

Location:

April 1, 2021

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Zoom meeting

Action Items:

1. **DNR to update PPAC on any budget information relating to River Basin Planning**
2. **DNR to continue to pursue Applicants for Edisto RBC Open Seats**
3. **DNR to modify the Planning Framework regarding Water Demand baseline scenario usage and distribute to the PPAC**
4. **DNR to hold an early May Zoom meeting to approve Planning Framework tracked changes for RBC planning**

Meeting:

New Business

- Budget update
- Climatology presentation
- Edisto RBC timeline update
- Baseline water demand scenario memo discussion
- Edisto RBC application approval

Meeting Summary (April 1st)

The Deputy Director of the Land, Water and Conservation Division of the Department of Natural Resources, Ken Rentiers, called the April 1st quarterly meeting of the PPAC to order at 10:01 AM. The quarterly meeting of the South Carolina PPAC was held via Zoom meetings application due to Covid-19 policies. The next quarterly meeting of the PPAC is expected to be held in person with a call-in or Zoom option available. The PPAC held a public comment period with no public comment received. Approval of minutes and summary documents from the January 7th meeting were unanimous as was approval of the April 1st meeting agenda.

The meeting began with a budget update from Ken Rentiers. The planning money requested was not included in the House budget, so the hope is that the Senate will put it into their budget. More information to follow in the coming weeks.

The next agenda item was a presentation from Elliot Wickham, DNR Climatologist. Elliot and members of the SCDNR State Climatology Office and Hydrology section are working on a project to Increase Water Resource Communication to stakeholders. Elliot and the project team are seeking feedback on data that is important and relevant to stakeholders and he presented several options that are available for this

project for the PPAC to consider. A brief survey was distributed so the PPAC could provide feedback on the project proposal.

John Boyer updated the PPAC on the Edisto RBC timeline. The RBC planning team and RBC paused the planning process for a month to allow for the groundwater flow model to be finalized and be utilized for development of the plan. Additionally, data and results from The Nature Conservancy and Clemson study on Environmental Flow Needs should be forthcoming around the same time. Finally, since the Edisto RBC is entering Phase 2 of the planning process, in-person meeting is becoming a necessity and in-person meetings should be available in May at the Clemson Edisto REC. An Edisto RBC field trip is planned for late April.

The main meeting agenda item of discussion was regarding baseline water demand scenario use for planning. A memo was distributed following a recommendation at the January PPAC meeting for a proposal to make changes to the Planning Framework. After much debate and recommendations to still run a fully Registered and Permitted scenario, a motion was passed to use the High Demand scenario as the planning scenario. Scott Harder will make tracked changes to the Planning Framework and a special PPAC meeting will be held in early May to discuss and approve changes based on PPAC discussion and approved motion.

The meeting concluded with discussion regarding an application for an open seat on the Edisto RBC. Will Williams will fill a vacant industry and economic development seat on the Edisto RBC as approved by the PPAC.

The next quarterly meeting of the PPAC is currently scheduled for July 1, 2021.

The meeting concluded at 11:46 AM.

Summary: Tom Walker

Approved: July 15, 2021