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BOARD AGENDA

Board of Commissioners
March 2026

I. Minutes February 18, 2026

II. Informational Reports

1. Executive Committee Summary
2. Finance and Administration Report
3. Operations Report
4. Maintenance and Project Report

Future planned Board meeting dates are:

- April 22, 2026
- June 24, 2026
- August 26, 2026

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MINUTES OF THE ANDERSON REGIONAL JOINT WATER SYSTEM February 18, 2026

LET THE MINUTES SHOW THAT THE MEDIA WERE NOTIFIED OF THIS MEETING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.

A QUORUM OF THE BOARD IS PRESENT.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Dustin Hayes, City of Clemson; Bryan Bates, Starr-Iva; Matt Ruff, Big Creek-Hammond; Tracy Durham, Sandy Spring; Scott Banks, City of Anderson; David Niesse, Powdersville Water; Mitch Ellenburg, Belton-Honea Path Water; Kevin Simpson, Broadway Water; Kevin Strickland, Town of Williamston; John Lollis, West Anderson

OTHERS PRESENT: Lisa Evatt, ARJWS; Kendall Cleary, ARJWS; Chris Weber, ARJWS; Tony Putnam, Clemson University; Brandon Good, ARJWS; Justin Clemones, ARJWS; Jodi Logan, ARJWS; Billy Peele, Starr-Iva Water; Derrick Singleton, Hammond Water

Chairman Scott Banks called the Board meeting of Anderson Regional Joint Water System to order at 12:00 p.m. on February 18, 2026.

Chairman Scott Banks asked for any Commissioner comments. Mr. Banks welcomed David Niesse, P.E. to the Board. Mr. Niesse assumed the role of Executive Director at Powdersville Water in October. Mr. Ellenburg reminded the Board of the upcoming SCRWA Regional Rural Water Meeting and Corn Hole Tournament on March 12, 2026. Proceeds go to the Pre-Apprenticeship H20, SCRWA's High School Internship Program. Mr. Banks asked Ms. Evatt to share a safety moment with the Board. Ms. Evatt spoke on the South Carolina Hands-Free and Distracted Driving Act.

Chairman Scott Banks asked for any public comments. There were none.

Mrs. Durham made a motion to approve the October 22, 2025, minutes. Mr. Lollis seconded. Motion carried.

I. Consent Calendar (Old Business)

1. None

II. Items Requiring Immediate Action

1. Authorize the award of a construction contract for the Raw Water Pump Replacement Project

Mr. Weber recommended the approval of the construction contract to install two new raw water pumps and motors from the low bidder, Cove Utility. The equipment for this project was bid on May 19, 2025, and the purchase of two raw water pumps and motors was approved during the June 2025 board meeting. After discussions with the consulting engineer, GMC, it is recommended that ARJWS award Cove Utility the installation contract for its base bid and additive alternatives #1 and #2 for a contract price of $1,343,040. Mr. Banks asked for comments. There was none. Mr. Lollis made a motion to authorize the construction contract for the two new raw water pumps and motors. Mr. Simpson seconded that motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Approve the Flow-Based Voting Recalculation based on CY 2025 usage

Mrs. Cleary recommended the approval of the member agency flow-based vote allocation based on 2025 water deliveries to all member agencies except Clemson University. Mrs. Cleary reminded the Board that each Commissioner shall have one vote for each unit of flow measured by the immediate prior year's water purchase. The new vote totals will be effective with votes taken after March 1, 2026. Mrs. Durham made a motion to approve the flow-based vote recalculation. Mr. Ellenburg seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Discussion (New Business)

1. Director's Report (Oral)

Mr. Weber updated the Board on several matters. On January 24, 2026, USACE Savannah District entered Drought Trigger Level 2. There are currently no impacts to ARJWS water supply. Mr. Weber is monitoring SC Senate Bill S.829. This bill was introduced on January 20, 2026, dealing with the governance of joint authority water and sewer systems in the state. Perchlorate, a chemical used in fireworks, including those used at DOD events, is leading to elevated levels in soil and surface water. ARJWS will continue to monitor. The 5MG tank project is nearing completion. The tank is filled and ARJWS staff will be sampling for total coliform. The paint will be applied to the tank once the weather permits.

