

# Edisto River Basin Council

Meeting #3 (Virtual)

August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020

## Agenda

### Meeting Objectives:

- 1) Edisto RBC Survey Results
- 2) Edisto RBC Open Seats
- 3) Review of Surface Water Legislation and Permitting
- 4) Review of Groundwater Legislation and Permitting
- 5) Edisto RBC Member Breakout Discussions

1. Call the Meeting to Order (John Boyer, Facilitator) 9:00–9:05
  - a. Review of Meeting Objectives
  - b. Approval of Agenda
  - c. Approval of July 15<sup>th</sup> Minutes and Summary
2. Public Comment (John Boyer) 9:05-9:15
  - a. Public Comment Period<sup>1</sup>
3. Edisto RBC Survey Results and Draft Phase 1 Schedule (John Boyer) 9:15-9:20
4. Edisto RBC Open Seats (Scott Harder, DNR) 9:20-9:25
5. Review and Discussion: Surface Water Legislation and Permitting (Rob Devlin, DHEC) 9:25-9:55
- \*Break\* 9:55-10:00
6. Review and Discussion: Groundwater Legislation and Permitting (Alex Butler, DHEC) 10:00-10:30
7. Edisto RBC Member Breakout Discussions (John Boyer & Planning Team) 10:30-10:55
8. Meeting Conclusion (John Boyer) 10:55-11:00

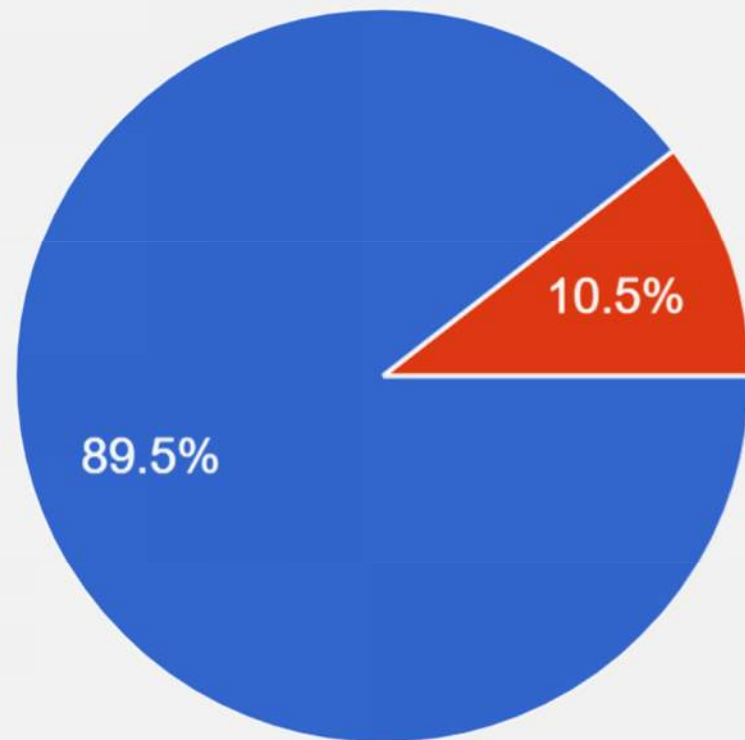


# RBC Survey Results

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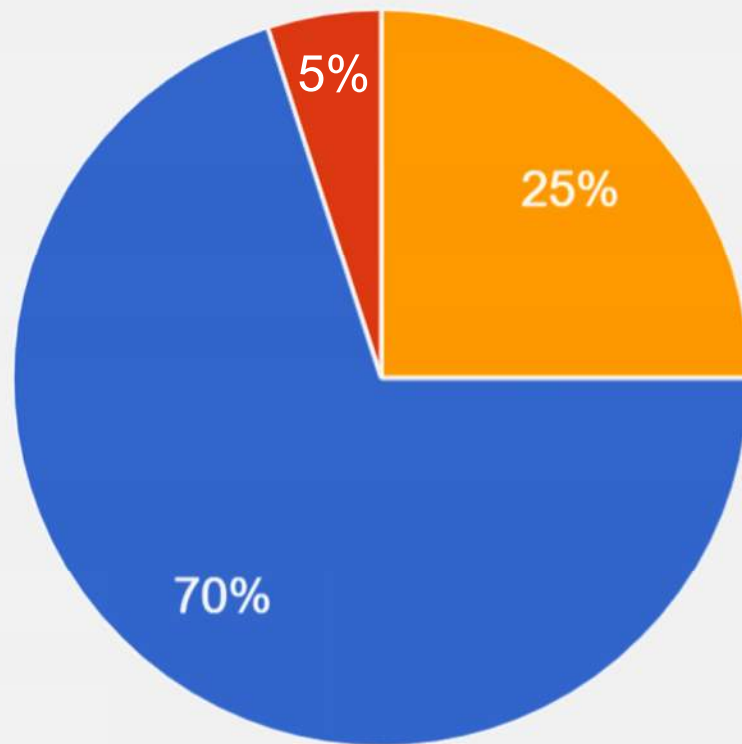
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# 1. Do you think that the planning process should continue under a virtual meeting format until in-person meetings are deemed safe and appropriate?



