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BOARD AGENDA

Board of Commissioners
May 2026

I. Minutes April 22, 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:

- June 24, 2026
- August 26, 2026
- October 28, 2026

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MINUTES OF THE ANDERSON REGIONAL JOINT WATER SYSTEM April 22, 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: Bryan Bates, Starr-Iva; Matt Ruff, Big Creek-Hammond; Scott Banks, City of Anderson; David Niesse, Powdersville Water; Mitch Ellenburg, Belton-Honea Path Water; Kevin Simpson, Broadway Water; John Lollis, West Anderson; Don King, Homeland Park; Phillip Mishoe, Town of Central; Dustin Hayes, City of Clemson

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; Cam Spencer, GMC

Chairman Scott Banks called the Board meeting of Anderson Regional Joint Water System to order at 12:00 p.m. on April 22, 2026.

Chairman Scott Banks asked for any Commissioner comments. Mr. Mishoe commented on Cybersecurity. Mr. Banks asked Ms. Evatt to share a safety moment with the Board. Ms. Evatt spoke on HB 3571: Changes to South Carolina's Underground Facility Law that will take effect on May 22, 2026.

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

It was noted that in the February minutes, Dustin Hayes was incorrectly listed under "Commissioners Present." At the time of the meeting, Mr. Hayes had not yet been appointed as a representative of the City of Clemson and should have been listed under "Others Present."

Mr. Lollis made a motion to approve the February 18, 2026, minutes as amended. Mr. Bates seconded. The motion was unanimous.

I. Consent Calendar (Old Business)

1. None

II. Items Requiring Immediate Action

1. FY 2026/27 Budget – First Reading

ARJWS is seeking approval of the first reading of the fiscal year 2026/27 annual budget. Mrs. Cleary discussed any line items with significant increases/decreases in detail and provided reasons for changes. The proposed increase is primarily due to ozone generator repairs and tank maintenance under Maintenance Costs. Total employee costs increased due to a return to the normal staffing level and annual salary adjustments. The proposed annual budget is $16.21 million. The budget will fund $9.14 million in annual operating expenses, $5.44 million in annual debt service, and $1.63 million in system R&R. In total, the proposed budget represents a 6.00% net change over the approved FY 2025/26 budget. Mr. Banks asked if there were any comments. Mr. Bates added to the discussion on the ozone repair cost. Mr. Mishoe motioned to approve the first reading of the proposed FY 2026/27 annual budget. Mr. Bates seconded. The motion was unanimous.

2. Clemson University Wholesale Rate – FY 2026/27

For the current fiscal year, the adopted rate by the Board is $2.31 per thousand gallons. ARJWS recommended setting the water rate service for Clemson University at $2.26 per thousand gallons for FY 2026/27. Total System budgetary cost of supply will increase by 6.00% under the proposed FY 2026/27. While Clemson University's average water deliveries over the last two calendar years increased, the percentage of gallons the University used compared to the other members decreased. This decrease in the percentage of gallons offset the budget increase, reducing the University's revenue requirement compared to FY 2025/26. These costs were spread over more gallons, resulting in a lower rate per thousand gallons. This results in full cost recovery for normal service and the fixed capital costs for the 2.0 MGD of reserve capacity. Based on recent demand, a water rate of $2.26 per thousand gallons will collect the required revenue. Mr. Banks asked if there were any questions or comments; there were none. Mr. Lollis motioned to approve the rate for Clemson University at $2.26 per thousand gallons for FY 2026/27. Mr. King seconded. The motion was unanimous.

