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**ABSTRACT**. Short abstract (450 words or less) summarizes the paper's purpose, conclusions and main contribution to water management. (Give the meat of the paper in the abstract, not an appetizer.) Begin the paper with the Abstract (which has its own heading format). First enter a paragraph indention (4 spaces), followed by the word Abstract. (with a period) in bold, two spaces, then the text of the abstract. Short papers less than 2 full pages may omit the abstract. Leave two blank lines between the abstract and the first major heading.

INTRODUCTION

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Introduction: The Introduction does the following: 1. states the paper's purpose and intended contribution, 2. points out its importance, relevance and usefulness for water resources management in South Carolina, 3. explains who needs this information and why.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Background and Related Work: Sufficient background information about the topic is given. The key issues or questions are pointed out. Related work is mentioned. Current knowledge about the issue is briefly summarized or referenced. Hypotheses, alternatives or approaches considered by others are mentioned.

Experimental Design (for a research problem): The research hypotheses are clearly stated, the experimental design is described, and the decision rule is defined (ie., under what conditions would the hypothesis be rejected?)

Experimental Design (for a design or a decision problem): The alternatives, the stakeholders and their evaluation criteria, and the evaluation and decision procedure are described.

METHODS

The research/study methods and analysis procedure are briefly but adequately described. Common methods are just referenced.

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RESULTS

Data and conclusions are presented clearly. Reasons for reaching these conclusions are given.

DISCUSSION

The discussion should interpret the results and relate them to existing knowledge in the field in as clear and brief a fashion as possible

LITERATURE CITED

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