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BYLAWS OF THE LIBERTY REGIONAL WATER RESOURCES COUNCIL TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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**ARTICLE ONE
Definition of Bylaws**

These Bylaws constitute the rules and policies adopted by the Liberty Regional Water Resources Council (LRWRC) for the Technical Advisory Committee (as herein defined and also referred to as wTAC) for the regulation and management of its affairs, as authorized by the laws of the State of Georgia and the Intergovernmental Agreement of the Participating Governments (as herein defined). These Bylaws are adopted in order to fulfill the objectives of the wTAC as stated in the Intergovernmental Agreement (as defined below) and these Bylaws, and to exercise all powers conferred upon the wTAC under such Intergovernmental Agreement and related Laws of the State of Georgia.

**ARTICLE TWO
Name, Statutory Authority, Location, and Duration**

Section 2.01. Name. The name of the entity shall be the Liberty Regional Water Resources Council Technical Advisory Committee (wTAC).

Section 2.02. Statutory Authority. The wTAC is a public body existing in accordance with the Georgia Service Delivery Strategy Law, O.C.G.A. § 36-70-1 et. seq., and formally established pursuant to the provisions of Intergovernmental Agreement (herein referred to as the "Agreement") to create and implement the LRWRC (as the same may be amended, the "Agreement"), dated as of the date of these Bylaws, lawfully approved and duly adopted by Liberty County, Georgia and the cities of Flemington, Gum Branch, Hinesville, Midway, Riceboro, Walthourville, and the Town of Allenhurst, as well as the Liberty County Development Authority (collectively, the "Participating Governments").

Section 2.03. Duration. In accordance with the provisions of the Agreement, the wTAC is intended to have existence for the duration of the Agreement; provided, however, that nothing contained herein shall preclude the Participating Governments from amending the Agreement or otherwise limiting the duration of the LRWRC.

Section 2.04. Offices. The principal office of the wTAC shall be located in the offices of the Liberty Consolidated Planning Commission (LCPC) in Hinesville, Liberty County, Georgia; provided, however, that the wTAC may have such other offices within said County as the wTAC may determine or as its affairs may require from time to time.

ARTICLE THREE
Purposes, Powers, and Governing Instruments

Section 3.01. Purposes. The wTAC is charged generally with the promotion, development, implementation, and delivery of coordinated and comprehensive water, storm water, and wastewater planning, in coordination with the LCPC, within the unincorporated and incorporated areas of Liberty County, Georgia. The objectives and purposes of the wTAC are public in nature and shall be as set forth in the Agreement.

Section 3.02. Powers. The wTAC shall have such powers as may be stated in the Agreement, and as now or may be hereafter lawfully conferred by the Participating Governments in accordance with the provisions of said Agreement.

Section 3.03. Prohibited Acts. The general authority and powers of the wTAC are created and defined by the Agreement and related laws. The wTAC shall engage only in such activities as are consistent with the provisions of and purposes enumerated in the Agreement or otherwise authorized by law.

Section 3.04. Governing Instruments. The wTAC shall be governed by the Agreement and these Bylaws, as the same may be duly and lawfully amended from time to time, together with any and all other laws of the State of Georgia or the Intergovernmental Agreements of the Participating Governments governing its affairs.

Section 3.05. Promulgation of LRWRC Rules and Policies. Subject to the provisions of the Agreement, the wTAC may from time to time make and publish recommendations to the LRWRC.