3. Adopt Financial Policy Statements

Mrs. Cleary presented updates to the 2019 ARJWS Financial Policies. She stated that the purpose of the policies is to ensure ARJWS maintains financial sustainability, operational efficiency, and compliance with all applicable regulatory and contractual requirements. She further advised that the policies are to be read in conjunction with the "Restated and Amended Water Sale and Purchase Agreement" and the System's bylaws. Mrs. Cleary discussed in a detailed, line-by-line review of the draft, highlighting and explaining all proposed revisions. Mr. Banks asked if there were any questions or comments; there were none. Mr. Ellenburg motioned to approve and adopt the updated Financial Policy Statements. Mr. Niesse seconded. The motion was unanimous

4. Adopt Capitalization and Group Purchasing Policy Statements

Mrs. Cleary presented a draft of ARJWS Capitalization & Group Purchasing Policies. She stated that the purpose of these policies is to ensure that ARJWS maintains consistent and accurate accounting for capital assets. Mrs. Cleary discussed the proposed revisions in detail. Mr. Banks asked if there were any questions or comments; there were none. Mr. King motioned to approve

and adopt the updated Capitalization & Group Purchasing Policies. Mr. Ruff seconded. The motion was unanimous.

III. Discussion (New Business)

1. Director's Report (Oral)

Mr. Weber presented a PowerPoint covering three water resource topics and two system improvement updates. First, he reviewed the DES Withdrawal Permit, outlining the permitted gallons per day that ARJWS and SAWS are authorized to withdraw from Lake Hartwell, along with current treatment plant capacities. Second, Mr. Weber discussed the USACE Allocation and provided an update on the Water Storage Contract. ARJWS is pursuing the purchase of additional storage capacity, increasing its allocation from 24,260 Acre*ft to 35,175 Acre*ft. He noted that the contract is anticipated to be finalized late this year. Third, Mr. Weber addressed plans to revise the ARJWS Drought Ordinance, originally adopted in 2008. He reviewed criteria for a Moderate Drought Indicator. He emphasized that this status reflects a need for conservation and responsible usage rather than a supply shortage. Mr. Weber further explained that if lake levels continue to decline, ARJWS will open the next gate to the intake structure. Mr. Weber also provided updates on current capital improvement projects. He shared photographs of the CBS 5 MG Tank Addition, noting that leak repairs are underway and the system logo is expected to be installed within the next few weeks. Additionally, he presented progress photos of the Raw Water Pump Station Improvements.

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. Closed Executive Session

1. Personnel

As stated by Chairman Scott Banks:
A CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION HAS BEEN REQUESTED AND IS AUTHORIZED UNDER SC FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (SECTION 30-4-70(a)(1)) FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING A PERSONNEL MATTER.

A motion was made by Mr. Ruff to enter a closed executive session at 12:47 p.m. and seconded by Mr. Mishoe.

As stated by Chairman Scott Banks:
AT 1:22 P.M., THE BOARD CONCLUDED ITS CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION, AND PER THE SC FREEDOM ACT, NO ACTIONS OR VOTES WERE TAKEN.

Mr. Mishoe made a motion to end the closed executive session. Mr. King seconded. The motion was unanimous.

VI. Adjournment

With no further business, Mr. Lollis made a motion to adjourn at 1:23 p.m. Mr. Ellenburg seconded. The motion was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitch Ellenburg

Secretary/Treasurer

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COMMITTEE SUMMARY

Executive Committee
May 11, 2026
11:30 am

Discussion Summary

1. **Budget**
   There have been no changes to the budget since the first reading at the April Board meeting. The group discussed various procedural items related to procurement, budget amendments, and spending limits.

2. **Capital Projects**
   CBS 5 MG Reservoir – The tank construction is in its final phase of inspection and authorization by the contractor and engineer.

   Raw Water Pump Improvements –The 350 hp pump has been delivered and the 600 hp pump is expected to be delivered by the middle of May. Once the larger pump is delivered, the contractor will plan installation.

3. **Strategic Focuses**
   ARJWS highlighted two of the four strategic focus items identified by the Executive Committee.

