

Location:

June 17, 2020

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Zoom Virtual Meeting

Action Items:

1. RBC members to review Planning Framework and RBC Bylaws for July 15, 2020 meeting
2. RBC members to prepare questions and/or comments on Planning Framework and RBC Bylaws
3. Public Comments are to be sent to Tom Walker tcwalke@clermson.edu
4. Edisto RBC Planning Team will respond to submitted public comments from meeting one at July 15, 2020 meeting to the extent possible
5. Edisto RBC members to designate an alternate to fill in for them at meetings as needed to fulfill attendance requirements

Meeting:

- Review of Meeting Objectives
- Welcome from Ken Rentiers and Public Comment Discussion
- Virtual Meeting Basics
- Introductions and Roles of the Planning Team
- Introductions of the Edisto RBC members
- River Basin Planning Purpose and Guiding Principles Presentation
- July Meeting Preview

Meeting Summary (June 17th)

The Edisto RBC Facilitator, John Boyer, called the June 17th meeting of the Edisto RBC to order at 3:02 PM. The first meeting of the Edisto RBC was held via Zoom virtual meetings due to Covid-19 meeting policies. The first two RBC meetings are testing the virtual format for possible future RBC meetings. Including the Edisto RBC members and planning team, there were 104 people present at this RBC meeting. The meeting began with Ken Rentiers, Deputy Director of the SCDNR Land, Water and Conservation division, who thanked the General Assembly, Governor McMaster, the SCDNR Board, staff from SCDNR, SCDHEC, and the SC Water Resources Center of Clemson University and Federal Agency partners. Ken acknowledged the PPAC and their dedication to development of the Planning Framework. Ken also acknowledged the public stakeholders in attendance at the Edisto RBC meeting and discussed the importance of stakeholder participation in planning processes. The public comment period for the first Edisto RBC meeting was extended to June 24 and comments are to be sent to Tom Walker of the SCWRC. All public comments received would be responded to at the July 15th meeting to the extent possible. A formalized public comment period will be included in future meetings.

The next point of discussion was regarding the virtual meeting platform, Zoom virtual meetings. Tom Walker went through various Zoom basic functions including possible functions for future Zoom meetings that would not be utilized for the RBC meeting on June 17th. For this meeting, Tom muted all participants during the meeting and unmuted speakers during the appropriate time.

The next agenda item was introductions and roles in the Edisto RBC planning process. John Boyer introduced the Edisto RBC Planning team that included: SCDNR, SCDHEC, CDM Smith, and the SC Water Resources Center of Clemson University. John Boyer then introduced the Edisto RBC members and all RBC members in attendance briefly introduced their background and what they hoped to bring to the Edisto RBC planning process.

Scott Harder, SCDNR, made a brief presentation on the River Basin planning purpose and guiding principles for this process. Topics included in this presentation were: issues affecting the use of the Edisto River, why a basin approach to planning, what is a river basin plan, what a river basin plan includes, and water planning being a continuous process that requires stakeholder inclusion, participation, and cooperation in the basin-level planning process.

The final discussion item was a preview of the July Edisto RBC meeting by John Boyer. The meeting is planned for July 15th, 2020 and will also be held virtually on Zoom. Future meetings are yet to be determined until after the first two virtual meetings. John Boyer asked the Edisto RBC to review the Planning Framework and RBC Bylaws as those will be topics of the July meeting. John also mentioned the future selection of an RBC Chair and Vice Chair at a future meeting, hopefully at a meeting that is in-person.

The next meeting of the Edisto RBC will be held July 15th, 2020 on Zoom virtual meetings platform.

The meeting concluded at 3:53 PM.

Summary: Tom Walker

Approved: July 15, 2020