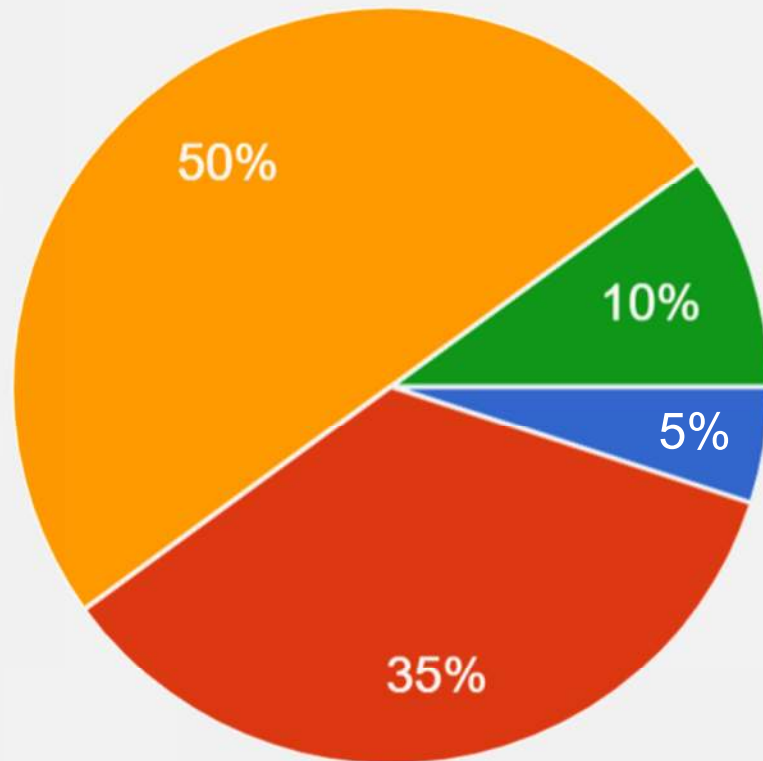
- Yes, RBC meetings should continue using the virtual format, at least in the near-term.
- No, we should wait indefinitely until in-person RBC meetings can be safely held.

## 2. Are you able to effectively listen and participate with your computer, tablet or other device using the Zoom virtual meeting platform?



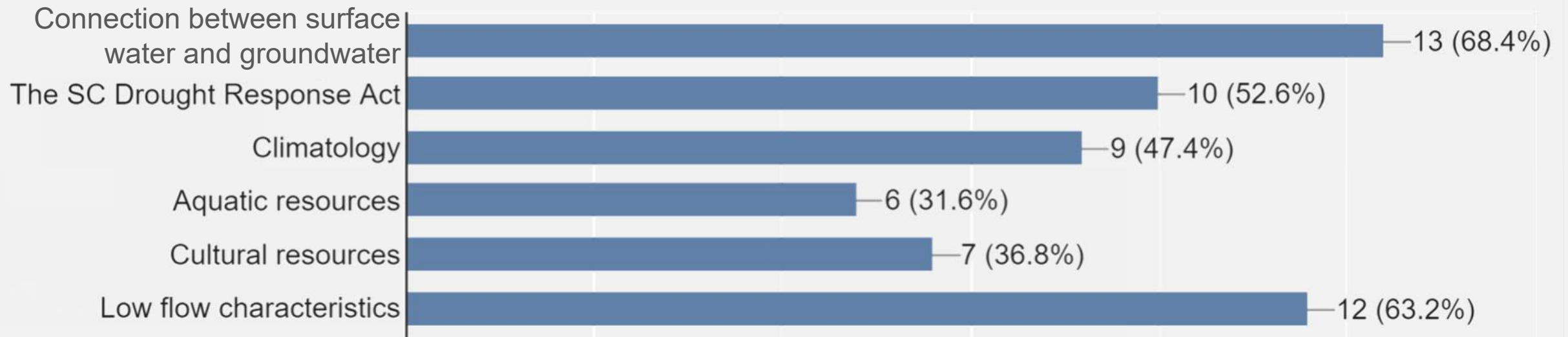
- Yes, I can effectively hear speakers, view the presentations, and participate in discussion.
- No, I find it difficult to effectively hear the speakers and participate in discussion.
- I sometimes have problems, but overall, it is adequate.

