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## **Berkeley County Water & Sanitation Executive Director Doug Smits Retires**

*Effective March 1, following more than four years with the County*

**BERKELEY COUNTY, S.C.- (Thursday, February 28, 2019)** Berkeley County Water and Sanitation (BCWS) Executive Director Doug Smits will retire Friday, March 1, following more than four years in the position and nearly 40 years of public service.

As Executive Director of BCWS, Mr. Smits was responsible for overseeing and managing nearly 220 employees, leading all matters concerning Berkeley County water, the County landfill, County sewage, County recycling and more.

Mr. Smits came to Berkeley County in 2015 with extensive experience in the field. He worked as a civil engineer from 1974-1980. Following that, he worked as Director of Inspections, Chief Building/Fire Official, Public Safety and Housing Officer, Flood Plain Administrator for the City of Charleston from 1981-2006. He also served as the Director of Public Works for the City of Charleston from 1990-1997.

In 1990, he became a Construction Code Consultant as a Certified Building Official/ Resident State Fire Marshal, and continues to serve in that role.

In 2007-2015, he became the Chief Building Official/ Fire Marshal, Head Ordinance Officer in Moncks Corner.

He joined Berkeley County in 2015 in his now outgoing position as Executive Director. Mr. Smits also has a long list of professional accomplishments and service throughout the years.

In retirement, Mr. Smits plans to spend more time with his family and will continue work as a consultant.

*Berkeley County is certainly sad to see Doug Smits retire in his position as Executive Director of BCWS. His leadership will be missed. His expansive knowledge and diverse skillset has made Mr. Smits an incredible asset to Berkeley County. He deserves a happy and healthy retirement. County Council and I congratulate him on his many years of service to the community. - Supervisor Johnny Cribb*

Doug Tompkins has been appointed by Supervisor Johnny Cribb to serve as Interim Director of BCWS.

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