

What We Do

Established in 1976, South Carolina Rural Water Association is a non-profit trade association that assists water and wastewater systems with on-site technical assistance, training and much more. SCRWA is an affiliate of the National Rural Water Association.

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Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide technical assistance, training, public education and outreach, publications, members services and legislative monitoring.

Vision Statement

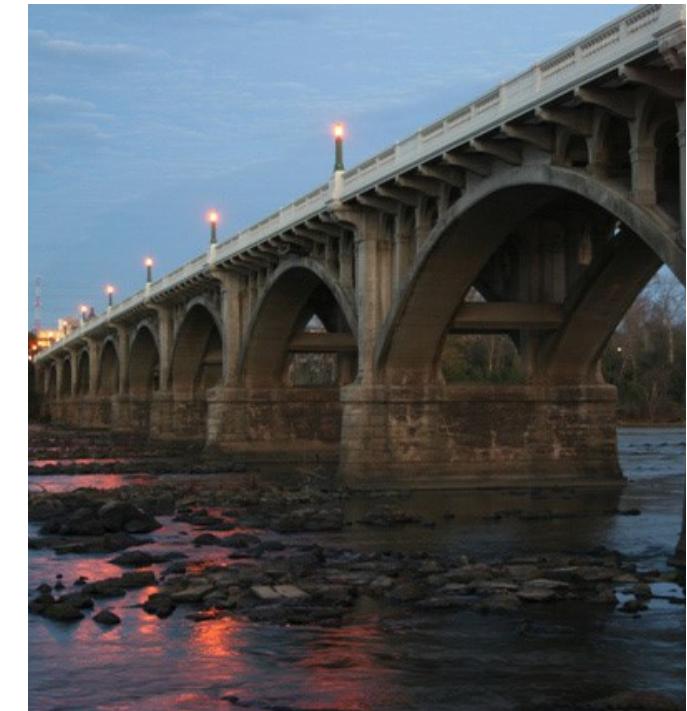
Our vision for the South Carolina Rural Water Association is to be South Carolina's premiere resource in meeting the dynamic needs of the water and wastewater industry.

Enjoy the Benefits of being a SCRWA Member

- On-site technical assistance
- Educational training offering CEU credits
- GIS mapping
- Water loss auditing
- Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) assistance
- Sanitary Survey Inspection assistance
- Emergency response and recovery assistance
- Water rate analysis
- Regulatory compliance assistance
- Policy and procedure development
- Affinity Partnerships - discounted pricing for SCRWA members (*see below*)

Affinity Partnerships - Available through SCRWA and NRWA:

- LACI - Legislative Advocacy and Communications Initiative
- Arthur J. Gallagher - Commercial Insurance and Risk Management
- Bailey Special Risks - Cyber Security Insurance
- CyberSolutions - Cyber Insurance
- Ford/Chrysler Fleet Program - Volume Incentive Program
- Jump Start - Online Test Preparation
- Rural Water Impact - Website Development
- Rural Water Loan Fund - Low Cost Funding
- SunCoast Learning - Online Training
- Sunbelt Rentals - Rental Equipment



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Wastewater Technical Assistance

Wastewater technical assistance is provided to communities and rural wastewater systems through one-on-one, on-site technical assistance. Below are some examples of the services we provide:

- Smoke Testing and Sewer Camera Inspections
- Collection System Evaluations
- Treatment Process Troubleshooting
- Certification Exam Prep
- Wastewater Rates Analysis
- Budget Assistance
- Regulatory Compliance Assistance
- Policy and Procedure Development



Training

SCRWA's training program strives to provide water and wastewater specialists with relevant and up-to-date training opportunities for continuing education hours, professional advancement and important health and safety courses. Training classes are offered regionally throughout the state. Examples of classes we offer include:

- OSHA Safety Courses
- Operations and Infrastructure
- Sustainability and Optimization
- Water Utility Management
- Water and Wastewater License Advancement and Exams
- CPR and AED Training

Asset Management

Asset Management (AM) is the management of physical assets including asset inventory, maintenance, inspection and replacement. The development of an AM plan plays a key role in determining the operational performance of a utility. The AM plan acts as a business model long-term sustainability. SCRWA offers a one-day workshop on the 5 keys to AM. All attendees are provided a tool box to assist in the development of a utility-specific AM plan. SCRWA provides on-site service upon request.

Circuit Rider: Water System Technical Assistance

The Circuit Rider Program provides on-site, one-on-one technical assistance to public water systems. Examples of available assistance include:

- Leak detection assistance
- Vulnerability assessments and emergency response planning
- Pipe and valve location
- Water rate analysis
- Regulatory compliance assistance
- Policy and procedure development

Energy Assessments

In collaboration with the USDA, SCRWA has a Certified Energy Manager on staff who can perform energy audits at no cost to your utility. The audit report is extremely useful and some paybacks can be immediate. The energy audit includes:

- A walk-through of the facility to evaluate equipment and practices that affect energy consumption
- An energy assessment report that includes utility-specific, energy usage analysis and a return-on-investment/ payback summary
- Rebate and funding programs to potentially assist in identifying avenues to fund implementation practices



GIS Mapping

The GIS Mapping Program provides utilities access to GIS technology and accurate system mapping at an affordable rate. Small systems may be eligible for this service at no charge. The following services are provided through our GIS Program:

- As-built & system map scanning to digital format
- Verification and data logging of infrastructure
- Data compilation of installation, manufacturer, pressures and other relevant information
- Generation of system maps, including wall maps and map books
- GIS equipment training/consulting services
- Mobile maps – receive all your maps, reports and records on your mobile device

Sourcewater Protection Program

Our Sourcewater Protection Program is in place to assist in the development of a "grassroots," stakeholder driven process with the ultimate goal of protecting the source of drinking water. With a watershed specific sourcewater protection program and SCRWA's assistance, you can work to guarantee clean, abundant drinking water at the source, which helps reduce treatment costs, boosts economic development and encourages community engagement and education.

Sanitary Survey Compliance and Water Loss Auditing

On-site consultation and technical assistance by specialists in regulatory and compliance are available prior to, and following, your annual sanitary survey in order to assist your system's compliance with DHEC regulations. Specialized assistance on the water loss auditing component of the sanitary survey includes:

- General training on basic water audit terminology and procedures
- Training on use of AWWA's water audit software program
- Consultation and assistance on corrective actions, as cited by audit results

Emergency Response (SCWARN)

In the event of an emergency, SCRWA will offer support and act as a first responder to water and wastewater utilities. Not only do we provide on-site emergency support, we can assist in the evaluation of a utility's operational status and resource needs.

Through SCWARN (SC Water/Wastewater Agencies Response Network), a utility-to-utility mutual aid program, equipment and manpower can be requested by and provided to utilities in need.