IV. Informational Reports

1. Executive Committee Report
2. Finance and Administration Report
3. Operations Report
4. Maintenance and Project Update Report

These reports are for information and for each Member to review as written. A copy of each report is attached to the file of these minutes.

V. Adjournment

With no further business, Mr. Lollis made a motion to adjourn at 12:29 p.m. and Mrs. Durham seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitch Ellenburg

Secretary/Treasurer

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COMMITTEE SUMMARY

Executive Committee
March 9, 2026
11:30 am

Discussion Summary

1. **Continuous Improvement**
   Since 2022, ARJWS has funded $5,055,812 in repair and replacement projects at the plant and pump stations. These projects touch almost all functional areas of the plant, SCADA, lagoons and both pump stations. This total does not include optional upgrades and SCIIP projects. Significant capital investment has been required over the last several years to ensure System reliability and is expected to continue over the next several years.

2. **Capital Projects**
   CBS 5 MG Reservoir – Tank was placed in service March 3rd. Scheduled finalize SCADA and begin painting the week of March 23rd.

   Raw Water Pump Improvements – The pre-construction meeting with Cove Utilities is scheduled for March 9th. The 350 hp pump is expected to be delivered at the end of March. The 600 hp pump is expected to be delivered at the end of April. Installation of the refurbished pump is expected the week of March 23rd.

3. **Budget**
   ARJWS is preparing the FY 26-27 budget. Various high-cost maintenance projects are driving the estimated budget increase. The first reading of the budget is scheduled for the April Board meeting.

4. **Financial Policies**
   An updated draft of the financial policies was proposed to guide financial planning, budgeting, and revenue collection. Along with updated current financial policies, new policies were proposed for the capitalization threshold and group purchases. These policies will be proposed for approval at the April Board Meeting.

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Approved by: Chris Weber, Executive Director

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BOARD MEMORANDUM

March 6, 2026

Subject

Finance and Administration Report

Discussion

Billing

Meters were read on February 26, 2026. The average daily usage in February was 8.87% higher than in the previous month and 5.31% higher than in the corresponding month last year. The average daily usage for each member agency is presented below.

AGENCY	PREV.YR SAME MONTH	LAST MONTH	CURRENT
# of Billing Days	**28**	**29**	**28**
Anderson	4,363,080	4,382,723	4,501,963
Big Creek	1,174,454	1,041,448	1,136,514
Broadway	673,607	629,748	682,692
Clemson	2,087,812	1,719,398	2,045,432
Clemson University	1,122,113	924,878	1,256,774
Hammond	1,865,891	1,866,370	1,969,404
Homeland Park	698,349	660,859	683,879
Pendleton	318,668	384,596	409,796
Powdersville	142,750	151,477	147,382
Sandy Springs	1,774,398	2,074,428	2,208,680
Starr-Iva	1,155,709	1,127,013	1,182,707
West Anderson	1,331,617	1,248,496	1,406,953
Williamston	519,070	453,409	510,952
Total Average Daily Usage	**17,227,517**	**16,664,842**	**18,143,127**

Finance/Budget Summary

For the month ending February 28, 2026, ARJWS is trending appropriately for revenues and expenses for the first eight months of the fiscal year.

Refer to the Profit & Loss report for additional information and details.

Safety Training

February 2026

Subject: **The Importance of LOTO Training & Safety - Public Outreach Mechatronics Program at TCTC**
Training Date: **February 5, 2026**
Attendance – 7 Students & 1 Teacher

Subject: **Case Study: Lockout/Tagout Related Amputation**
Training Date: **February 19, 2026**
Attendance
In Person – 4

Prepared by: Jodi Logan, Accounting & Procurement Specialist
Approved by: Kendall Cleary, Accounting Manager

Attachments: Profit & Loss Summary – Budget, Actual, and Forecast

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Profit & Loss
For the Month ending February 28, 2026

