# **Capacity Use** protects and preserves groundwater for all users.

#### **Waccamaw**

June 22, 1979

SCDHEC established

#### Waccamaw

Capacity Use Area

Georgetown & Horry **Counties** 



1981

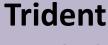
### Lowcountry

July 24, 1981

SCDHEC established Lowcountry

Capacity Use Area

Beaufort, Colleton & **Jasper Counties** (Hampton added in 2008)



August 8, 2002

SCDHEC established **Trident** 

Capacity Use Area

Berkeley, Charleston, & Dorchester Counties



#### Pee Dee

February 12, 2004

SCDHEC established Pee Dee

Capacity Use Area

Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Marion, Marlboro, & Williamsburg Counties

### Western November 8, 2018

SCDHEC will hold a public hearing & vote on establishing the

#### Western

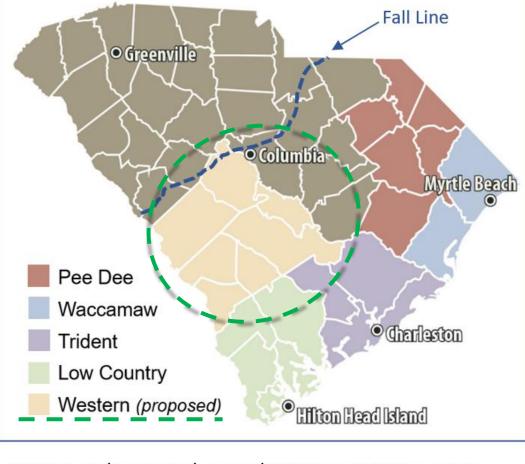
Capacity Use Area

Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun, Lexington, & **Orangeburg Counties** 



# **FACTS:**

 Capacity Use affects only those users who withdraw more than 3 million gallons per month. These users will be permitted by SCDHEC.



Existing and proposed groundwater capacity use areas.

- Groundwater levels have been declining in this region for more than 20 years.
- This is not a local problem, but is widespread and includes at least the entire seven counties proposed for Western Capacity Use Area.
- SCDHEC has a <u>successful history of managing groundwater</u> through the Capacity Use program ... with no added economic or administrative burden. Capacity Use is <u>necessary NOW</u> to make sure we have
- groundwater tomorrow!
- Please attend the SCDHEC Public Hearing on Thursday November 8 (10AM, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC).
- Support designation of a Western Capacity Use Area.

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