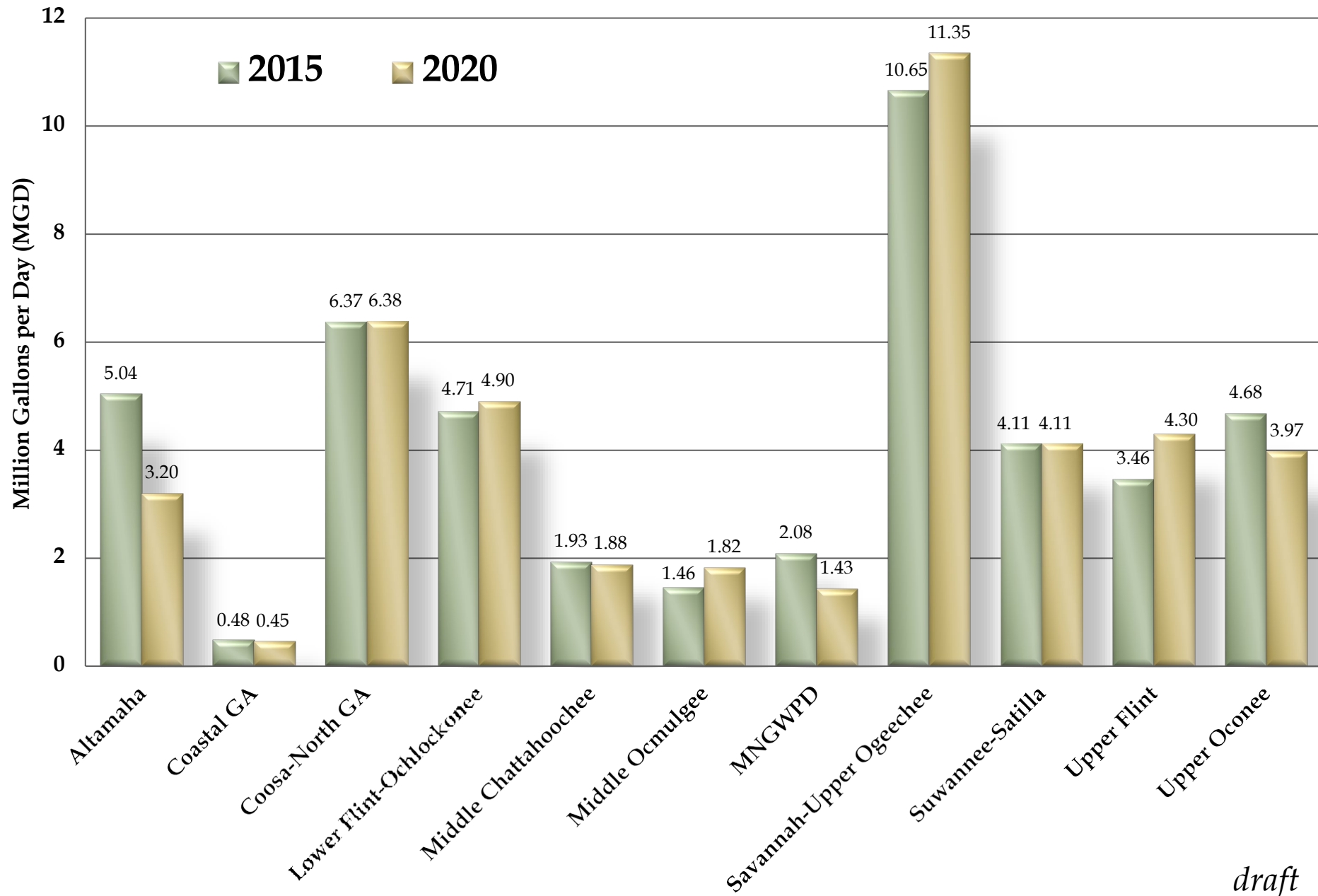


2020-21 Agricultural Water Demand Forecasts - Methods

- ▣ **Acreage – Updated 2020 wetted acreage data**
 - Field observation and aerial survey
- ▣ **Crop projections through 2060 - modeled based on multiple data sources:**
 - Remote sensing and field data
 - USDA Projections, Southeast Model, Georgia Model, Data Trends
- ▣ **Crop water needs - wet, normal, dry years**
 - Expanded use of meter data
 - Review estimates used in 2015-2016 and revise if needed
 - Presented by basin, county, planning node, aquifer, etc....
- ▣ **Animal Ag/Nursery**