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Approved by: Chris Weber, Executive Director

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BOARD MEMORANDUM

May 7, 2026

Subject

Finance and Administration Report

Discussion

Billing

Meters were read on April 30, 2026. The average daily usage in April was 20.08% higher than in the previous month and 10.41% 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	**30**	**33**	**30**
Anderson	3,872,613	3,915,922	4,314,013
Big Creek	964,922	928,142	1,190,354
Broadway	710,567	605,924	749,599
Clemson	2,216,398	2,038,351	2,418,643
Clemson University	1,178,216	870,992	1,315,289
Hammond	2,108,999	1,899,773	2,446,557
Homeland Park	648,356	631,946	675,086
Pendleton	345,669	380,904	438,399
Powdersville	201,763	163,210	273,565
Sandy Springs	2,233,807	2,115,946	2,444,226
Starr-Iva	1,098,084	1,010,654	1,112,567
West Anderson	1,565,083	1,215,105	1,592,211
Williamston	515,516	460,732	527,403
Total Average Daily Usage	**17,659,994**	**16,237,600**	**19,497,912**

Finance/Budget Summary

For the month ending April 30, 2026, ARJWS is trending appropriately for revenues and expenses for the first ten months of the fiscal year.

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

Safety Training

April 2026
Subject: HazMat Topics-HAZWOPER, PPE, & Spill Response
Terry King, AC HazMat Coordinator
Training Date: April 29, 2026
Attendance
In Person – 17

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 April 30, 2026

	Annual Budget	YTD Budget (10 months)	YTD Actual	Ideal Percentage	% of Budget	YTD Variance	
Operating Revenue							
Operations and Maintenance	7,857,900	6,548,250	6,493,211	83%	83%	(55,039)	
Capital Charges	5,825,680	4,854,733	4,854,733	83%	83%	-	
Renewal and Replacement							
Water System	1,542,317	1,285,264	1,285,097	83%	83%	(167)	
Pump Station	67,883	56,569	56,516	83%	83%	(53)	
Miscellaneous	53,180	44,317	552,777	83%	1039%	508,460	**A**
Total Operating Revenue	15,346,960	12,789,133	13,242,335				
Operating Expenses							
Salaries, Wages, and Benefits	2,552,300	2,126,917	1,910,622	83%	75%	(216,294)	
Operations and Maintenance							
Administrative Expenses	574,500	478,750	298,806	83%	52%	(179,944)	**B**
Operations Expenses							
Lab Supplies/Uniforms/Safety Equipment	166,600	113,667	122,101	83%	73%	8,434	
Chemicals	1,168,900	969,750	896,304	83%	77%	(73,446)	
Sludge and Chemical Disposal	805,200	666,667	602,745	83%	75%	(63,922)	
Utilities and Security	1,700,200	1,416,833	1,109,873	83%	65%	(306,961)	
Maintenance Expenses	564,800	470,667	518,590	83%	92%	47,924	
Professional Fees	168,000	140,000	90,733	83%	54%	(49,267)	
Debt Expenses	5,603,380	4,472,780	3,714,432	83%	66%	(758,348)	**C**
Miscellaneous Expenses	157,400	131,167	107,071	83%	68%	(24,096)	
Total operating expenses before depreciatio	13,461,280	10,987,197	9,371,277				
Net operating income	1,885,680	1,801,937	3,871,058				
Raw Water							
Raw Water Income	60,648	50,540	281,487				
Raw Water O&M Expenses	-	-	229,384				
Raw Water Operating Income	60,648	50,540	52,103				
Non-Budget Impacting Items							
SCIIP Grant Revenue (FY 2025 & FY 2026)	-	-	(8,447,156)				
SCIIP Grant Capital Outlay	-	-	11,193,443				
Hydraulic Model	-	-	82,392				
Vehicles & Equipment	-	-	195,391				
Transfer Pumps	-	-	84,639				
Pipe Inventory	-	-	265,054				
Capital Outlay, Net	-	-	3,373,763				

	Previous Month Cash Balances	Current Cash Balances	Days Cash on Hand
Operating Cash	4,537,798	4,886,051	132
Capital Project Fund	4,597,027	4,646,905	
System R&R Fund (Restricted)	1,154,750	1,287,116	
Pumped R&R Fund (Restricted)	498,722	505,979	
PFAS Fund	3,896,117	3,908,562	
Raw Water	494,098	504,747	
	15,178,511	15,739,360	

A: Over projected revenue primarily due to $301k in interest income, $128k 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 April 2026.