	Annual Budget	YTD Budget (8 months)	YTD Actual	Ideal Percentage	% of Budget	YTD Variance	
Operating Revenue							
Operations and Maintenance	7,857,900	5,238,600	5,194,524	67%	66%	(44,076)	
Capital Charges	5,825,680	3,883,787	3,883,787	67%	67%	-	
Renewal and Replacement							
Water System	1,542,317	1,028,211	1,028,077	67%	67%	(134)	
Pump Station	67,883	45,255	45,213	67%	67%	(42)	
Miscellaneous	53,180	35,453	459,660	67%	864%	424,207	**A**
Total Operating Revenue	15,346,960	10,231,307	10,611,261				
Operating Expenses							
Salaries, Wages, and Benefits	2,552,300	1,701,533	1,540,913	67%	60%	(160,621)	
Operations and Maintenance							
Administrative Expenses	574,500	383,000	158,599	67%	28%	(224,401)	**B**
Operations Expenses							
Lab Supplies/Uniforms/Safety Equipment	166,600	90,933	98,486	67%	59%	7,552	
Chemicals	1,168,900	775,800	737,325	67%	63%	(38,475)	
Sludge and Chemical Disposal	805,200	533,333	454,341	67%	56%	(78,992)	
Utilities and Security	1,700,200	1,133,467	901,960	67%	53%	(231,506)	
Maintenance Expenses	564,800	376,533	300,992	67%	53%	(75,541)	
Professional Fees	168,000	112,000	74,848	67%	45%	(37,152)	
Debt Expenses	5,603,380	3,578,224	2,954,932	67%	53%	(623,292)	**C**
Miscellaneous Expenses	157,400	104,933	53,707	67%	34%	(51,226)	
Total operating expenses before depreciatio	13,461,280	8,789,757	7,276,103				
Net operating income	1,885,680	1,441,549	3,335,158				
Raw Water							
Raw Water Income	60,648	40,432	218,971				
Raw Water O&M Expenses	-	-	166,052				
Raw Water Operating Income	60,648	40,432	52,919				
Non-Budget Impacting Items							
SCIIP Grant Revenue (FY 2025 & FY 2026)	-	-	(7,969,682)				
SCIIP Grant Capital Outlay	-	-	10,725,493				
Hydraulic Model	-	-	67,892				
Vehicles	-	-	167,937				
Transfer Pumps	-	-	84,639				
Pipe Inventory	-	-	265,054				
Capital Outlay, Net	-	-	3,341,333				

	Previous Month Cash Balances	Current Cash Balances	Days Cash on Hand
Operating Cash	4,598,101	4,793,691	130
Capital Project Fund	4,327,790	4,170,158	
System R&R Fund (Restricted)	891,588	1,022,801	
Pumped R&R Fund (Restricted)	484,348	491,451	
PFAS Fund	3,871,833	3,883,384	
Raw Water	564,207	572,001	
	14,737,867	14,933,486	

A: Over projected revenue primarily due to $234k in interest income, $104k in water samples, $72k from FEMA related to Hurricane Helene, and $40k from Pioneer Water.

B: Under budget in administrative expenses due to the annual payments for purchased water and insurance coming due later in the year.

C: In July 2025, US Bank issued ARJWS a credit for interest earned in the debt service reserve funds in FY 2025. This reflects as an underpayment by ARJWS, but the FY 2026 debt obligations have been fully met as of February 2026.

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BOARD MEMORANDUM

March 10, 2026

Subject
Operations Report

Discussion

As of March 10, 2026, Lake Hartwell's surface elevation was 653.72 ft, 6.28 ft. below full pool and 5.26 ft. below the guide curve. Raw water is being drawn from the top gate of the intake structure. Water temperature at the top gate is 63.1°F. Anderson Regional Water reached 96% of its settled water turbidity goals for the month of February. Raw water pH levels are relatively constant. Settled and finished water pH levels are normal. The maximum day for February water production was 50.1% of finished water capacity.

