



## Engineering Services Committee

Meeting Date: 06/23/2026

Approve 2026 funding to SREL for bird activity around the constructed wetlands

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<b>Department:</b>	Utilities
<b>Presenter:</b>	Wes Byne
<b>Caption:</b>	Approve 2026 Funding to SREL for bird activity around the constructed wetlands
<b>Background:</b>	Savannah River Ecology Lab (SREL) conducts a project to document bird activity around the constructed wetlands at the JB Messerly WWTP. The bird activity counts are necessary to ensure that vegetation management efforts in the wetlands minimize the number of migratory birds that utilize the wetlands to roost. SREL has conducted this research for several years for AUD. During the last approval of the agreement, it was amended to allow for 3 additional years if funding was available. There was a miscommunication and 2025-2026 was omitted from funding. This agenda item restores funding until September 2026.
<b>Analysis:</b>	This work is necessary to maintain the wetlands in their proper operating condition.
<b>Financial Impact:</b>	\$110,000 from operating funds.
<b>Alternatives:</b>	None are recommended.
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Approve the agenda item as stated.
<b>Funds are available in the following accounts:</b>	506043310-5212115
<b><u>REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:</u></b>	fwb