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BOARD AGENDA

Board of Commissioners
July 2026

I. Minutes June 24, 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:

- August 26, 2026
- October 28, 2026
- December 16, 2026

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MINUTES OF THE ANDERSON REGIONAL JOINT WATER SYSTEM June 24, 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; Robin Gore, Powdersville Water; Mitch Ellenburg, Belton-Honea Path Water; John Lollis, West Anderson; Dustin Hayes, City of Clemson; Jay Lockaby, Town of Pendleton

OTHERS PRESENT: Kendall Cleary, ARJWS; Chris Weber, ARJWS; Jodi Logan, ARJWS; Brandon Good, ARJWS; Rebecca Wade, ARJWS; Josh Banks, ARJWS; Jarred Fleming, Clemson University; Derrick Singleton, Hammond Water; Billy Peele, Starr-Iva Water

Chairman Scott Banks called the Board meeting of Anderson Regional Joint Water System to order at 12:00 p.m. on June 24, 2026.

Chairman Scott Banks asked for any comments from the Commissioners. Mr. Bates announced that he will retire from Starr-Iva Water in October 2026 and that the position of his replacement has been posted. He expressed gratitude for having served as an ARJWS Board commissioner and as Starr-Iva Water General Manager.

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

Mr. Weber introduced new staff: Ms. Rebecca Wade, Water Resource Specialist, who will support resource planning and public outreach, and Mr. Josh Banks, a rising senior at Clemson University interning at ARJWS, assisting with SCADA and the Lab.

Mr. Weber noted the approaching 2-year anniversary of the tragic loss of an ARJWS employee and asked everyone to keep Mr. Tristan Stone's family in their thoughts.

Chairman Scott Banks asked that a motion be made to approve the April 22, 2026, minutes. Mr. Ellenburg moved to approve the April 22, 2026, minutes. Mr. Lollis seconded. The motion was unanimous.

I. Consent Calendar (Old Business)

1. None

II. Items Requiring Immediate Action

1. FY 2026/27 Budget – Final Reading

Mr. Weber recommended approval of the final reading of the proposed Fiscal Year 2026/27 Annual Budget. Ms. Cleary confirmed that there have been no changes in line items since the first reading. Ms. Cleary reiterated, in detail, any line items with significant increases or decreases and provided reasons for the changes, as noted during the first reading of the proposed budget. 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. Chairman Scott Banks asked if there were any comments. Mr. Ruff asked whether the tank maintenance contracts would be under budget and whether credit would be issued. Ms. Cleary stated that if contracts are under budget, credit or reallocation would be discussed. Chairman Scott Banks called for a motion to approve and adopt the FY 2026/27 budget. Mr. Hayes made a motion. Mr. Lollis seconded. The motion passed unanimously

2. Clemson University Wholesale Rate – FY 2026/27

Mr. Weber recommended approval to set the water rate for Clemson University at $2.26 per thousand gallons for FY 2026/27. The previous fiscal year rate adopted by the Board was $2.31 per thousand gallons. 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 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 for the fixed capital costs of the 2.0 MGD reserve capacity. Based on recent demand, a water rate of $2.26 per thousand gallons will collect the required revenue. Chairman Scott Banks asked if there were any questions or comments; there were none. Chairman Scott Banks called for a motion to approve the rate for Clemson University at $2.26 per thousand gallons for FY 2026/27. Mr. Hayes made a motion. Mr. Bates seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Election of Board Officers for FY 2026/27

Mr. Weber stated that the Anderson Regional Joint Water System shall elect Board Officers each year, with each Board member having 1 vote (Article IV, Section 2 of the Joint Water System By-laws). The Nominating Committee has conferred and makes the following nominations for Board Officers for FY 2026/27. Board Officers: Chairman, Mr. Scott Banks, City of Anderson;

Vice Chairman, Ms. Tracy Durham, Sandy Springs Water District; Secretary, Mr. Mitch Ellenburg, Belton-Honea Path Water Authority. The establishment of an Executive Committee is to provide additional advice and counsel to the Chairman. The recommendations for At-large Executive Committee members are Mr. John Lollis, West Anderson Water District, and Mr. Matt Ruff, Big Creek-Hammond Water Districts.
Chairman Scott Banks stated that the Board may accept additional nominations from the floor prior to the vote. None were recognized. Chairman Scott Banks called for a motion to close Board Officer Elections. Mr. Hayes made a motion. Mr. Bates seconded. The motion was unanimous.