Operations Highlights

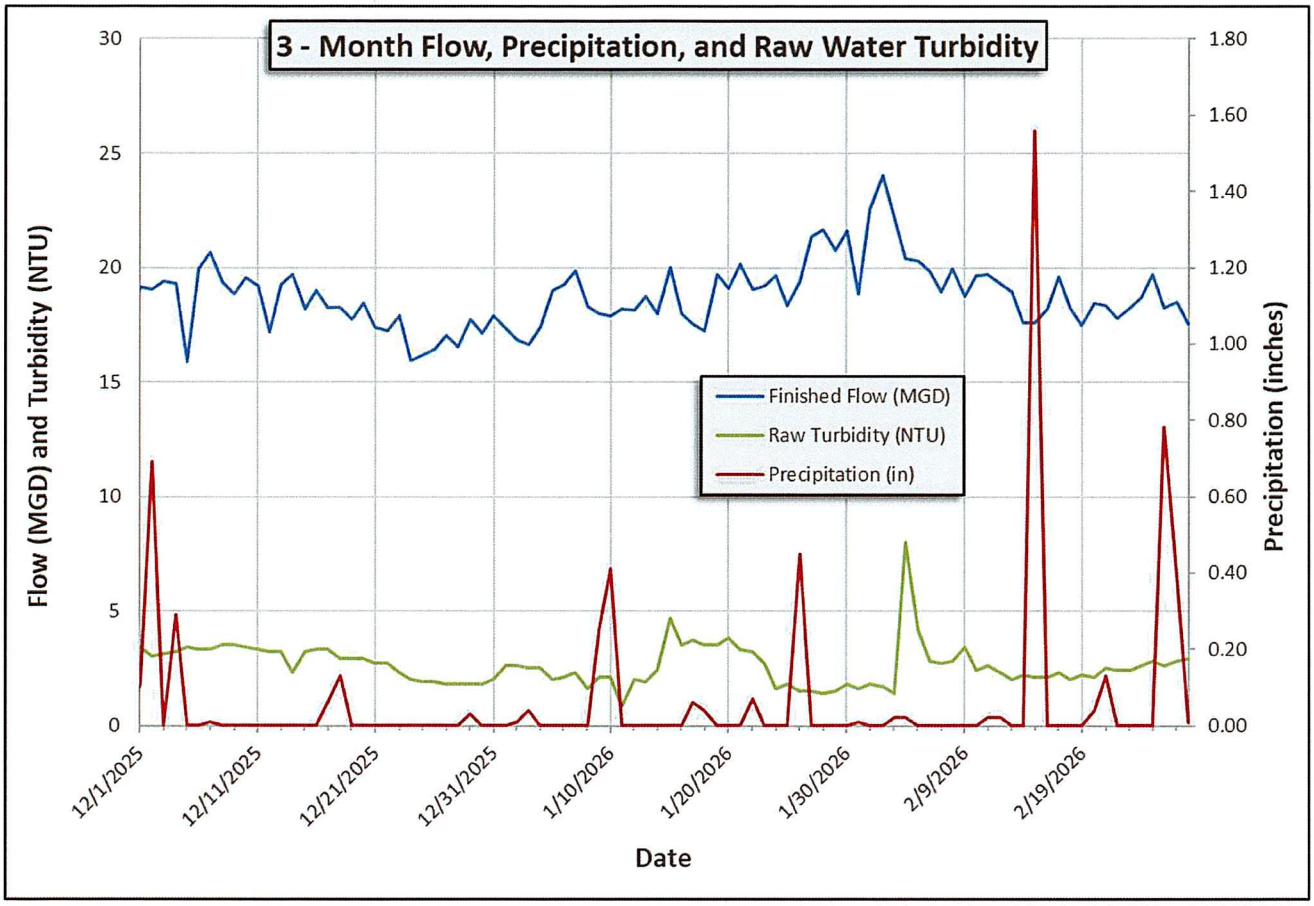
- Removed 65 tons of sludge for the month of February and 526 tons total

In addition to water quality sampling for the Lake Hartwell Water Treatment Plant, Anderson Regional Water staff processed 290 Total Coliform distribution samples for local entities during the month of February.

