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BOARD AGENDA

Board of Commissioners
August 26, 2026
Noon

Call to Order / Determination of Quorum
Pledge of Allegiance
Commissioners' Comments
Public Comment
Safety Moment

I. Approval of Minutes June 24, 2026

II. Consent Calendar (Old Business)

1. None

III. Items Requiring Immediate Action

1. None

IV. Discussion (New Business)

1. SCIIP Project Updates
2. Drought Plan Update

V. Informational Reports

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

VI. Adjournment

Future planned Board meeting dates are:

- 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
August 17, 2026
11:30 am

Discussion Summary

1. **Tank Rehab Bid**
   Final bids were received for the tank rehab project. The low bid came in below the budgeted amount for the project and the group agreed to move forward with the contract.

2. **Drought Response Plan Update**
   ARJWS presented proposed updates to the current Drought Response Plan. The group discussed the various stages of drought in the plan, trigger levels, and proposed action plans. The Committee will be presented an updated version at the August Executive Committee Meeting.

3. **Project Updates**
   The group discussed the two ongoing SCIIP projects. Both projects are expected to be completed by the end of August.

   Prepared by: Kendall Cleary, Accounting Manager
   Approved by: Chris Weber, Executive Director

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BOARD MEMORANDUM

August 19, 2026

Subject

Finance and Administration Report

Discussion

Billing

Meters were read on July 30, 2026. Average daily usage in July was 17.15% higher than the previous month and 4.22% higher than the corresponding month last year. The table below shows average daily usage for each member agency.

AGENCY	PREV.YR SAME MONTH	LAST MONTH	CURRENT
# of Billing Days	**31**	**33**	**30**
Anderson	4,963,335	4,276,671	5,518,192
Big Creek	1,186,813	1,113,163	1,320,464
Broadway	873,659	808,436	855,697
Clemson	2,374,212	2,064,688	2,290,467
Clemson University	1,207,719	1,094,638	1,358,260
Hammond	3,253,535	2,339,325	3,022,905
Homeland Park	670,335	632,926	659,545
Pendleton	472,328	418,987	568,612
Powdersville	380,102	290,710	333,559
Sandy Springs	2,546,269	2,679,156	2,897,925
Starr-Iva	1,180,722	1,101,078	1,244,818
West Anderson	1,738,817	1,686,353	1,717,036
Williamston	606,675	578,906	571,503
Total Average Daily Usage	**21,454,520**	**19,085,037**	**22,358,983**

Finance/Budget Summary

For the month ending July 31, 2026, ARJWS is trending appropriately for revenues and expenses for the first month of the fiscal year.

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

Safety Training

July 2026
Subject: New Hire Safety Training

Training Date: July 2, 2026
Attendance
In Person – 2

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 July 31, 2026

	Annual Budget	YTD Budget (1 month)	YTD Actual	Ideal Percentage	% of Budget	YTD Variance
Operating Revenue						
Operations and Maintenance	9,106,200	758,850	779,126	8%	9%	20,276
Capital Charges	5,326,106	443,842	443,842	8%	8%	-
Renewal and Replacement						
Water System	1,558,764	129,897	129,897	8%	8%	0
Pump Station	72,443	6,037	6,037	8%	8%	(0)
Miscellaneous	100,000	8,333	59,180	8%	59%	50,846
Total Operating Revenue	16,163,513	1,346,959	1,418,082			
Operating Expenses						
Salaries, Wages, and Benefits	2,686,200	223,850	340,055	8%	13%	116,205
Operations and Maintenance						
Administrative Expenses	671,500	55,958	6,195	8%	1%	(49,764)
Operations Expenses						
Lab Supplies/Uniforms/Safety Equipment	199,500	14,300	-	8%	0%	(14,300)
Chemicals	1,110,600	91,717	113,402	8%	10%	21,686
Sludge and Chemical Disposal	707,500	58,333	-	8%	0%	(58,333)
Utilities and Security	1,732,800	144,400	148,761	8%	9%	4,361
Maintenance Expenses	1,640,700	136,725	17,060	8%	1%	(119,665)
Professional Fees	187,000	15,583	-	8%	0%	(15,583)
Debt Expenses	5,437,356	453,113	371,421	8%	7%	(81,692)
Miscellaneous Expenses	181,000	15,083	654	8%	0%	(14,429)
Total operating expenses before depreciatio	14,554,156	1,209,063	997,549			
Net operating income	1,609,357	137,896	420,533			
Raw Water						
Raw Water Income	112,485	9,374	-			
Raw Water O&M Expenses	-	-	21,840			
Raw Water Operating Income	112,485	9,374	(21,840)			
Non-Budget Impacting Items						
SCIIP Grant Revenue (FY 2025-2027)	-	-	(8,571,328)			
SCIIP Grant Capital Outlay	-	-	12,651,933			
Hydraulic Model	-	-	84,892			
Transfer Pumps	-	-	84,639			
ErectaStep	-	-	59,463			
Capital Outlay, Net	-	-	4,309,598			