ARTICLE FOUR
Membership

Section 4.01. Membership. The voting membership of the wTAC shall consist of the key government and agency staff members from each Participating Government, or their duly appointed designee(s) and the Secretary of the LCPC (each, a "Member," and collectively the "Members"). Ex-officio non-voting members will include one representative from designated major water withdrawal permit holders in Liberty County identified from time to time by the LRWRC and shall include those listed below. The Chief elected official of each municipality appoints the wTAC representative for their respective jurisdiction. Additional Appointees may be made at the discretion of the LRWRC.

wTAC Members:

- (1) Flemington
- (2) Hinesville
- (3) Liberty County
- (4) Riceboro
- (5) Walthourville
- (6) Gum Branch
- (7) Allenhurst
- (8) Midway
- (9) Liberty County Development Authority representative
- (10) Executive Director of the Liberty Consolidated Planning Commission

Ex-Officio Non-Voting:

- (1) Fort Stewart representative
- (2) LC Environmental Health Dept. representative
- (3) Coastal Georgia Regional Water Planning Council representative
- (4) Long County representative
- (5) McIntosh County representative

Section 4.02. Term of Office. Each Member of the wTAC shall serve for a term which coincides with the term of the LRWRC Member to whom appointed such member, that any Member serving on the wTAC as the designee of an official otherwise entitled to such membership shall serve until such designation is revoked by the appointing official (or his or her successor in office), at which time the appointing official or his or her designee will assume membership in the wTAC. Unless excused by the Chairperson, any member of the wTAC having three consecutive absences from regular meetings during the calendar year shall be removed from the wTAC.

Section 4.03. Compensation. No Member of the wTAC shall receive, directly or indirectly, any salary, compensation, or other emolument for services performed as a Member.

Section 4.04. Disclosure of Conflicting Interest. The Members of the wTAC shall be accountable for all purposes as trustees, and shall comply with all requirements of the Agreement, these Bylaws, and applicable laws of the State of Georgia in those situations where a Member has a conflicting interest in a transaction involving the LRWRC. Without limiting the foregoing, all Members of the wTAC shall, to the extent applicable, fully observe and comply with the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 45-10-2 pertaining to conflicts of interest generally.

Section 4.05. Code of Ethics for Members. Members of the wTAC shall abide by the "Code of Ethics for Government Service" contained in O.C.G.A. § 45-10-1, and at all times conduct themselves in a manner befitting their public trust.

ARTICLE FIVE Meetings

Section 5.01. Place of Meetings. The wTAC shall, unless circumstances demand otherwise, hold its meetings within Liberty County, Georgia, at such place or places as it may from time to time determine.

Section 5.02. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the wTAC shall be held at least twice each year at such time or times as the Chairman or majority of the Members shall determine; provided that the wTAC shall not be required to meet on a legal holiday or when a meeting is made impossible due to circumstances beyond the control of wTAC.

Section 5.03. Georgia Open Meetings Act. All meetings of the wTAC shall be conducted in full compliance with the Georgia Open Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. §50-14-1 et seq. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the wTAC to ensure that notice of any regular, special or other meeting of the wTAC, has been provided in accordance with the Georgia Open Meetings Act. In the event it is discovered prior to or during any meeting of the wTAC that the required notice was not provided, said meeting shall be adjourned until such time as proper notice can be affected.

Section 5.04. Quorum. Five voting members in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of

business at all meetings of the wTAC.

Section 5.05. Voting. At any meeting of the wTAC, each Member shall have but one (1) vote for each issue on which a vote is taken; voting by proxy shall not be permitted. Except as otherwise required by the Agreement or specifically provided herein, all resolutions adopted and all business transacted by the wTAC shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the voting Members present of the wTAC; provided, however, that in the event such affirmative majority vote of the entire Committee is made impossible due to either (i) temporary vacancy on the wTAC, or (ii) refusal of any Member due to a conflict of interest as determined by such Member. The phrase "simple majority vote of the Members of the wTAC or its equivalent shall refer only to those remaining Members of the wTAC otherwise unable to participate as set forth in clause (i) or (ii) hereinabove. To the extent the foregoing may contravene O.C.G.A. § 1-3-1 (d)(5), the wTAC hereby formally makes known its intent and election not to be governed by the same.

Section 5.06. Teleconference. Unless otherwise specifically authorized by applicable law, Members may not officially participate (including voting) in meetings of the wTAC by telecommunications conference or other contemporaneous communication system.

