

# Phase 1 Survey Results

Lower Savannah Salkehatchie RBC

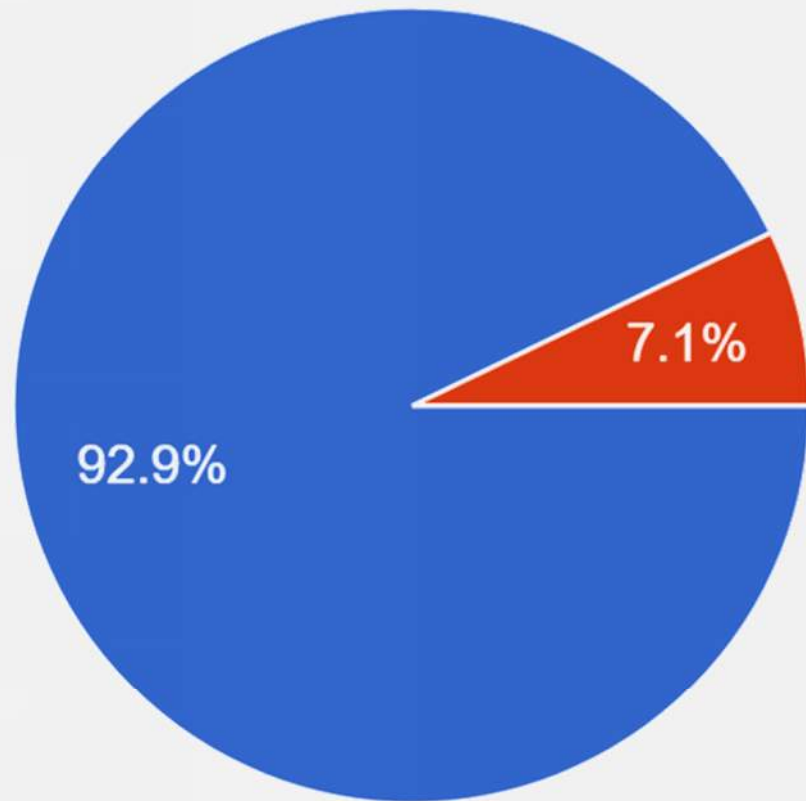


**Do you think the information presented so far has given you a sufficient level of understanding to make informed planning-level decisions as we move through Phases 2, 3 and 4? If not, please list any topics that you, or the RBC in general, might benefit from hearing (or more about).**

### **Select Responses (paraphrased):**

- Better understanding of agricultural water needs and how they compare to registered amounts
- More about what other states have done and their recommendations as they relate to quantity
- Saltwater intrusion
- Projected growth vs. water supply
- Would be beneficial to organize the documents, slides, reports in a central, accessible location

**Do you feel that you have an adequate understanding of how data, surface water models, and other tools are being used to assess surface water availability, identify shortages, and explore surface water issues and concerns?**



- Yes, I generally understand how the data, models, and other tools are being used
- No, I need more details on how the data, models, and other tools are being used

**Based on the RBC meetings held to date, do you have any suggestions for the Facilitator or Planning Team to consider that might improve the meetings or planning process?**

### **Select Responses (paraphrased):**

- Linking the information we are being provided to the structure of the final planning document would be helpful
- Delineate on the agenda which items are intended for background info only vs. which are intended for group discussion.
- It appears that there aren't major problems with water volume/availability, but there could be issues with quality or salinity. It seems like there are opportunities to take on more meaningful questions and issues, but we are beholden to the original scope.

**Do you feel that you and other RBC members have been provided an equal opportunity to be heard and express your interests, ideas, and concerns?**

**Select Responses (paraphrased):**

- “Yes” from most responding members.
- It will be important as we get into developing recommendations that we are intentional about hearing from all members.
- Facilitator could consider polling members during the meeting on items that require feedback.

**Are there any additional field trips (other than a potential field trip to the SRS) that you think would give the RBC a better understanding of how water is used and managed in the basin? If so, list them below?**

**Select Responses:**

- Port of Savannah
- Savannah River Lock and Dam
- A USACE-controlled dam
- Irrigated farm
- BJW&SA

## Other thoughts, concerns, or feedback on the river basin planning process...

### Select Responses:

- Giving the members a brief "pipeline of upcoming activities/decision points/work products" might be useful. This would be a calendar-based summary of when certain decisions or work products are expected.
- At some point it would be good to know how other RBCs have worked through the same process for their basin.
- More about what other states have done and their recommendations as they relate to quantity

# The Four Phases of the Planning Process

<b>Phase 1</b> Understand Baseline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Develop a vision statement and goals</li><li>• Learn about the basin's water resources and modeling tools</li><li>• Evaluate water demand projections</li></ul>
<b>Phase 2</b> Assess Future Availability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Evaluate current and future water availability issues</li><li>• Identify and quantify potential water shortages through year 2070 for several water demand scenarios</li></ul>
<b>Phase 3</b> Develop Strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Develop and evaluate water management strategies</li><li>• Recommend and prioritize strategies</li></ul>
<b>Phase 4</b> Develop the Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Develop legislative, policy, technical and planning process recommendations</li><li>• Prepare the River Basin Plan that includes an implementation plan, Identifies drought response initiatives, and considers public input</li></ul>