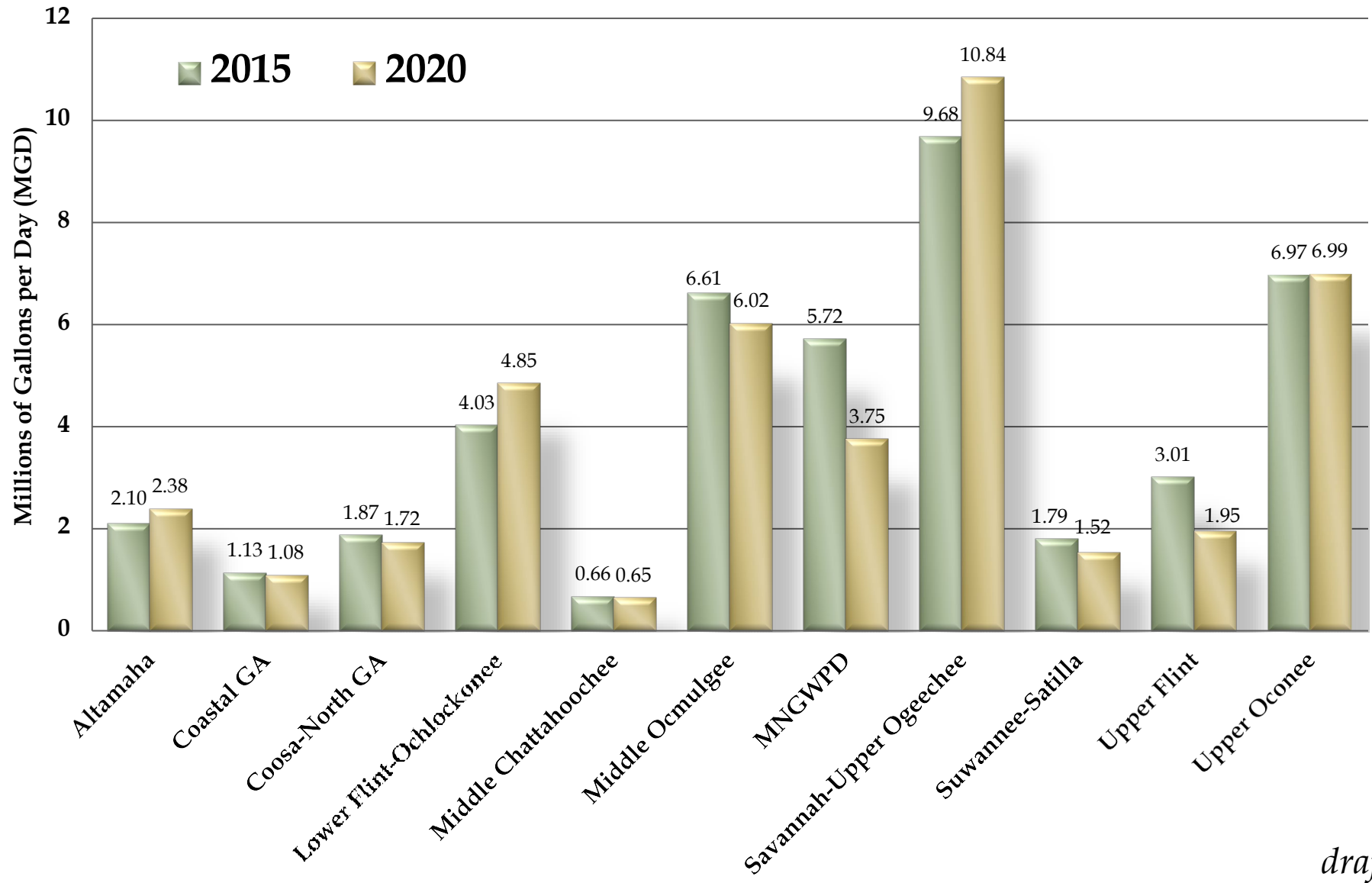
Animal Agriculture - Daily Water Use by Water Planning Region

