



# Basin Priorities Discussion

John Boyer, CDM Smith

*Agenda Item 7*

# What are your priorities for the Santee River Basin?

**1. What do you want to preserve, protect or enhance?**

Example: Enhance low flows, to minimize impacts from drought

**2. What are the outcomes you want to encourage?**

Example: A more resilient public water supply

**3. What type of actions do you want to promote?**

Example: Use of best available science and data to base management decisions

**4. How do you want the basin to be managed?**

Example: Balancing all water needs

# Group 1 Priorities, Concerns and Desired Outcomes

- Knowing how limited we are in terms of supply
- Protect tradition uses.. Recreation, public water, power, ag, etc.
- Concern about large, new users (e.g. data centers) and their power consumption
- Preserving water for recreation, in-stream uses and recognizing its economic impact.
- Agriculture is important, especially in terms of economy
- Knowing interconnectivity, interbasin transfers is important
- Is saltwater intrusion an issue
- Understanding regulatory restrictions for minimum instream flows (MIFs)

# Group 2 Priorities, Concerns and Desired Outcomes

- Maintaining traditional uses
- Pinewood Landfill is a water quality threat
- Protecting groundwater; flash drought resulted in increased groundwater use
- Better coordination upstream and downstream. Example, Duke Power didn't always coordinate with downstream customers.
- Recognizing importance of and preserving opportunities for groundwater recharge
- Promoting a water conservation ethic. Public Education is important, especially for domestic water use.

# Group 3 Priorities, Concerns and Desired Outcomes

- Protect the watershed
- Ensuring equitable use of water
- Protect existing users
- Desire to build consensus on policy recommendations, including at a local level
- Expand public education and understanding of drought management
- Desire to understand methodologies used for demand projections, and make sure they are realistic and “current”