### 3. If we continue with virtual meetings, at what frequency should they occur and how long should they last?



- One meeting per month of approximately 3 to 4 hours (with breaks).
- One meeting per month of approximately 2 hours.
- Two meetings per month of approximately 2 hours each.
- I don't think we should continue to meet virtually.

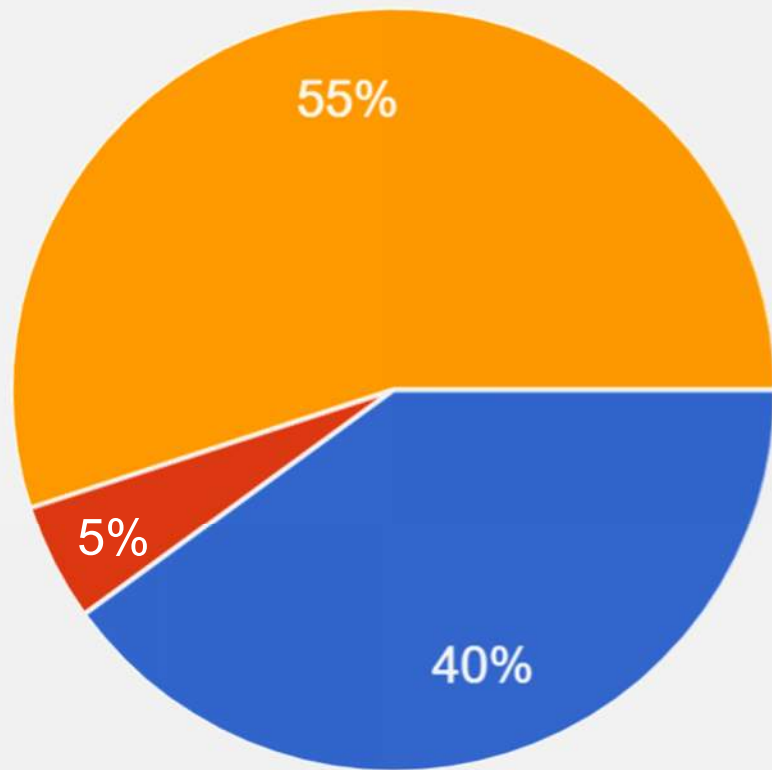
## 4. In upcoming meetings, invited speakers will provide information about **surface and groundwater resources, water legislation and permitting, water use, and water demand projections**. What additional topics would you like to learn more about?