Statewide Total: 43.8 MGD

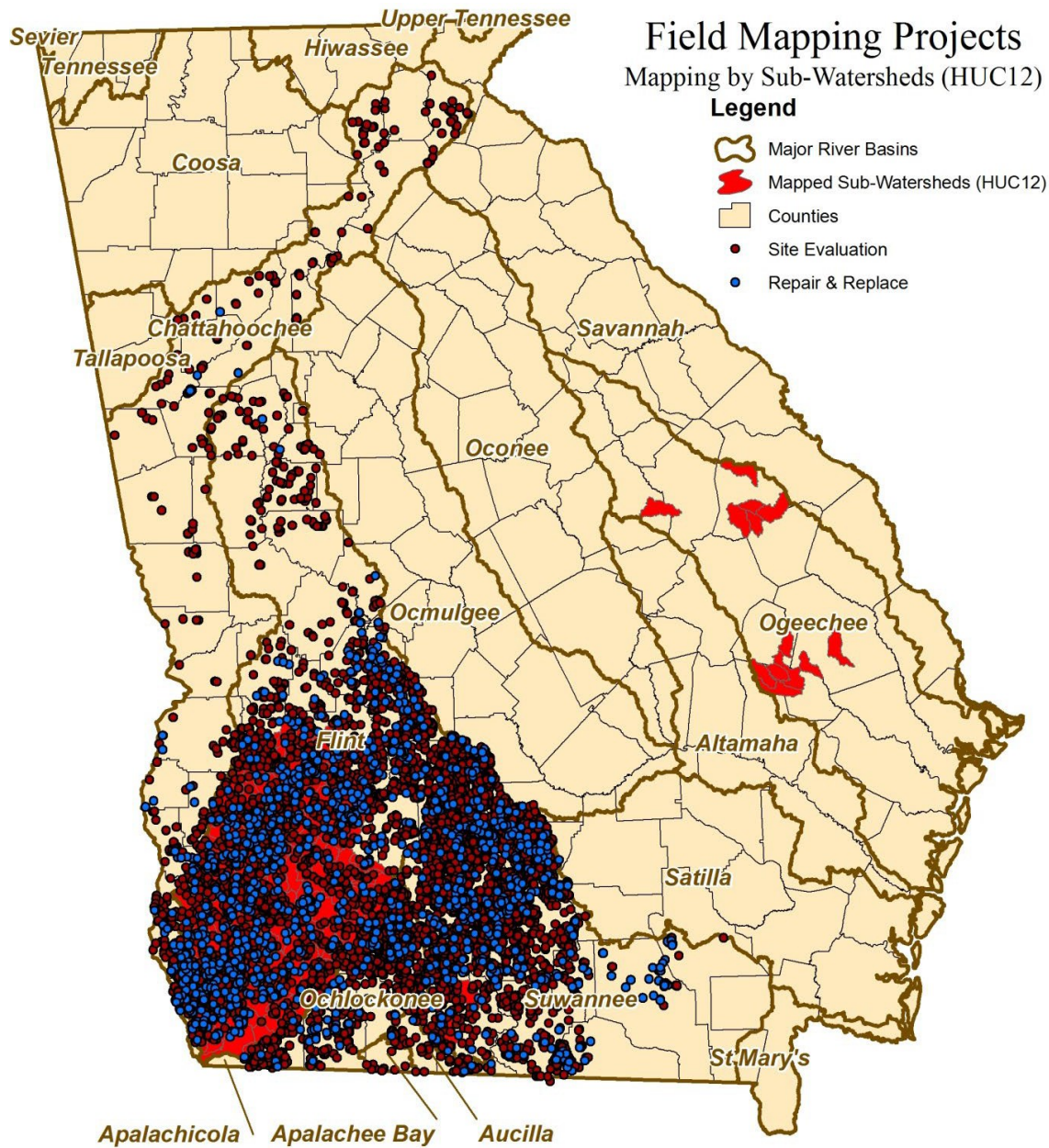


Daily Water Use by Horticultural Nurseries (Container, In-Ground, and Greenhouse), Millions of Gallons Per Day