	Previous Month Cash Balances	Current Cash Balances	Days Cash on Hand
Operating Cash	4,980,698	5,111,570	128
Capital Project Fund	4,252,358	5,807,333	
System R&R Fund (Restricted)	1,553,144	144,044	
Pumped R&R Fund (Restricted)	520,620	528,003	
PFAS Fund	4,727,373	4,743,035	
Raw Water	526,166	513,694	
	16,560,359	16,847,680	

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BOARD MEMORANDUM

August 11, 2026

Subject

Operations Report

Discussion

As of August 11, 2026, Lake Hartwell's surface elevation was 652.29 ft, 7.71 ft. below full pool and 7.71 ft. below the guide curve. Raw water is being drawn from the top gate and 50% middle gate of the intake structure. Water temperature at the top gate is 86.9°F. Anderson Regional Water reached 100% of its settled water turbidity goals for the month of July. Raw water pH levels are relatively constant. Settled and finished water pH levels are normal. The maximum day for July water production was 59.0% of finished water capacity.

Operations Highlights

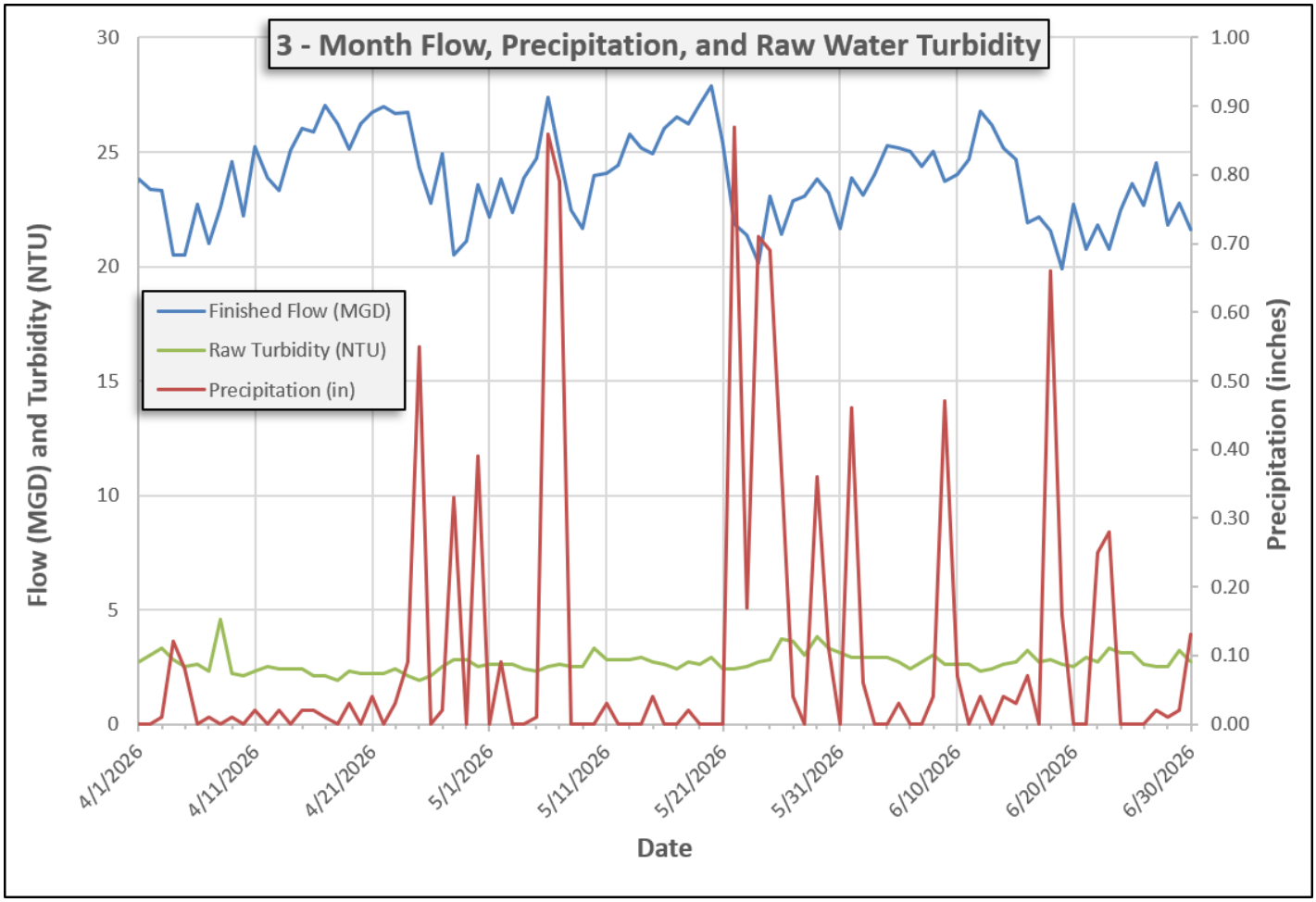
- SCADA server upgrade completed
- Chad passed A Water Treatment
- Madox & Ryan passed B Water Treatment