### Also receiving 1 vote:

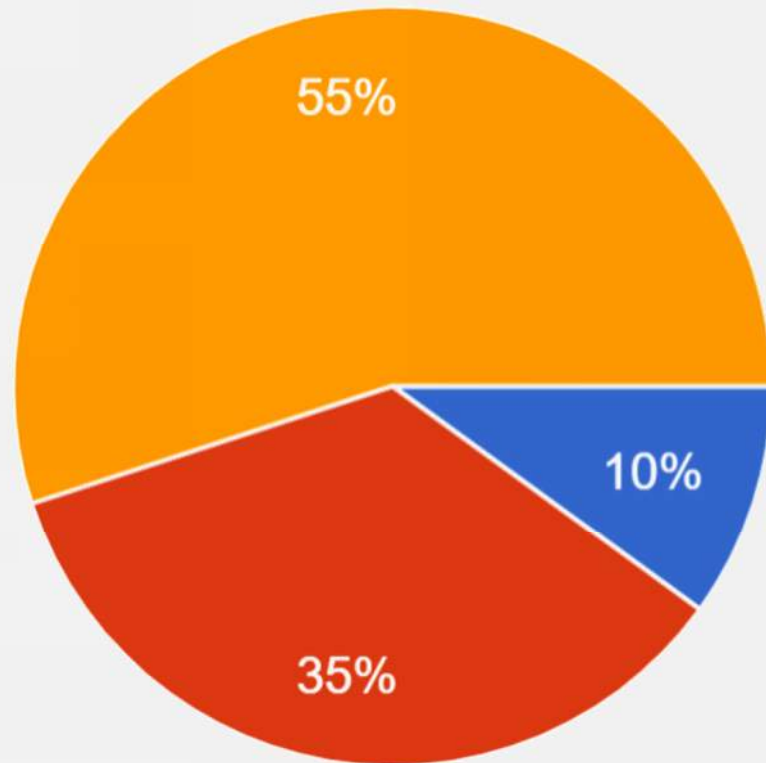
- Overall growth projections in the basin.
- Clarification on whether RBCs should consider other water issues in the basin, such as water quality and flood risk.
- DHEC and local Clean Water Act regulations.
- The affects of down river flow on the coast with natural erosion substrates.

## 5. Would you be willing to participate in field trips in September or October, assuming that proper safety precautions are in place, such as masks and the ability to social distance?



- Yes, I would be interested in participating in field trips.
- No, my organization does not currently allow travel and/or I would not be willing to participate.
- Maybe, depending on how things look in September/October.

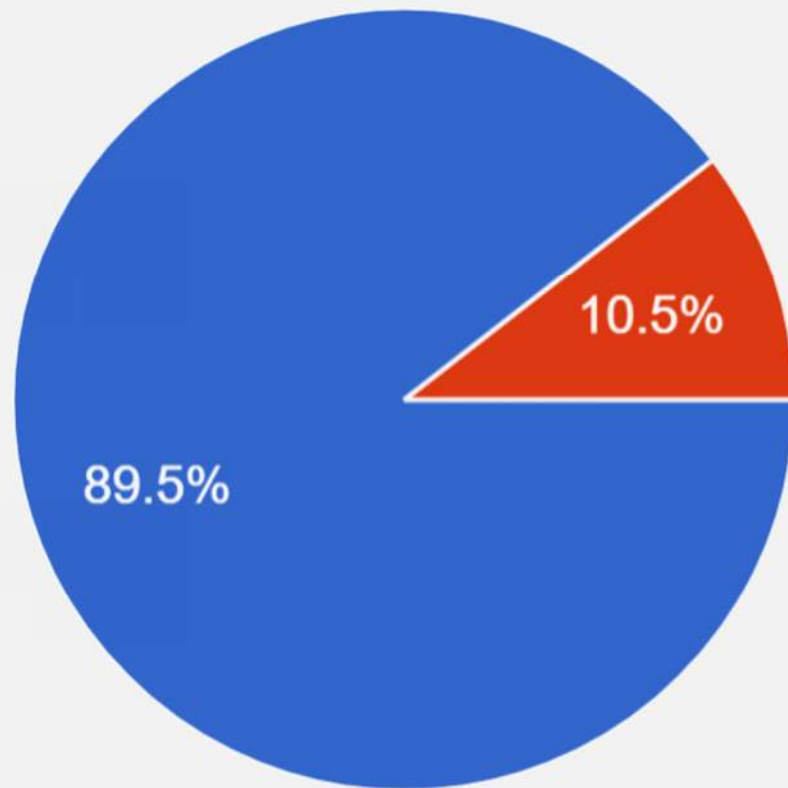
## 6. Would you prefer that the RBC move forward with electing a Chair and Vice Chair soon, wait at least several months, or potentially wait until in-person meetings are possible?



- Yes, I would prefer that we elect a Chair and Vice Chair at one of the next meetings.
- No, I prefer that we wait for at least several months.
- No, I prefer that we wait until we can meet in person, even if it is 6 months or more.