Water Quality Data

	Raw	Settled	Finished
pH	7.23	7.03	7.20
Turbidity (NTU) Range	1.4 – 8.0	0.33 – 1.46	0.02 – 0.16
Turbidity (NTU) Average	2.65	0.50	0.03
Turbidity (NTU) Exceedance	-	4%	0%
Total Organic Carbon	1.33	-	1.18
Fluoride Average (ppm)	-	-	0.69
Phosphate Average (ppm)	-	-	0.49
Residual Disinfectant (ppm)	-	-	1.69
TTHM (DBP)	-	-	1.6 ppb
Methylisoborneol (MIB)	3.3 NG/L	-	<1.0 NG/L
Geosmin	4.4 NG/L	-	<1.0 NG/L

Weather Data



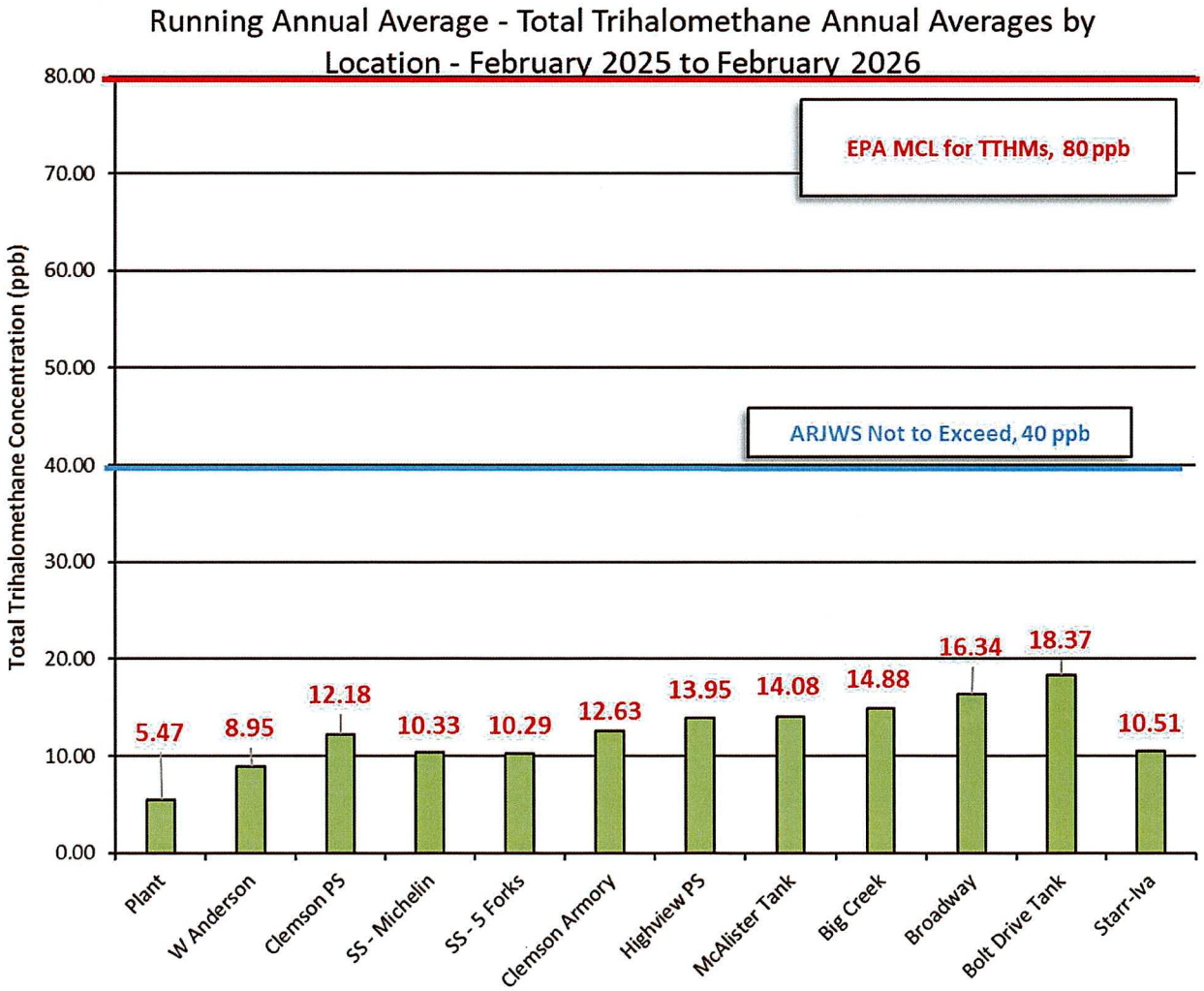
	Minimum	Maximum	Total
Rainfall	0.00 in.	1.56 in.	2.99 in.
Temperature	13.8° F	80.8° F	N/A
Humidity	14%	99%	N/A