III. Discussion (New Business)

1. Director's Report (Oral)

Mr. Weber presented a PowerPoint covering the Lime tank incident in February 2026. The overview covered what failed, who responded, the results of the response, and post-incident training and system improvement updates. Mr. Weber informed the Board that staff have completed emergency response training with Anderson County and revisited access to appropriate PPE. Emergency PPE kits have been placed at all chemical tank locations. Mr. Weber discussed the installation of heat trace and the insulation of valves, as well as potential chemical containment upgrades and operations. Mr. Weber also discussed ozone dielectric replacement and cybersecurity. Mr. Bates inquired whether ARJWS is actively involved with the Anderson County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC). Mr. Weber informed Mr. Bates that ARJWS is actively involved with the LEPC.

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. Banks called for a motion to adjourn at 12:34 p.m. Mr. Hayes made a motion; Mr. Lollis seconded. The motion was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitch Ellenburg

Secretary/Treasurer

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COMMITTEE SUMMARY

Executive Committee
July 20, 2026
11:30 am

Discussion Summary

1. **Upcoming Meetings**
   The Executive Committee confirmed the dates for the Executive Committee meetings and Board Meetings for the remainder of 2026.

2. **Tank Rehab Bid**
   Final bids were received for the tank rehabilitation projects. The group reviewed the bid tabulations and the apparent low bidder. The recommendation to approve the contract will be presented to the full Board at the August Board meeting.

3. **Long Term Planning**
   Executive Committee discussed long-term finished water demand projections and potential capital projects. The group agreed to gather more data to assess future needs.

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Approved by: Chris Weber, Executive Director

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BOARD MEMORANDUM

July 7, 2026

Subject

Finance and Administration Report

Discussion

Billing

Meters were read on June 30, 2026. The average daily usage in June was 4.22% lower than in the previous month and 1.24% lower 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	**32**	**28**	**33**
Anderson	4,223,838	4,925,176	4,276,671
Big Creek	1,108,889	1,196,447	1,113,163
Broadway	864,389	920,217	808,436
Clemson	2,079,811	2,176,074	2,064,688
Clemson University	1,163,184	949,849	1,094,638
Hammond	2,556,380	2,478,142	2,339,325
Homeland Park	703,156	655,394	632,926
Pendleton	408,238	413,289	418,987
Powdersville	275,968	273,776	290,710
Sandy Springs	2,544,546	2,512,895	2,679,156
Starr-Iva	1,141,294	1,279,507	1,101,078
West Anderson	1,655,143	1,499,689	1,686,353
Williamston	599,625	644,457	578,906
Total Average Daily Usage	**19,324,461**	**19,497,912**	**19,085,037**

Finance/Budget Summary

For the month ending June 30, 2026, ARJWS ended the fiscal year with revenues and expenses aligned with the approved budget, with no significant budgetary deviations. ARJWS maintains a strong financial position, healthy reserves, and all FY 2026 debt obligations were met.

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

Safety Training

June 2026
Subject: Safety Committee Meeting

Training Date: June 30, 2026
Attendance
In Person – 5

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 June 30, 2026

	Annual Budget	YTD Budget (12 months)	YTD Actual	Ideal Percentage	% of Budget	YTD Variance	
Operating Revenue							
Operations and Maintenance	7,857,900	7,857,900	7,794,990	100%	99%	(62,910)	
Capital Charges	5,825,680	5,825,680	5,825,680	100%	100%	-	
Renewal and Replacement							
Water System	1,542,317	1,542,317	1,542,116	100%	100%	(201)	
Pump Station	67,883	67,883	67,820	100%	100%	(63)	
Miscellaneous	53,180	53,180	656,809	100%	1235%	603,629	**A**
Total Operating Revenue	15,346,960	15,346,960	15,887,415				
Operating Expenses							
Salaries, Wages, and Benefits	2,552,300	2,552,300	2,279,940	100%	89%	(272,360)	
Operations and Maintenance							
Administrative Expenses	574,500	574,500	481,547	100%	84%	(92,953)	**B**
Operations Expenses							
Lab Supplies/Uniforms/Safety Equipment	166,600	136,400	155,533	100%	93%	19,133	
Chemicals	1,168,900	1,163,700	1,095,444	100%	94%	(68,256)	
Sludge and Chemical Disposal	805,200	800,000	793,457	100%	99%	(6,543)	
Utilities and Security	1,700,200	1,700,200	1,350,400	100%	79%	(349,800)	**C**
Maintenance Expenses	564,800	564,800	699,377	100%	124%	134,577	
Professional Fees	168,000	168,000	98,320	100%	59%	(69,680)	
Debt Expenses	5,603,380	5,367,336	4,486,035	100%	80%	(881,301)	**D**
Miscellaneous Expenses	157,400	157,400	125,619	100%	80%	(31,781)	
Total operating expenses before depreciatio	13,461,280	13,184,636	11,565,672				
Net operating income	1,885,680	2,162,324	4,321,743				
Raw Water							
Raw Water Income	60,648	60,648	346,498				
Raw Water O&M Expenses	-	-	270,660				
Raw Water Operating Income	60,648	60,648	75,837				
Non-Budget Impacting Items							
SCIIP Grant Revenue (FY 2025 & FY 2026)	-	-	(8,571,328)				
SCIIP Grant Capital Outlay	-	-	11,868,471				
Hydraulic Model	-	-	84,892				
Vehicles & Equipment	-	-	195,391				
Transfer Pumps	-	-	84,639				
Pipe Inventory	-	-	265,054				
Capital Outlay, Net	-	-	3,927,120				

