

Location:

March 7, 2019
Rembert Dennis Building (DNR Boardroom)
1000 Assembly Street
Columbia, SC 29201
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Action Items for April 4th:

1. SCDNR to finish and distribute draft Chapter 4 in 2-3 weeks from 3/7
2. SCDNR get some/all of Chapter 5 drafted
3. Charter and Schedule – revisit deliverable and timeline

Meeting:

Unfinished Business

- Letter to the Editor Updates
- Discussion of subcommittee follow ups to DNR questions
- Update on draft Framework Edits/Additions

New Business

- PPAC work through of SCDNR memo on draft Framework edits and comments

SWAM Demonstration and Question and Answer

Running Consensus and Contention Points

August 2nd - **Contention and Consensus** - Basin stakeholder approach, when to assemble the basin stakeholder groups to maximize momentum/prevent stagnation (contention). How to notify and achieve broad stakeholder inclusion (general idea consensus with details needed in future topic discussion). Further discussed the issue on September 6th with some preliminary subcommittee reporting due October 4th and November 1st (Process of designating members to River Basin Councils and Public and Stakeholder Notification and Participation).

September 6th - **Consensus** - The PPAC changed Basin Advisory Committees to River Basin Councils (RBCs) to reflect the level of autonomy and decision-making power that will be included in Regional Water Plans. Still in an advisory role without legislative ability.

September 6th – **Consensus** - Vision in the Charter.

October 4th – **Contention** – Size limits on RBCs - Texas has 20 members on planning groups. Number of spots for RBCs allotted vs open - 8 broader categories vs (over)specifying RBC membership requirements.

November 1st – **Consensus** – RBC maximum member number, state and federal agency role as advisory in RBCs, specific groups on RBCs as identified in draft document in Process of Designating Members to RBCs.

December 6th – **Consensus** – Letter to the Editor, SUB1 Process of Designating Members to RBCs draft, SUB2 Roles and Responsibilities of the RBCs, SUB7 Table of Contents as annotated, SUB10 Committee report and DNR to detail implementation.

January 3rd – **Consensus** – Top priorities for 2019 are a Budget for the planning process to be completed and an Implementation approach.

February 7th – **Consensus** – Move forward with Letter to the Editor with added language from Clay. Basin priority agreement: Edisto first round and Savannah last round. Exception to the 6-month rule for adding a new PPAC member and DNR to appoint additional agriculture representative.

Meeting Summary (March 7th)

The PPAC Coordinator, Tom Walker, called the March meeting of the PPAC to order at 9:10 AM. The PPAC held a public comment period with public comment held regarding in-stream flow and registration issues and the Safe Yield formula. There is potential safe yield discussion further down the road at the RBC level in the state water planning process. Other quick check-ins were regarding stakeholder and political support for the plan and continuing funding issues for the RBC process. Approval of minutes and summary documents from the February 7th meeting were unanimous as was approval of the March 7th meeting agenda (9:35 AM and 9:36 AM, respectively).

The meeting began with an introduction of a new SCDNR hydrologist, Pryanka More, and a new PPAC member, Landrum Weathers. Letter to the Editor updates were discussed by the PPAC and those who were in the process of getting the Letter to the Editor published updated the PPAC. The meeting then discussed a subcommittee conference call that had been held since the February 7th meeting. The discussion primarily focused on water demand projections: the baseline model and two scenarios and assumptions. SCDNR then updated the group on the editing process it had undertaken over the last month and how it made edits and compiled questions for the PPAC to work through. The PPAC along with the Facilitator, JD Solomon, then went through each item in the memo and provided guidance to SCDNR to make appropriate changes to the framework.

SC Senator Tom Young from Aiken joined the PPAC and the public in attendance in a SWAM demonstration by Alex Pellett of SCDNR. There was a question and answer period following the SWAM demo and various user scenarios were run. The meeting concluded with agenda items for the next meeting. The agenda items for April will include: Chapters 1-4 and maybe 5 of the framework document,

Hope Mizzell (State Climatologist) will present on climate, the PPAC will revisit the Charter and deliverable timeline after one year of being formed, section 2.5 of the framework will require breakout discussion, and DHEC will present on the permitting process. The next meeting of the PPAC will be held April 4, 2019 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM with a location to be determined. The meeting concluded early, at 2:35 PM.

Summary: Tom Walker

Approved: 4/4/19