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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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Easley Central Water District (Easley Central) was a founding member of the Pickens Regional Joint Water System (Pickens Regional). In 2019, we joined with Six Mile Rural Community Water District and the City of Pickens, along with the Pickens County Water Authority to start the effort. In 2021, the City of Liberty joined us. Last month, the City of Pickens voted to withdraw from our System, once again leaving 3 water systems and the County Water Authority.

We remain committed to the mission of Pickens Regional, a water system of, by, and for the people of Pickens County, using Pickens County water to serve the citizens of Pickens County today and for years to come.

Southern Pickens county is growing. Having affordable, abundant, clean drinking water available to our citizens is more important than ever before. Pickens Regional will be there for our families and businesses, for all the new families and businesses coming to our towns, and to bring clean drinking water to our neighbors in parts of our county that have never had it.

In the coming months, Pickens Regional will break ground on phase one of a new water transmission system. This network will connect Pickens Regional members and allow us to work together for the benefit of our customers. Our plan is to break ground on the Pickens Regional water treatment plant on Lake Keowee in 2025. This will give us local, clean drinking water for our customers, for the other Pickens Regional members, and for other Pickens County water systems that may need it for their growth.

To be clear, once Pickens Regional is fully functioning, Easley Central will continue to operate just as we always have, bringing our customers quality water and quality water service. We will also have a local water source that we will manage along with other water systems in the county. Together we will all be stronger.

At Easley Central Water District, we are excited about the future of Pickens County and the Pickens Regional Joint Water System. Our shared vision has not changed. Our shared mission has not changed. Our commitment to our customers and the people of Pickens County and building together for our future is as strong as it was when we started Pickens Regional in 2019.

