



Renewable Water Resources Winter 2012 Community E-Newsletter

Dear Community Leader,

At Renewable Water Resources (ReWa), we believe that keeping the community informed is key to a successful relationship. We are proud to share our newest organizational updates with you.

Annual Reports:



In January, we distributed a copy of our annual report to the community in local newspapers and publications. This 12-page report summarizes ReWa's financial health, public education campaigns and highlights from the past fiscal year. The staff and commission at ReWa believe it is important to stay in touch with our community, and distributing our award-winning annual report is one of the ways we do that. It is printed and distributed economically, at less than 25 cents apiece. If you would like to view the report online, visit www.rewaonline.org/annual-report.php.

ReWa also produces a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, which takes a more in-depth look at the organization's financial position. You can also view this document online at www.rewaonline.org.annual-report.php.

National Recognition:

This past fall, ReWa's Operations Challenge team traveled to the National Water Environment Federation's Annual Technical Exhibition and Conference. The Operations Challenge competition is a water quality event that showcases the skills of wastewater collection and treatment personnel in Collections, Laboratory, Maintenance, Process Control and Safety events.



The ReWa team competed against twenty-six other teams from the United States and Canada. The team finished first in the Maintenance event, and second in the Safety event. Overall, finishing in sixth place, ReWa was just eighteen points behind the first place team. This was the first national competition for the team. Earlier in 2011, the team won second place at the South Carolina state level Operations Challenge competition. The members of this team include Kevin Fowler, Adam Harvey, Russ Moore (captain), Cain Massey, and Larry Camp (coach).

Environmental Improvement:



In January 1988, ReWa and the sewer subdistricts were issued a court order by South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control to initiate a program to alleviate wet-weather flows in the Mauldin Road trunk sewer system. ReWa originally partnered with Berea Public Service District; Gantt Fire, Sewer and Police District; Parker Sewer and Fire District; and the City of Greenville to reduce Inflow & Infiltration (I & I).

As a result of the program, recurring overflows were eliminated from the system leading to increased capacity in both trunk lines and treatment facilities within the Mauldin Road Wastewater Treatment Basin. In order to expand this solution to all of the sewer basins within ReWa's service area, a system-wide I & I reduction program

was created. [Click here to access ReWa's whitepaper](#) on the results of the I & I reduction program.

We are also proud to recognize our employees' generosity with our United Way campaign. ReWa is a Pacesetter organization, and raised more than \$94,400 in 2011, surpassing our \$92,000 annual goal, with 97% employee participation. This level of giving was recognized with both the Chairman's Award and the Campaign Award of Excellence. A big 'Thank You' goes out to the staff at ReWa for giving so graciously in a time a need.

We appreciate the community's ongoing support, and we welcome suggestions or feedback. Thank you and we look forward to sharing more of our news with you in 2012!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ray T. Orvin, Jr.'.

Ray T. Orvin, Jr.
ReWa Executive Director