



MEMORANDUM

TO: Conservation Districts with Watershed Districts
FROM: Tyler Brown, SCDNR-LWC Conservation Districts Program Manager
DATE: April 1, 2026
SUBJECT: ELECTION OF WATERSHED CONSERVATION DISTRICT DIRECTORS IN THE 2026 GENERAL ELECTION - Procedures and Requirements

November 3, 2026 is General Election Day. Watershed Conservation District Director positions whose term expire November 30, 2026, will be on the ballot in the General Election to be held November 3, 2026. This election is non-partisan (no party affiliation or primary election required) and is conducted by the County Board of Voter Registration and Elections at the same time as other county and state officers are elected. The individuals who are elected to these positions will serve four-year terms beginning December 1, 2026 to November 30, 2030.

Candidates running for the office of Watershed Conservation District Director must submit to the county Board of Voter Registration and Elections or the State Election Commission, a Statement of Candidacy by **noon, August 17, 2026**. **If the Watershed Conservation District lies in more than one county, the Statement of Candidacy must be filed with the State Election Commission, P.O. Box 5987, Columbia, SC 29250-5987.**

The Statement of Intention of Candidacy can be found at: <https://scvotes.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/SEC-FRM-1008-200912-Statement-of-Intention-of-Candidacy-Nonpartisan.pdf>

All candidates are required to file a Statement of Economic Interest and Campaign Disclosure form with the State Ethics Commission. Campaign Disclosure and Statement of Economic Interest forms must be filed on-line at: <https://ethics.sc.gov/>

This information is being provided to assist anyone who may have questions or wish to run for the office of Watershed Conservation District Director.

cc: Ken Rentiers, SCDNR-LWC Deputy Director
SCDNR Conservation District Staff
SCACD Executive Committee
State Election Commission