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BOARD MEMORANDUM

May 7, 2026

Subject

Operations Report

Discussion

As of May 7, 2026, Lake Hartwell's surface elevation was 653.11 ft, 6.89 ft. below full pool and 6.89 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 73.0°F. Anderson Regional Water reached 100% of its settled water turbidity goals for the month of April. Raw water pH levels are relatively constant. Settled and finished water pH levels are normal. The maximum day for April water production was 56.3% of finished water capacity.

Operations Highlights

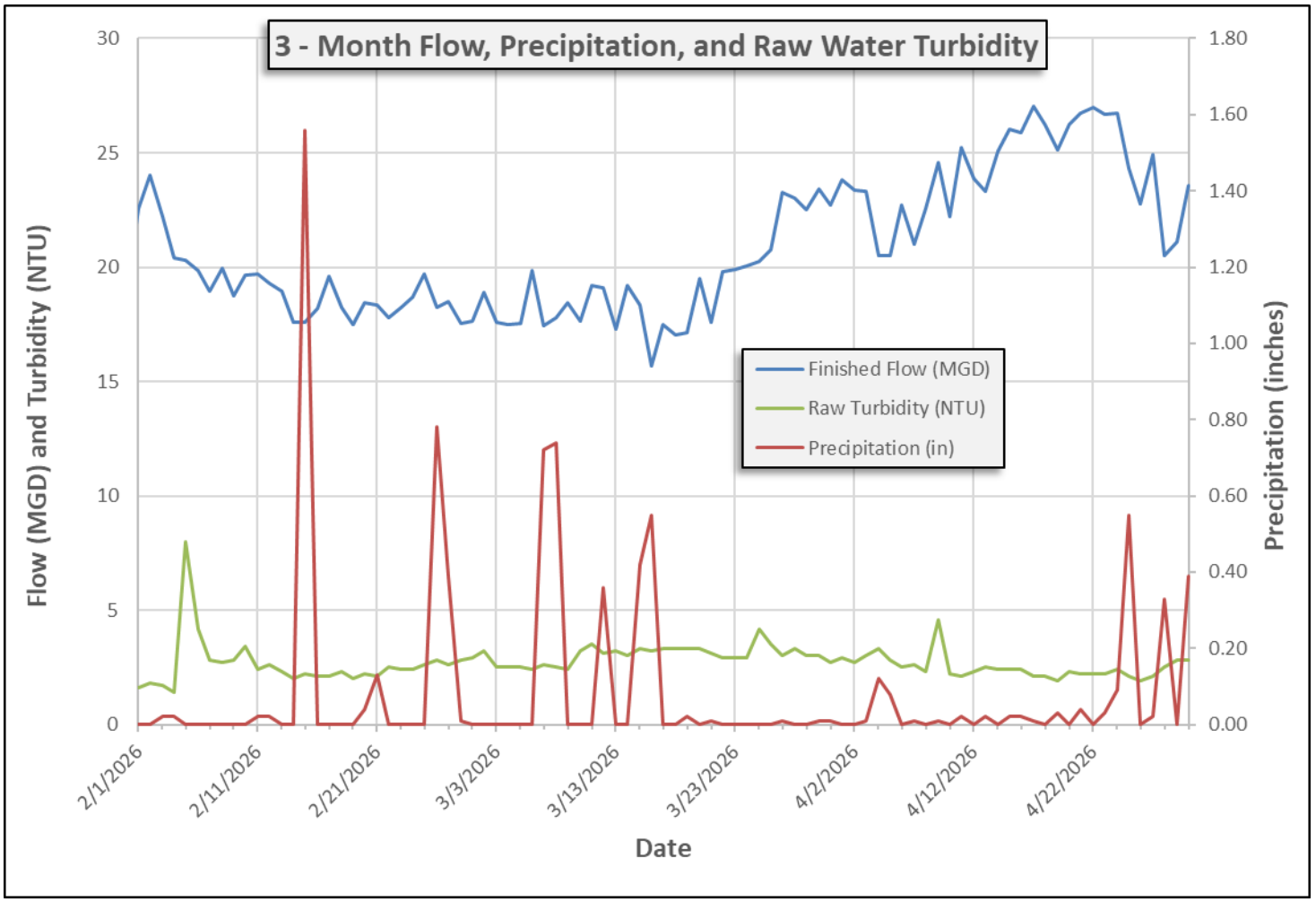
- Received Satisfactory rating on our yearly Sanitary Survey