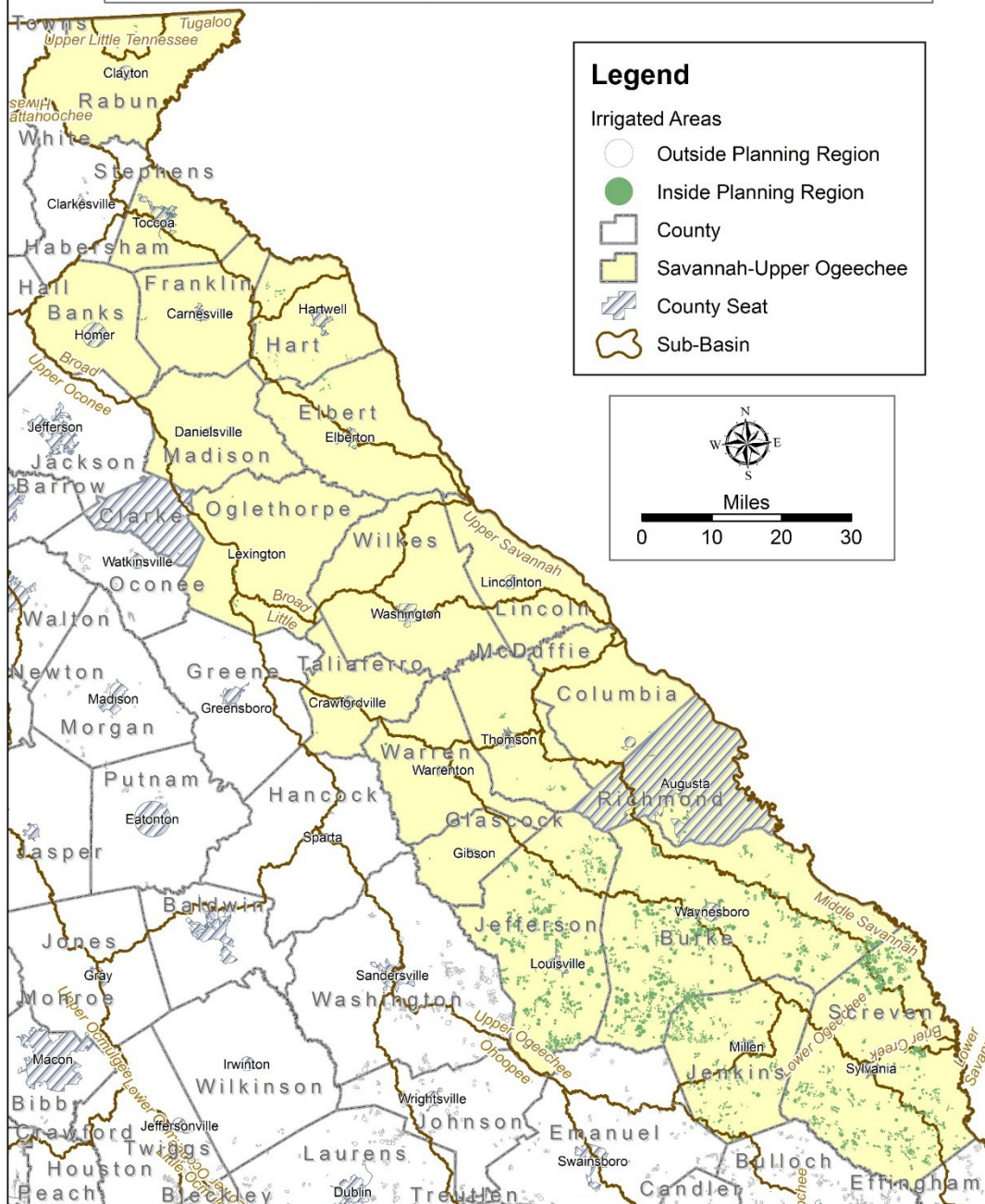
Statewide Total: 41.76 MGD - *draft*



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Savannah-Upper Ogeechee Water Planning Region



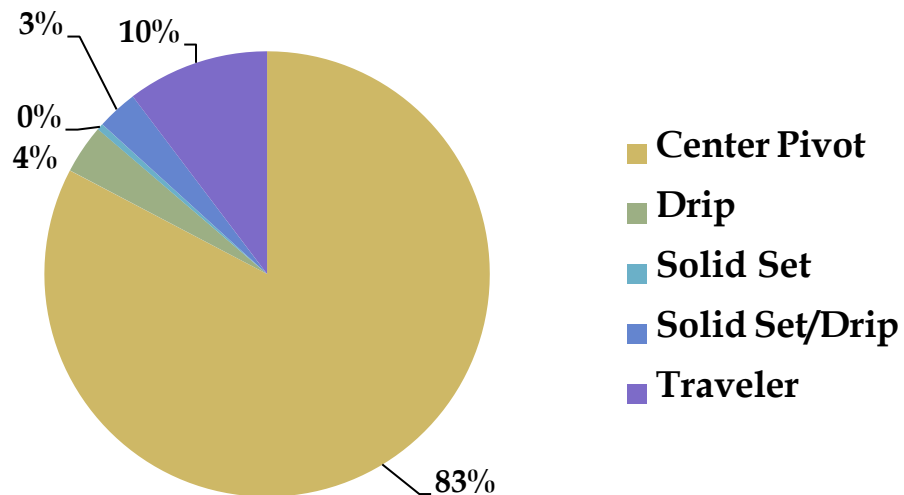
Irrigated Acres

County	2015	2020
Banks	6	42
Burke	40,244	44,054
Columbia	141	141
Elbert	311	311
Franklin	161	161
Glascok	294	294
Hart	911	1,059
Jefferson	26,688	28,228
Jenkins	13,084	14,770
McDuffie	793	794
Oglethorpe	341	367
Rabun	0	183
Richmond	851	888
Screven	27,117	31,263
Taliaferro	33	33
Warren	99	99
Wilkes	0	0

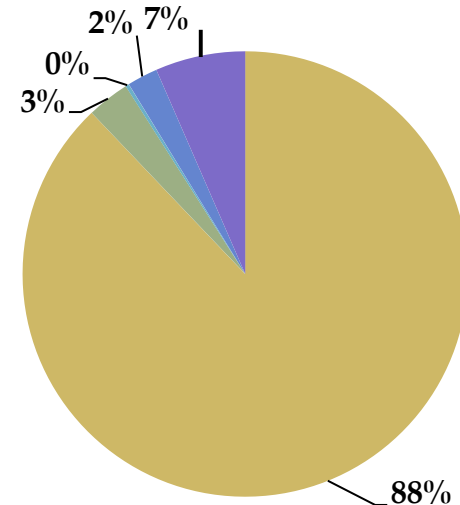
Savannah-Upper Ogeechee RWPC

	2015	2020	% Change
Total # of Fields	1,876	2,126	+ 13.3%
Total Acreage	111,075	122,688	+ 10.5%
Total GW Acreage	87,466	98,705	+ 12.8%
Total SW Acreage	23,609	23,984	+ 1.6%
Total Center Pivots	1,525	1,758	+ 15.3%
Center Pivot Acreage	96,999	107,823	+ 11.2%

