

Location:

January 24, 2023
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM
Pee Dee REC
Virtual Meeting

Action Items:

1. **Pee Dee RBC members should choose an alternate to serve in their absence at RBC meetings. Alternates should represent the same interest sector as the RBC member.**

Major Decisions:

1. **Unanimous – The Pee Dee RBC voted to adopt the RBC bylaws as written in the Planning Framework. (July 2022)**
2. **Unanimous – The Pee Dee RBC voted to adopt the proposed Process Metrics as presented. (August 2022)**
3. **Unanimous – The Pee Dee RBC voted to adopt the Mission, Vision, and Goals of the Pee Dee RBC. (August 2022)**
4. **The Pee Dee RBC elected the Chair: Buddy Richardson and Vice Chair: Cara Schildtknecht (November 2022)**

Meeting:

- Review of Meeting Objectives
- Approval of Agenda
- Public and Agency Comment Periods
- Status Of Ongoing Items
- Upcoming Items
- Meeting Conclusion

Meeting Summary (January 24th)

JD Solomon, Pee Dee River Basin Council Facilitator, called the January 24th meeting of the Pee Dee RBC to order at 9:00 AM. The eighth meeting of the Pee Dee RBC was held virtually via the Zoom virtual meeting platform. Including the Pee Dee RBC members and planning team, there were 41 people present at this RBC meeting in-person and online.

The meeting began with JD Solomon reviewing the agenda items for the meeting. The Pee Dee RBC approved the RBC meeting agenda and minutes and summary documents from the

December 13th meeting. A public comment period was held with no comments. An agency public comment period was held with no comments received.

The January Pee Dee RBC meeting was abbreviated and directly followed by a SWAM training by CDM Smith. The meeting was more of a check-in meeting while surface water data from North Carolina was collected to inform surface water modeling during phase 2 of the planning process. The status of ongoing items focused on water demand projections, the Pee Dee SWAM, and the groundwater model. Alex Pellet updated the RBC on the ongoing process for developing and refining the population growth and water demand projections for surface water modeling and groundwater modeling. John Boyer updated the RBC on SWAM and initial strategic nodes placement in the basin for scenario runs. Groundwater modeling is expected to run as scheduled with the USGS.

The next agenda item focused on upcoming items which included: ecological-flow modeling, coastal impacts/Waccamaw water supply, agricultural economics, drought management plans, and review of Edisto strategies from the draft Edisto River Basin Plan. The Pee Dee RBC will need to decide whether or not to proceed with the ecological-flow study and modeling. Due to the limitations of the SWAM, tidally influenced rivers and streams are not included in the surface water model and JD and others from the RBC will meet with certain Coastal stakeholders to determine how to include them in the planning process. Agricultural use is important in the Pee Dee River Basin and at previous meetings RBC members have requested a presentation regarding agricultural economics/agribusiness. The planning team will identify the appropriate presenter and timeline for that presentation. Matt Lindburg updated the RBC on collecting drought management plans in the Pee Dee River Basin and provided insight on the fourteen plans collected to this point. Finally, JD discussed the draft Edisto River Basin Plan and recommended that Pee Dee RBC members, at the least, review the draft Edisto River Basin Plan Executive Summary. Review of Edisto identified strategies will be discussed with the Pee Dee RBC at a future meeting.

The meeting concluded with JD Solomon discussing the timeline for the next Pee Dee field trip (March 2023) and reminded the RBC of the next meeting of the Pee Dee RBC scheduled for February 28, 2023 at the Clemson Pee Dee REC.

The RBC meeting was adjourned.

The meeting concluded at 10:00 AM.

Summary: Tom Walker

Approved: 2/28/2023