In addition to water quality sampling for the Lake Hartwell Water Treatment Plant, Anderson Regional Water staff processed 303 Total Coliform distribution samples for local entities during the month of April.

Water Quality Data

	Raw	Settled	Finished
pH	7.14	6.92	7.20
Turbidity (NTU) Range	1.9 – 4.6	0.30 – 0.58	0.02 – 0.04
Turbidity (NTU) Average	2.47	0.38	0.03
Turbidity (NTU) Exceedance	-	0%	0%
Total Organic Carbon	1.55	-	1.32
Fluoride Average (ppm)	-	-	0.57
Phosphate Average (ppm)	-	-	0.50
Residual Disinfectant (ppm)	-	-	1.71
TTHM (DBP)	-	-	5.4 ppb
Methylisoborneol (MIB)	<1.0 NG/L	-	<1.0 NG/L
Geosmin	22.4 NG/L	-	<1.0 NG/L

Weather Data



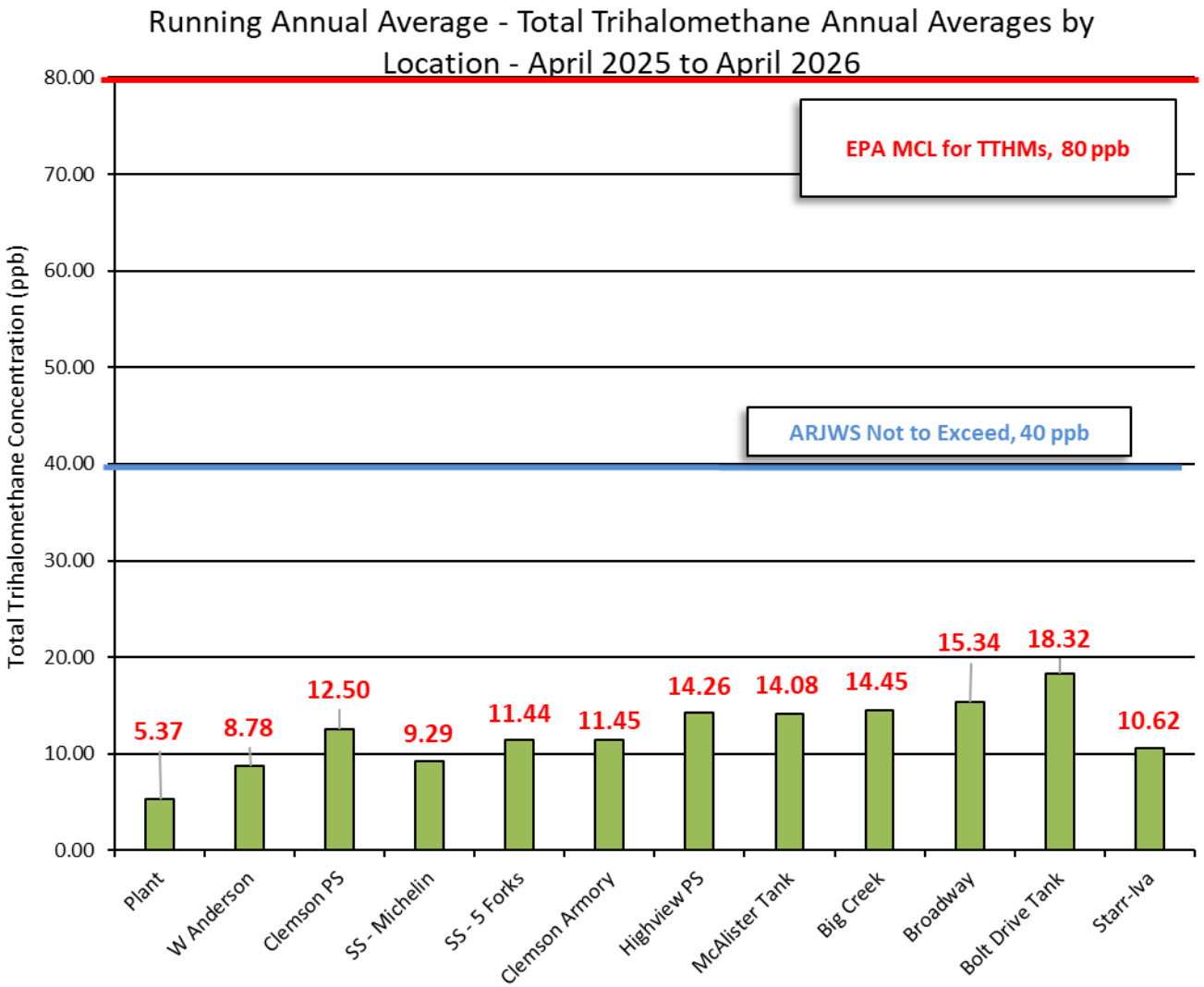
	Minimum	Maximum	Total
Rainfall	0.00 in.	0.55 in.	1.80 in.
Temperature	38.8° F	89.6° F	N/A
Humidity	23%	99%	N/A