## 7. Do you feel that you have a good understanding of the Planning Framework and RBC By-laws?



- Yes, I understand the Planning Framework and RBC By-laws.
- No, I would like to learn more about the Planning Framework.
- No, I would like to learn more about the RBC By-laws.

## 8 & 9. Other thoughts, concerns, feedback and suggestions for improvement:

- It is important to have face to face meetings as soon as possible.
- Make the meetings more interactive. For example, use the polling function to give the RBC members a chance to weigh in and develop a sense of some level of consensus.
- Allow RBC to work in smaller groups and provide opportunity for more informal interaction and better get to know each other.
- Desire to learn more about the overall goal (big picture of what we hope to accomplish)
- Desire to learn more about groundwater-surface water interaction and SC water law.
- Desire to learn more about monitoring stations.

# The Proposed Path Forward

- RBC Meetings every 3 weeks with a 2 hour duration
- Focus on informational topics
- Delay electing Chair and Vice Chair until In-person meetings
- Provide opportunity for group and breakout discussion where possible
- Reassess after Phase 1 is Complete (mid-November)
- If conditions allow, consider field trips later in the Fall

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# Proposed Schedule to Complete Phase 1

Wed, September 9

## Informational Topic

- Basin Hydrology and Monitoring
- Connection between Surface Water and Groundwater
- Low Flow Characteristics
- FOIA Rules

## Speaker

Scott Harder, DNR  
Bruce Campbell, USGS and Alex Butler, DHEC  
Toby Feaster, USGS  
Van Whitehead, DNR

## RBC Breakout Discussion and Housekeeping Items

- Select Progress & Process Metrics
- Field Trip Ideas

*Informational topics and speakers are tentative*

# Proposed Schedule to Complete Phase 1

Wed, September 30

## Informational Topic

- DHEC Watershed Atlas Overview
- Current Water Use
- Population and Demand Projections
- Water Law

## Speaker

Amanda Lea, DHEC  
TBD DNR/DHEC  
Alex Pellett, DNR  
Mullen Taylor

## RBC Breakout Discussion and Housekeeping Items

- Interest Group Review of Demands (Breakout)
- Demand Projections Group Discussion

*Informational topics and speakers are tentative*

# Proposed Schedule to Complete Phase 1

Wed, October 21

## Informational Topic

- Edisto Basin Climatology
- SC Drought Response Act
- DNR Follow-up of Demands (if needed)
- Aquatic Resources
- Cultural Resources

## Speaker

Hope Mizzell, DNR  
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Alex Pellett, DNR  
TBD, DNR  
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## RBC Breakout Discussion and Housekeeping Items

- Establish Long-term Vision Statement and Goals for the Edisto Basin

*Informational topics and speakers are tentative*

# Proposed Schedule to Complete Phase 1

Wed, November 11

## Informational Topic

- Surface Water Models
- Groundwater Models
- Performance Measures Primer

## Speaker

Tim Cox and John Boyer, CDM Smith  
Bruce Campbell, USGS and Joe Gellici, DNR  
TBD

## RBC Breakout Discussion and Housekeeping Items

- Performance Measure Discussion and Selection

*Informational topics and speakers are tentative*



# Questions and Discussion



# Setting the Long-term Vision and Goals

- By the end of Phase 1, the RBC should develop a **Vision Statement** and **Goals** for the basin.

- Example Vision Statement:

*“The Coastal Georgia Regional Water Planning Council seeks to conserve and manage our water resources in order to sustain and enhance our unique coastal environment and economy of Coastal Georgia.”*

- Example Goals to achieve the Vision:

- *Manage and develop high quality water resources to sustainably and reliably meet domestic, commercial, industrial and agricultural water needs.*
- *Identify fiscally responsible and implementable opportunities to maximize existing and future supplies including promoting water conservation and reuse.*
- *Identify and utilize best available science and data and apply principles of various scientific disciplines when making water resource management decisions.*

# Breakout Group Instructions

- To help set the goals and vision at a future RBC Meeting, brainstorm what you see as the priorities for the basin. When identifying priorities, consider:
  - What do you want to preserve, protect or enhance?
  - What are the outcomes you want to encourage?
  - What type of actions do you want to promote?
  - How do you want the basin to be managed?
- Report back with 5 to 7 priorities