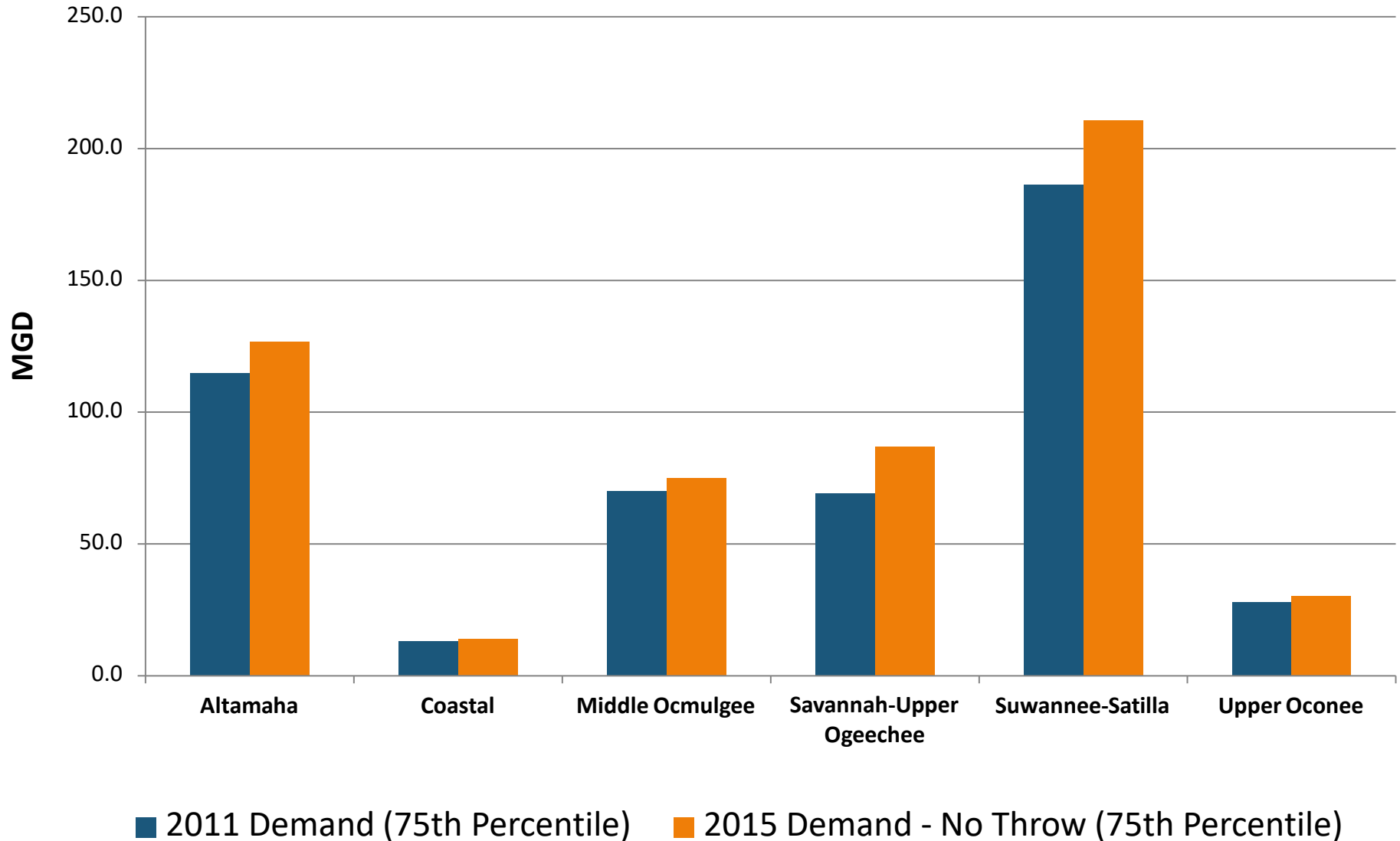
System Type - % of Systems



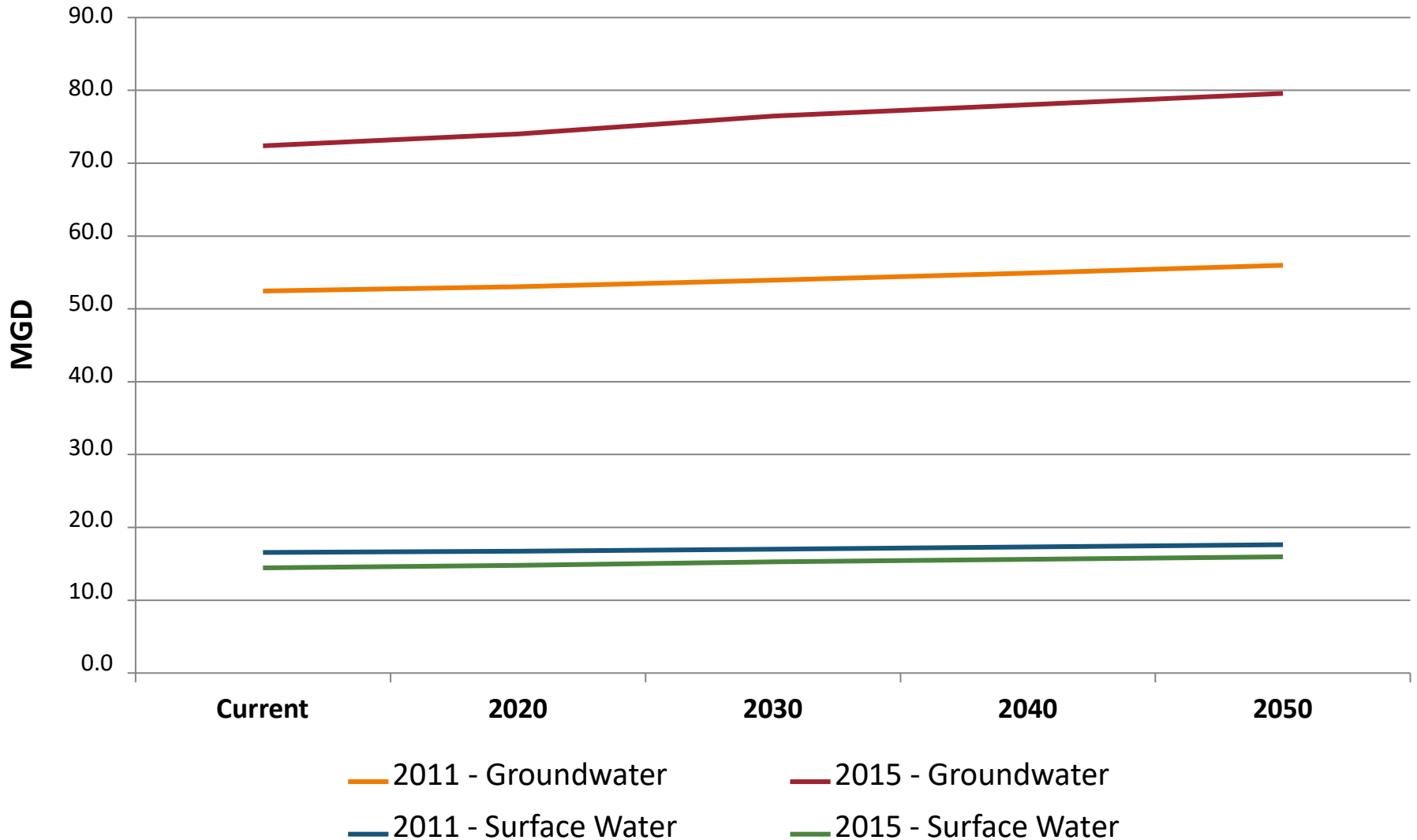