In addition to water quality sampling for the Lake Hartwell Water Treatment Plant, Anderson Regional Water staff processed 340 Total Coliform distribution samples for local entities during the month of July.

Water Quality Data

	Raw	Settled	Finished
pH	7.12	6.65	7.13
Turbidity (NTU) Range	1.8 – 3.2	0.29 – 0.90	0.02 – 0.04
Turbidity (NTU) Average	2.53	0.50	0.03
Turbidity (NTU) Exceedance	-	0%	0%
Total Organic Carbon	1.61	-	0.87
Fluoride Average (ppm)	-	-	0.47
Phosphate Average (ppm)	-	-	0.53
Residual Disinfectant (ppm)	-	-	1.80
TTHM (DBP)	-	-	5.4 ppb
Methylisoborneol (MIB)	87.6 NG/L	-	<1.0 NG/L
Geosmin	7.40 NG/L	-	<1.0 NG/L

Weather Data



	Minimum	Maximum	Total
Rainfall	0.00 in.	0.77 in.	3.32 in.
Temperature	65.1° F	101.7° F	N/A
Humidity	44%	99%	N/A

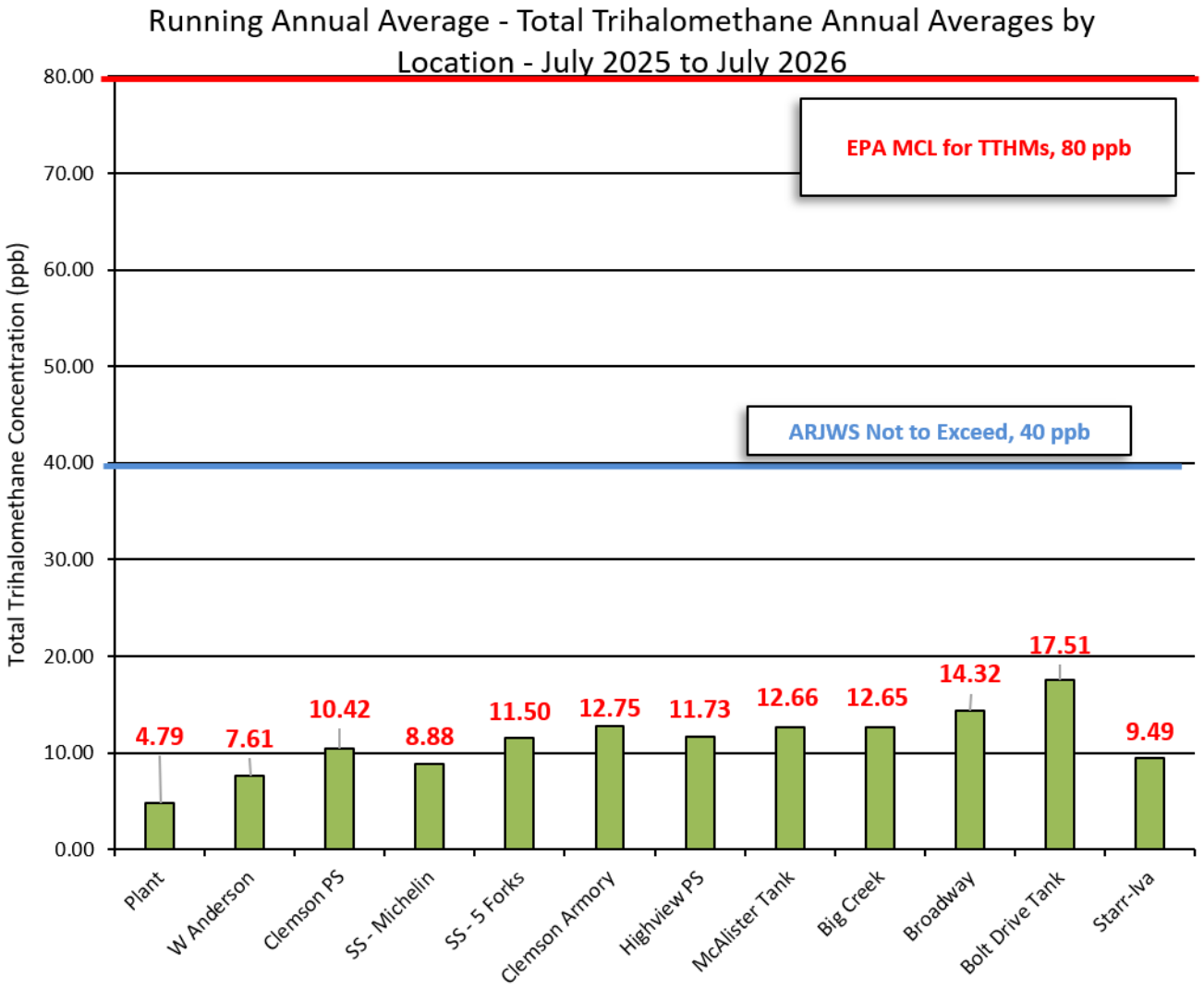
Water Production Data

	Average	Minimum	Maximum	Total
Raw Water	25,113,000	18,946,000	31,603,000	778,504,000
Finished Water	23,802,000	19,615,000	28,323,000	737,874,000

Finished Max Capacity	49.6%	40.9%	59.0%

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 July, ARJWS treated 737,874,000 gallons of water at a power cost of $133.21 per million gallons produced. The 12-month running annual average is currently $122.72.

Monthly Power Consumption Data

Month	On Peak kWh	Off Peak kWh	Total kWh	Finished Water MG	$/ MG	12 month Average
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
July – 26	240,782	1,251,448	1,492,230	737.9	$133.21	$122.72

Water Quality Strategic Planning

For the month of July, 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

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Subject
Maintenance and Project Update

Discussion:

CBS 5MG Reservoir
The topping slab poured by PRECON was successful and the CBS Reservoir #2 has been placed into service. Harper is working through the remaining minor punch list items and substantial completion documentation has been submitted.

Raw Water Improvements
Raw Water Pumps #1 and #5 have been placed into service and operating as designed. The raw water flow meters are also in service but still working through SCADA integration.

ARJWS Maintenance

- An electrical coordination study is ongoing in preparation for the back-up power generation upgrade. Some of the components have become obsolete and it is extremely important to upgrade the necessary components for plant reliability.
- Ozone Generator #2 has been placed back into service and is running at expected output. We are discussing possible improvements to the nitrogen boost system now, which will increase efficiency.
- The maintenance team has completed 42 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.

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