Section 5.07. Conduct of Meetings. It is understood that in the transaction of its business, the meetings of the wTAC may be conducted informally; however, this informality does not extend to applicable procedural requirements, if any, mandated in the Agreement, these Bylaws, or any other laws of the State of Georgia. When circumstances warrant, all meetings or a portion of a meeting will be conducted according to generally understood principles of parliamentary procedure as stated in these Bylaws or a procedural reference recognized by the LRWRC. Unless otherwise specifically authorized by the Georgia Open Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq., all meetings of the wTAC shall be open assistant officers as may be deemed necessary may be elected or appointed by the wTAC at any duly constituted meeting. In any such election of officers, the wTAC may elect and appoint a single person to any two or more offices simultaneously, except that the offices of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary shall be held by separate individuals.

ARTICLE SIX

Officers

Section 6.01. Election and Term of Office. The officers of the wTAC shall be elected as provided herein at the first regular or special meeting of the wTAC in any given calendar year (or as soon thereafter as practicable), the elected officers shall take office once elected and the term shall be for the same calendar year as elected. Each officer shall serve for the term of office for which he or she is elected or appointed and until his or her successor has been elected or appointed or his or her earlier resignation, removal from office, or death. Any officer may be elected to successive terms.

Section 6.02. Powers and Duties of Chairperson. The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the wTAC and shall have the general supervision and direction of all other officers of the wTAC with full power to see that their duties are properly performed and shall see that all orders and resolutions of the wTAC are carried into effect and otherwise fully implemented. He or she may sign, with any other proper officer, any documents of advisement made to the LRWRC which the wTAC has authorized to be executed, except where required by law to be otherwise signed and executed and except where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the LRWRC, the Agreement, or these Bylaws, to some other officer or agent of the LRWRC. In addition, the prescribed by the Agreement, these Bylaws, or the laws of the State of Georgia.

Section 6.03. Duties of Vice Chairperson. The Vice Chairperson shall serve as Chairperson in the absence

or disability of the Chairperson, and the taking of any action by the Vice Chairperson in place of the Chairperson shall be conclusive evidence of such absence or disability. In addition, the Vice Chairperson shall perform whatever duties and shall exercise all powers that are given to him or her by the LRWRC.

Section 6.04. Duties of the Secretary. The Secretary shall give, or cause to be given, notice of all meetings of the wTAC and all other notices as required by these Bylaws, and in case of his or her absence or refusal or neglect to do so, any such notice may be given by any persons thereunto directed by the Chairperson, or by the wTAC upon whose written request the meeting is called as provided in these Bylaws. The Secretary shall prepare the agenda in consultation with the Chairperson and keep correct minutes of all meetings of the wTAC in books provided for that purpose. He or she shall have custody of the seal of the wTAC and shall affix the same to all instruments requiring it, when authorized by the wTAC or the Chairperson, and attest the same. In general, the Secretary shall perform all the duties generally incident to the office of secretary of a nonprofit corporation, subject to the direction and control of the wTAC and the Chairperson. Notwithstanding the foregoing, however, and unless otherwise determined by the LRWRC, the Executive Director of the LCPC shall be the Secretary and discharge all responsibilities of the Secretary including the giving of notices, preparation and delivery of agendas, and maintenance of the records of the LRWRC's wTAC. The wTAC (as defined in the Agreement), by majority vote of all Members then in office, shall appoint an eligible successor from its membership who shall hold office for the unexpired portion of the term of his or her predecessor.

Section 6.05. Additional Officers. The wTAC may elect, or the Chairperson may appoint, one or more assistants to the Secretary, who shall have such duties and responsibilities as may be assigned to them from time to time by the Chairperson and/or the LRWRC.