	Previous Month Cash Balances	Current Cash Balances	Days Cash on Hand
Operating Cash	5,031,662	4,980,698	135
Capital Project Fund	4,255,532	4,252,358	
System R&R Fund (Restricted)	1,419,970	1,553,144	
Pumped R&R Fund (Restricted)	513,313	520,620	
PFAS Fund	4,712,267	4,727,373	
Raw Water	482,729	526,166	
	16,415,473	16,560,359	

A: Over projected revenue primarily due to $375k in interest income, $157k in water samples, $72k from FEMA related to Hurricane Helene, and $40k from Pioneer Water.

B: Under budget in administrative expenses due to the Corps delaying the reallocation study until FY 2027.

C: Under budget in Utilities due to efficient power usage at the plant and pump stations.

D: 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.

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BOARD MEMORANDUM

July 2, 2026

Subject

Operations Report

Discussion

As of July 2, 2026, Lake Hartwell's surface elevation was 653.27 ft, 6.73 ft. below full pool and 6.73 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 88.9°F. Anderson Regional Water reached 100% of its settled water turbidity goals for the month of June. Raw water pH levels are relatively constant. Settled and finished water pH levels are normal. The maximum day for June water production was 55.8% of finished water capacity.

Operations Highlights

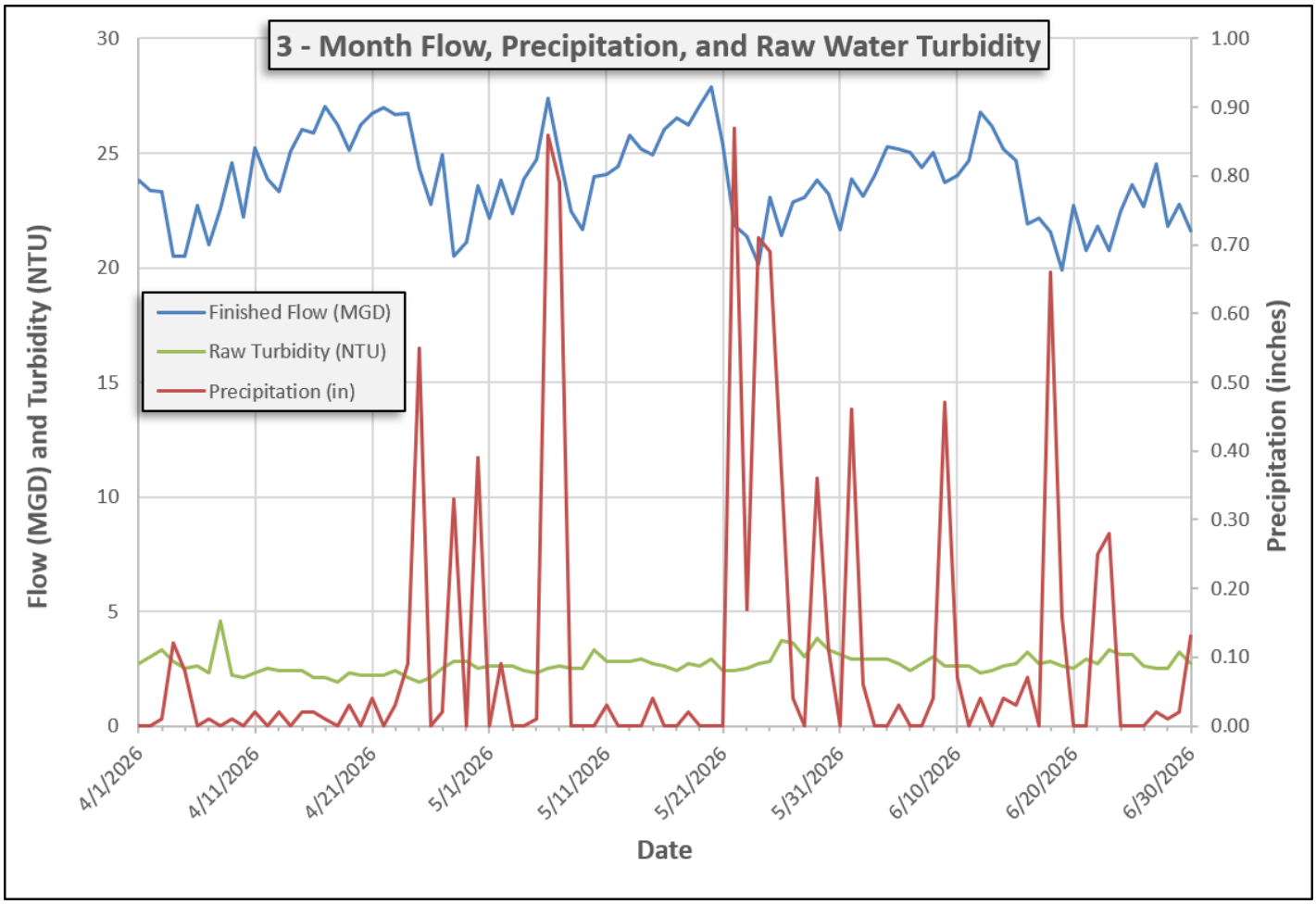
- Started assessing filter media

In addition to water quality sampling for the Lake Hartwell Water Treatment Plant, Anderson Regional Water staff processed 305 Total Coliform distribution samples for local entities during the month of June.

Water Quality Data

	Raw	Settled	Finished
pH	7.13	6.67	7.16
Turbidity (NTU) Range	2.3 – 3.3	0.38 – 0.85	0.02 – 0.06
Turbidity (NTU) Average	2.75	0.53	0.03
Turbidity (NTU) Exceedance	-	0%	0%
Total Organic Carbon	1.57	-	0.84
Fluoride Average (ppm)	-	-	0.67
Phosphate Average (ppm)	-	-	0.46
Residual Disinfectant (ppm)	-	-	1.75
TTHM (DBP)	-	-	5.4 ppb
Methylisoborneol (MIB)	10.0 NG/L	-	<1.0 NG/L
Geosmin	5.56 NG/L	-	<1.0 NG/L

