



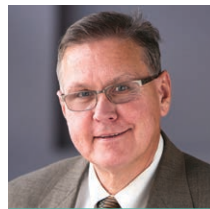
2019 ANNUAL REPORT

GRAND STRAND
WATER & SEWER
AUTHORITY



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Chief Executive Officer



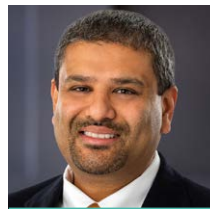
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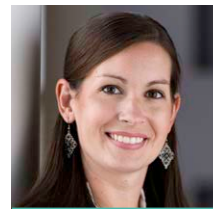
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FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

As the economy grows and Horry County experiences continued increases in both tourism and real estate development, Grand Strand Water and Sewer Authority (GSWSA) is positioned to meet the needs of our local communities as a result of sound planning practices and fiscal responsibility.

In 2019, GSWSA added 2,972 water and 2,870 wastewater customers, an increase of 3.5 percent over last year. The Authority now serves more than 96,000 customers throughout Horry, Georgetown, Marion and Dillon Counties in South Carolina and Columbus County, North Carolina.

During the year, GSWSA treated and distributed more than 15.75 billion gallons of water and collected and treated more than 12.22 billion gallons of wastewater. In total, water consumption was up in all customer classes with the exception of wholesale customers. Wastewater consumption was up in all classes.

Major GSWSA initiatives included spending approximately \$7.9 million on the Rural Water and Sewer Program to extend water and sewer lines to the rural communities of Horry County. In addition, approximately \$2.9 million was spent to add a clarifier at the Schwartz Wastewater Treatment Plant and \$3.8 million was spent to improve the Myrtle Beach Surface Water Treatment Plant Ozone System.

At GSWSA we strive to provide exemplary service to our customers, be good partners with the communities we serve and provide reliable, high quality water in the most efficient manner possible. We are pleased to present to you the Annual Report for the 2019 fiscal year. From our entire staff and board of directors, we appreciate the opportunity to serve you.

Sincerely,

Fred Richardson
Chief Executive Officer
Grand Strand Water and Sewer Authority

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

FOR FY 2019

Grand Strand Water and Sewer Authority's (GSWSA) financial statements for fiscal year 2019 were audited by Smith Sapp, P.A. In their opinion, the basic financial statements present fairly the financial position and cash flows in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Growth in our local and national economy positively affected GSWSA's financial position. The solid financial condition of GSWSA enables us to meet the needs of our current and future customers. The highlights of fiscal year 2019's financial performance are displayed in the following charts.

Respectfully,

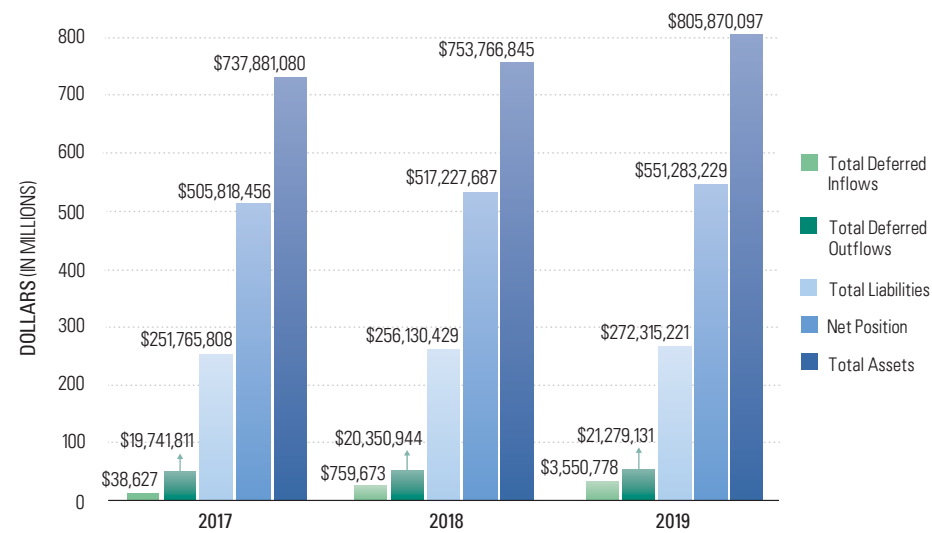


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Below are key indicators of GSWSA's financial position. For a more detailed look, please visit www.GSWSA.com to download the 2019 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