System Type - % of Acreage



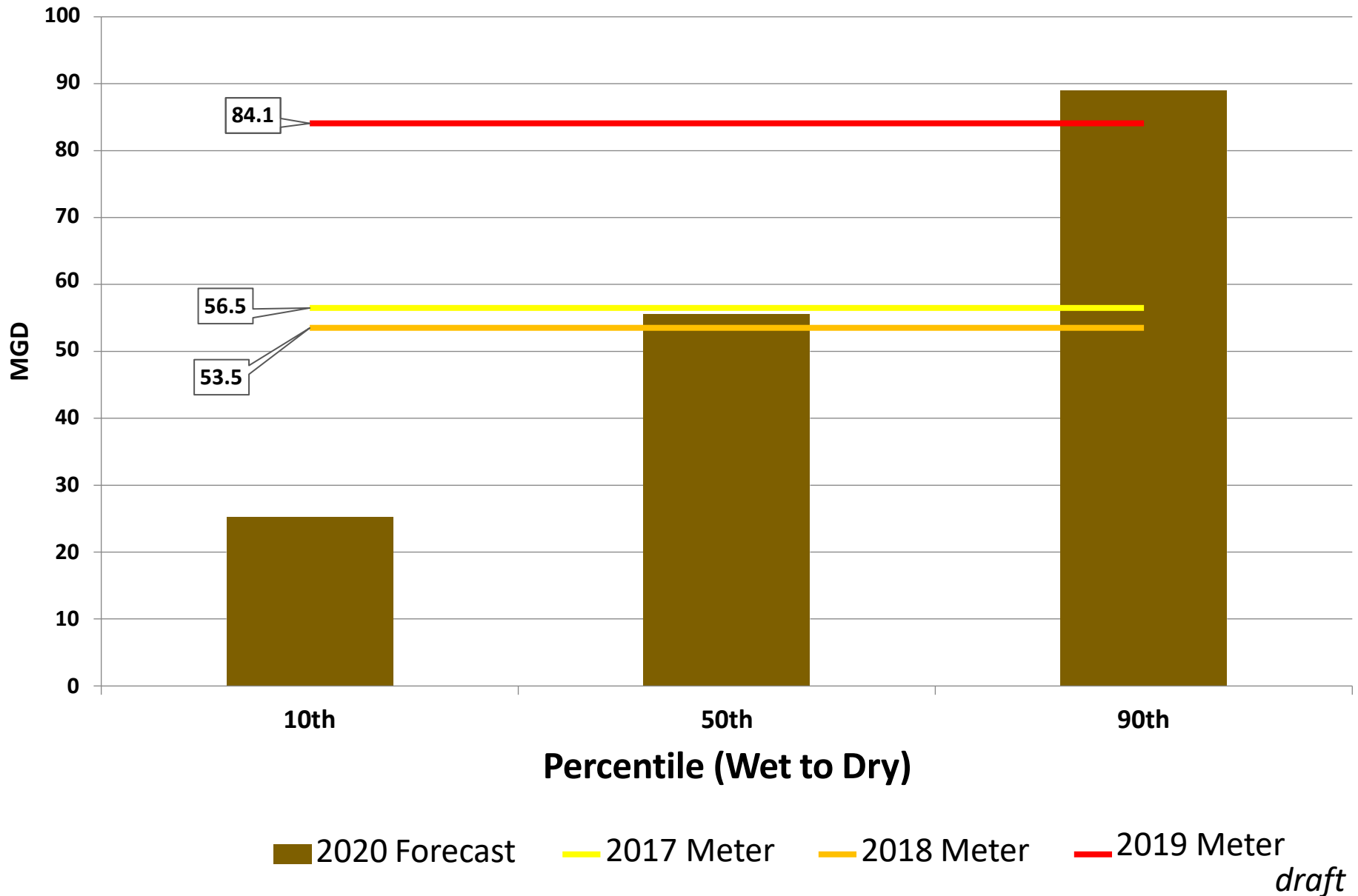
Ag Demand (2011 & 2015)