Weather Data



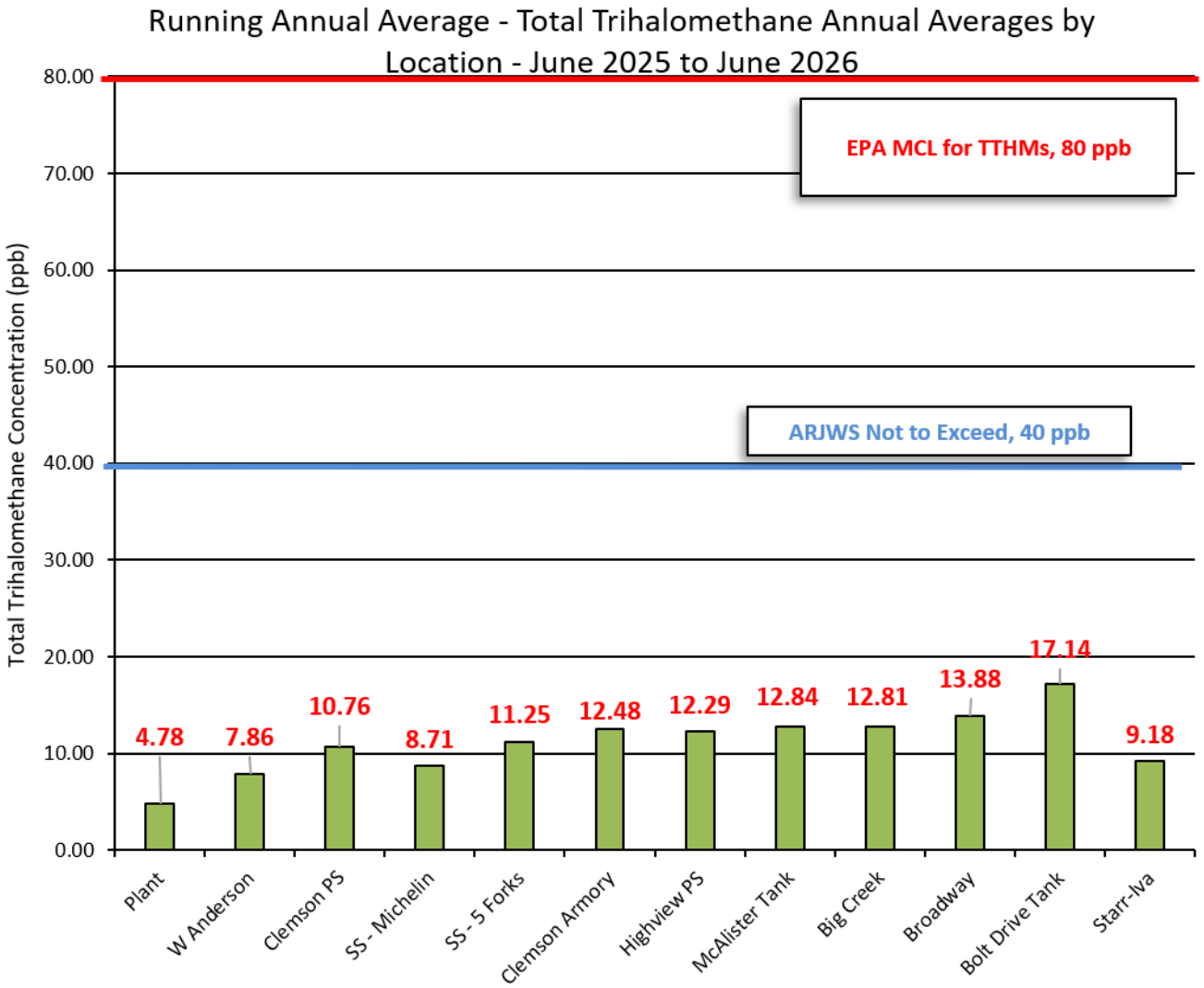
	Minimum	Maximum	Total
Rainfall	0.00 in.	0.66 in.	2.84 in.
Temperature	53.4° F	96.8° F	N/A
Humidity	35%	99%	N/A

Water Production Data

	Average	Minimum	Maximum	Total
Raw Water	23,055,000	19,280,000	28,506,000	691,649,000
Finished Water	23,407,000	19,897,000	26,765,000	702,216,000
Finished Max Capacity	48.8%	41.5%	55.8%	

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 May, ARJWS treated 702,216,000 gallons of water at a power cost of $131.53 per million gallons produced. The 12-month running annual average is currently $121.11.

Monthly Power Consumption Data

Month	On Peak kWh	Off Peak kWh	Total kWh	Finished Water MG	$/ MG	12 month Average
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
May – 26	209,746	1,095,110	1,304,857	743.2	$112.85	$118.93
June – 26	244,054	1,122,963	1,367,018	702.2	$131.53	$121.11

Water Quality Strategic Planning

For the month of June, 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

July 22, 2026

Subject
Maintenance and Project Update

Discussion:

CBS 5MG Reservoir
After a leak analysis was performed by Precon, a topping slab was determined to be the best solution for the leak repair. Precon has poured the topping slab and ARJWS will soon fill the tank for sampling. Once the tank is filled and we determine it doesn't leak, we will place the tank back into service. Only a few punch list items remain for this project, mostly around SCADA and site clean-up.

Raw Water Improvements
Cove Utility has successfully installed Raw #5 and ARJWS has placed it into service. Raw #1 and the insertion flow meters have been installed but not fully commissioned at this point. Once SCADA integration has been completed, ARJWS will have accurate flow data to assess pump performance and dosage rates.

ARJWS Maintenance

- A manufacturing defect has caused ARJWS to take Clarifier #2 out of service. Replacement parts are in production now as we finalize the repair schedule.
- Ozone Generator #2 has been successfully cleaned and ready for rebuild. Once replacement parts have arrived, we expect a quick turnaround.
- The maintenance team has completed 51 work orders during the month of June. 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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