Water Production Data

	Average	Minimum	Maximum	Total
Raw Water	22,292,000	17,246,000	28,147,000	668,751,000
Finished Water	24,099,000	20,493,000	27,040,000	722,979,000
Finished Max Capacity	50.2%	42.7%	56.3%	

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 April, ARJWS treated 722,979,000 gallons of water at a power cost of $110.74 per million gallons produced. The 12-month running annual average is currently $118.03.

Monthly Power Consumption Data

Month	On Peak kWh	Off Peak kWh	Total kWh	Finished Water MG	$/ MG	12 month Average
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
Feb – 26	216,383	993,409	1,209,793	574.9	$135.46	$116.86
Mar - 26	184,469	846,413	1,030,883	624.7	$110.58	$116.78
Apr – 26	193,736	1,075,765	1,269,502	722.9	$110.74	$118.03

Water Quality Strategic Planning

For the month of April, 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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Reviewed by: Chris Weber, Executive Director

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BOARD MEMORANDUM

May 18, 2026

Subject
Maintenance and Project Update

Discussion:

CBS 5MG Reservoir
The exterior paint coating is complete, along with the logo application. Harper is working through the remaining SCADA punch-list items before ARJWS drains the tank for repair. Precon's first leak repair attempt was unsuccessful.

Raw Water Improvements
Cove Utility has been mobilized and will begin to replace Raw Water #5 before end of May. The Raw Water #1 pump/motor will be installed later in the project when all equipment has been received.

ARJWS Maintenance

- The maintenance team is installing the refurbished Transfer Pump/Motor #4 and other related piping modifications. To extend the life of the asset, a soft start system will be installed in the existing starter cabinet.
- The maintenance team has completed 58 work orders during the month of April. This includes preventive maintenance, as well as reactive maintenance. All work orders vary greatly in time due to complexity of the asset.
- The refurbished SAWS #2 drive was successfully installed and tested by the maintenance team.

Prepared by: Justin Clemones, Maintenance & Asset Manager
Approved by: Chris Weber, Executive Director