ARTICLE SEVEN Committees

The wTAC may from time to time, by resolution passed by a majority of the wTAC may designate one or more committees, each committee to consist of two (2) or more of the wTAC, which shall have such powers and responsibilities as provided in said resolution. The membership of such committee(s) shall be composed solely of Members of the wTAC; but the wTAC may, in its discretion (and only if the charge and function of said committee does not involve the management responsibility for the affairs of the wTAC), appoint individuals who are not currently Members of the wTAC as ex-officio members of such committees. In all cases, unless other specifically stated in the resolution creating the committee, all committees shall serve merely an investigative or recommending function and shall exercise no direct control over the affairs of the Technical Coordinating Committee. Such committee or committees shall have such names as may be determined from time to time by resolution adopted by the wTAC, and their meetings shall be held in accordance with the provisions of the Georgia Open Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et. seq. to the extent applicable.

ARTICLE EIGHT Minutes and Advisors

Section 8.01. Minutes and Records. The wTAC shall keep minutes of the proceedings of the wTAC. The minutes shall not be a narrative of the meetings, but a record of official actions. Copies of the minutes shall be made for distribution to the wTAC Members with the agenda for the next regular meeting. All minutes, records, and other documents of the wTAC shall in all instances be subject to the requirements and provisions of the Georgia Open Records Act, O.C.G.A. § 5018-70 et. seq.

Section 8.02. Appointment of Advisors. As permitted by the Agreement and the laws of the State of Georgia, the wTAC may, from time to time, request from the LRWRC the appointment, as advisors, persons whose counsel, assistance, and support may be deemed helpful in determining policies and formulating programs for carrying out the purposes and functions of the wTAC. The Technical Advisory Committee may request authorization from the LRWRC to employ such person or persons, including, without limitation, an executive director, attorneys, accountants, engineers, architects, financial consultants, and other professionals, agents, and assistants, as in its judgment are necessary or desirable for the administration and management of the wTAC, and to request payment of reasonable compensation for the services performed and expenses incurred by any such person or persons.

ARTICLE NINE Amendments

The LRWRC shall have the power to alter, amend or repeal these Bylaws or any provision thereof, and may from time to time adopt additional Bylaws, and only to the extent any such amendment is consistent with the provisions of the Agreement and the laws of the State of Georgia. Amendments to these Bylaws shall be effective immediately provided said amendment is reviewed and approved by the LRWRC.

ARTICLE TEN Miscellaneous Provisions

Section 10.01. Waiver of Notice. Whenever, under the provisions of applicable law or of the Agreement or of these Bylaws, any notice is required to be given to any Member, a waiver thereof in writing signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein and delivered to the wTAC for inclusion in the minutes or filing with the official records, shall be equivalent to the giving of such notice. Additionally, the attendance of a Member at any meeting shall constitute a waiver of the notice of the meeting, except where the Member attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.

Section 10.02. Non-Discrimination Policy. The wTAC shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, national or ethnic origin, or any other unlawful purpose.

Section 10.03. Construction; Subject to Laws. These Bylaws shall be liberally construed to effect the purposes of the Agreement; provided, however, that the provisions hereof shall be subject to said Agreement and all valid and applicable laws of the State of Georgia, as now or hereafter amended, and if any provision of these Bylaws is found to be inconsistent with or contrary to said Agreement or any such valid laws, the latter shall be deemed to control and these Bylaws shall be deemed modified accordingly and, as so modified, to continue in full force and effect.

Section 10.04. Repeal of Prior Bylaws. These Bylaws shall constitute the official Bylaws the wTAC and any other Bylaws of the wTAC existing on the date hereof are hereby repealed in their entirety and otherwise superseded.

Section 10.05. Effective Date. These Bylaws shall become effective as of the date set forth below.

The LRWRC by a two-thirds vote of the voting membership adopted and approved the forgoing Bylaws in their entirety as of the 4th day of April, 2026.

[Signature]
Chairperson

[Signature]
Attest: Secretary

Witness:
[Signature]
Voting Member
[Signature]
Voting Member