Water Production Data

	Average	Minimum	Maximum	Total
Raw Water	20,532,000	16,159,000	24,518,000	574,894,000
Finished Water	19,242,000	17,495,000	24,039,000	538,762,000
Finished Max Capacity	40.1%	36.4%	50.1%	

Total Trihalomethane Discussion

Trihalomethanes (THMs) are one type of disinfection byproduct that can form during the treatment process and within the distribution system. THM concentrations vary primarily as a function of total organic carbon (TOC), temperature, disinfectant type, and residence time. THMs can have adverse health effects at high concentrations, and the EPA has established compliance criteria for these compounds in aggregate, termed Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs). These criteria are established in Stage 2 of the Disinfection Byproduct Rule, which has a numerical MCL of 80 micrograms per liter (or parts per billion, ppb) based on a Locational Running Annual Average. ARJWS Operations Staff collects monthly, one-time samples, as a spot check for TTHM formation in the transmission system. The running annual averages of those results are shown in the figure below.



Monthly Power Consumption Update

For the month of January, ARJWS treated 619,949,000 gallons of water at a power cost of $116.37 per million gallons produced. The 12-month running annual average is currently $113.85.

Monthly Power Consumption Data

Month	On Peak kWh	Off Peak kWh	Total kWh	Finished Water MG	$/ MG	12 month Average
Jan – 25	186,627	908,818	1,095,445	650.9	$96.35	$121.97
Feb – 25	211,048	966,491	1,177,540	594.7	$111.68	$121.62
Mar – 25	186,691	847,865	1,034,556	647.4	$94.45	$119.35
Apr – 25	198,599	995,914	1,194,514	665.6	$101.12	$118.67
May – 25	210,505	993,205	1,203,710	657.0	$103.16	$117.94
June – 25	248,988	1,037,253	1,286,241	709.2	$112.28	$117.74
July – 25	233,660	1,233,829	1,467,489	811.9	$114.66	$116.82
Aug – 25	258,141	1,188,290	1,446,432	679.0	$133.83	$116.21
Sept – 25	256,963	1,163,383	1,420,347	685.4	$132.08	$116.00
Oct – 25	227,280	1,136,296	1,363,576	653.3	$121.12	$112.61
Nov – 25	223,905	1,027,586	1,251,491	569.8	$123.65	$112.46
Dec – 25	193,151	922,239	1,115,390	563.6	$119.34	$112.95
Jan – 26	203,697	897,324	1,101,021	619.9	$116.37	$113.85

Water Quality Strategic Planning

For the month of February, the following Water Quality Strategic Planning goals were met:

- Finished water pH was held within the designated 7.1-7.3 range.
- Finished water chlorine residual was maintained above a 1.2 ppm leaving the facility.

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BOARD MEMORANDUM

March 11, 2026

Subject
Maintenance and Project Update

Discussion

CBS 5MG Reservoir
The 5MG tank has been placed in service. The paint will be applied as soon as the weather permits. Final SCADA edits are currently in progress to reflect the control scheme.

Raw Water Improvements
SEP will be installing a refurbished pump into the #4 slot during the week of March 23rd. Cove Utility will be installing the 350hp and 600hp pumps May through June. A more definite schedule will be available once deliveries are known. Upon completion, 4 out of the 5 pumps will have either been refurbished or replaced.

ARJWS Maintenance

- Clarifier 3 drives have been pulled for refurbishment. We are expecting this to return to normal service by the end of March.
- The maintenance team has prepped the Erect-A-Step platform system for installation. This will allow for safe access and entry into Clarifier #2.
- SEP has delivered the refurbished transfer pump. The maintenance team will be installing this pump into the #4 slot.
- The maintenance team has completed 48 work orders during the month of February. This includes preventive maintenance, as well as reactive maintenance. All work orders vary greatly in time due to complexity of the asset.

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