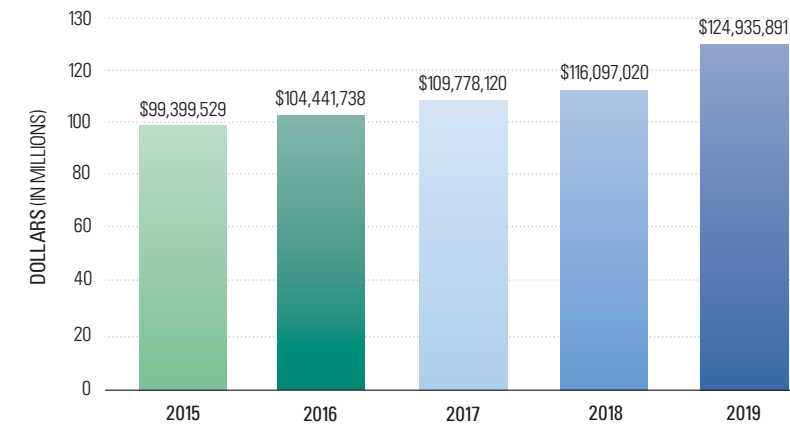
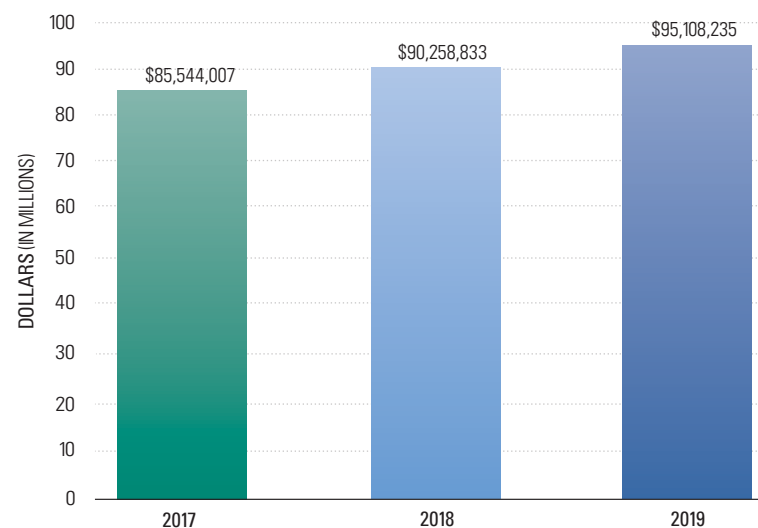
TOTAL ASSETS, LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS AND OUTFLOWS

During FY 2019, total assets and deferred outflows increased by \$53 million and exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows by \$551 million.



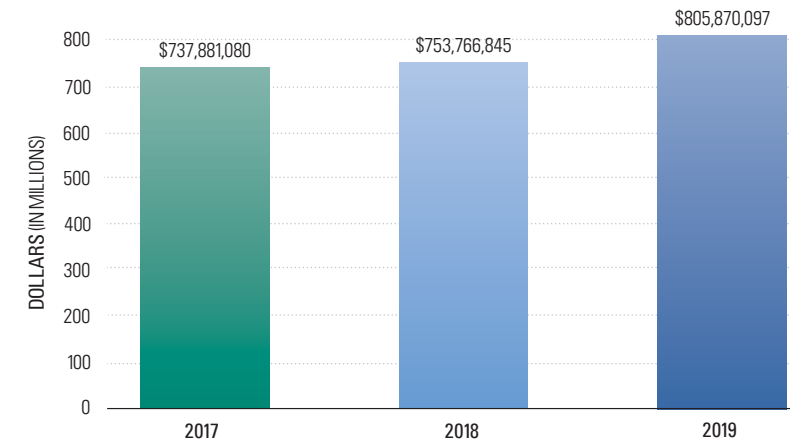
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE

Operating revenue was up \$4.8 million over last year, an increase of 5.4 percent.



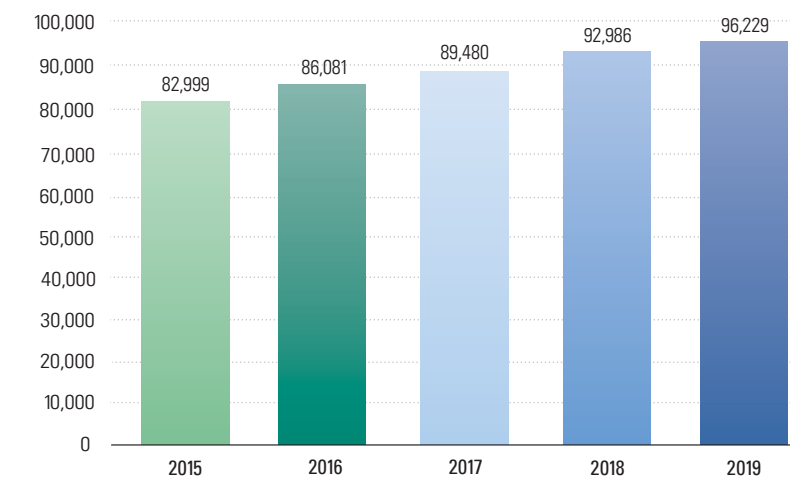
TOTAL REVENUE

Total revenue was up by \$8.8 million over FY 2018.



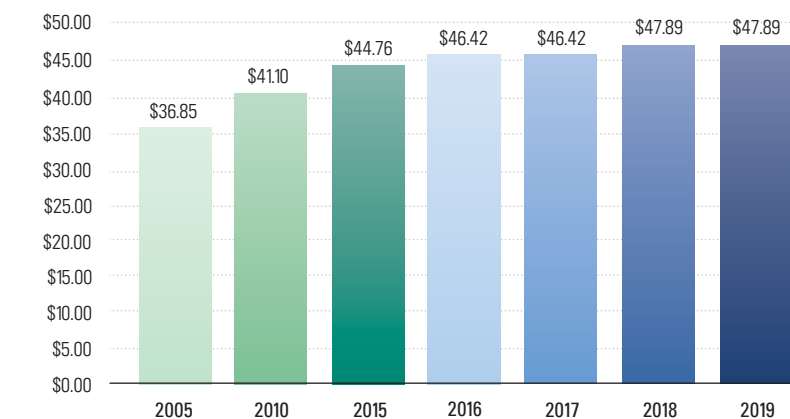
TOTAL ASSETS

Total Assets were up 6.9 percent over last year.



TOTAL CUSTOMERS

In 2019, GSWSA added 3,243 customers.



TYPICAL RESIDENTIAL BILL

GSWSA rates are among the lowest in the region. A typical residential monthly water and sewer bill based on an average of 8,000 gallons in 2005 was \$36.85. For FY 2019, the same typical monthly bill was \$47.89, which is an average increase of 1.9 percent per year.