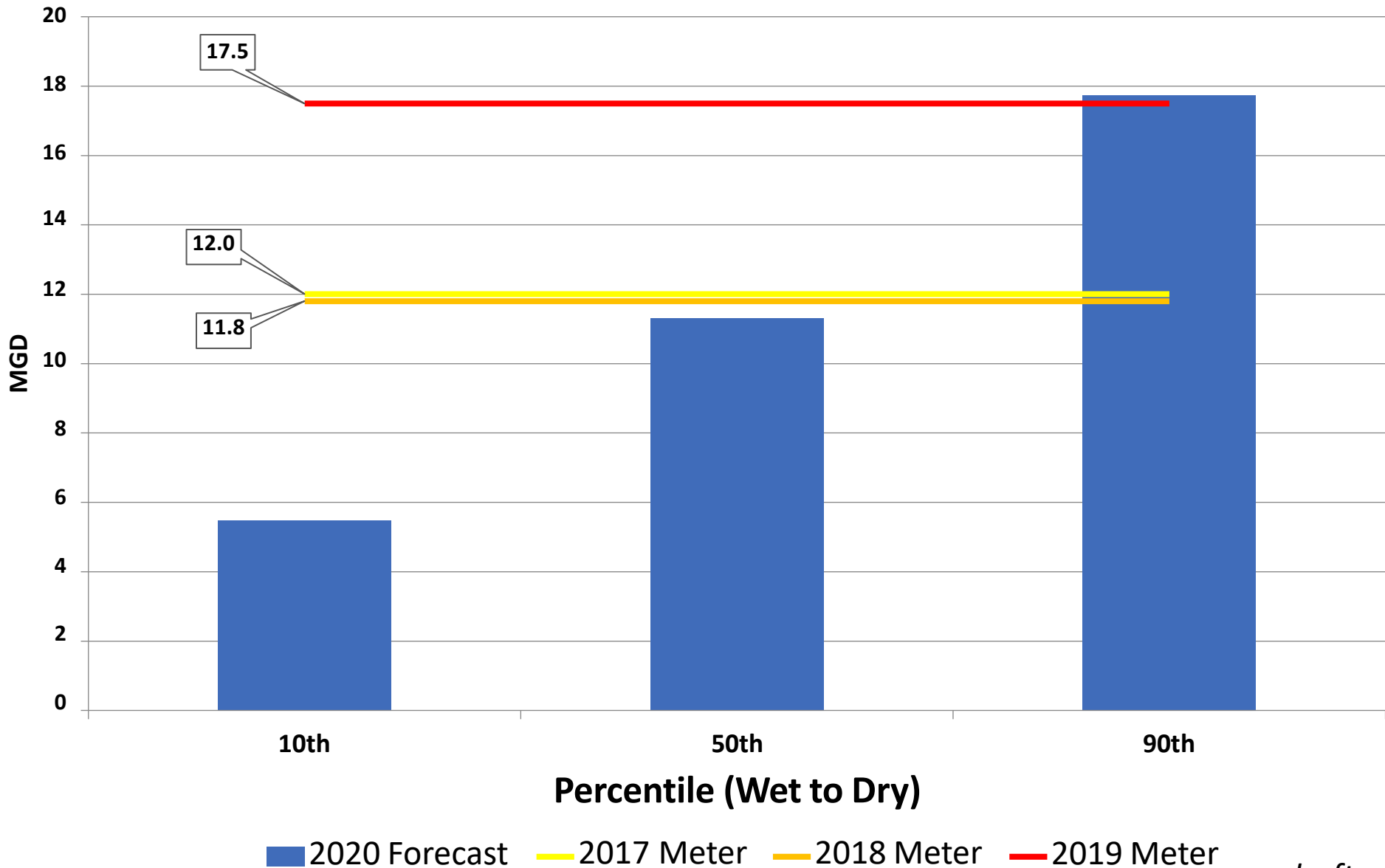
Savannah-Upper Ogeechee - Forecast (75th Percentile)



Sav-Upper Ogeechee Groundwater

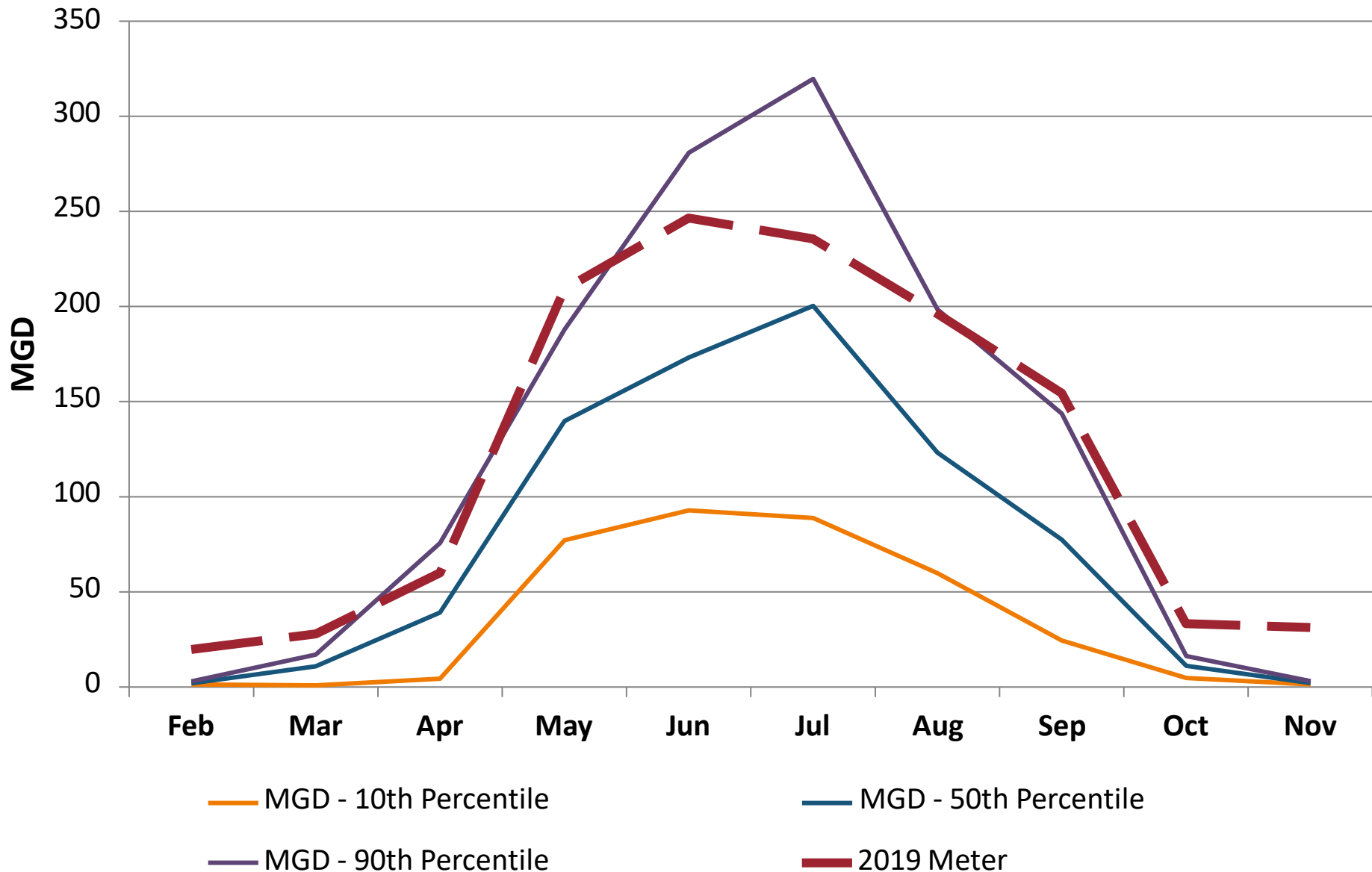


Sav-Upper Ogeechee Surface Water



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Sav-Upper Ogeechee - Monthly



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