

Location:

April 6, 2023

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Virtual

Action Items:

1. **Tom to check on reservations at SC Farmer’s Market for July 12 PPAC meeting.**
2. **PPAC members to provide feedback as appropriate to DHEC regarding the redlined version of the SC Surface Water Act.**

Meeting:

New Business

- Welcome and Budget Update
- River Basin Planning Updates
- Edisto River Basin Plan Update
- DHEC Legislative Updates
- PPAC Membership Discussion

Meeting Summary (April 6th)

The Deputy Director of the Land, Water and Conservation Division of the Department of Natural Resources, Ken Rentiers, called the April 6th quarterly meeting of the PPAC to order at 10:02 AM. The quarterly meeting of the South Carolina PPAC was held via Zoom meetings application. The PPAC held a public comment period with no public comment received. Approval of minutes and summary documents from the January 5th meeting were unanimous as was approval of the April 6th meeting agenda.

The meeting began with a welcome from Ken Rentiers. Ken welcomed all on the call and appreciated everyone attending. Budget update included the House version of the budget which included \$3 million for water planning and the Senate version of the budget which included \$5 million. Ken believed the water planning work could be completed if the budget request ends up funded somewhere between the \$3-\$5 million mark.

Scott Harder presented updates on the River Basin Planning Process. Currently there are 4 basins actively planning with a 5th coming soon (Upper Savannah). The Edisto is wrapping up. The Lower Savannah and Salkehatchie should begin this Fall once funding is secured. The Santee should begin early in 2024 and the Catawba-Wateree Water Management Group is handing the Catawba plan. Scott went into more detail on each River Basin planning process.

Scott discussed the draft Edisto River Basin Plan, public meeting #1, and the public comments that were received. The public comments are currently under review by the Edisto RBC. DNR received 4 sets of

public comments and two of those were from PPAC members. The next Edisto RBC meeting is April 26th and the RBC will vote on the final plan. The second public meeting to present the final Edisto River Basin Plan will be in early June.

Rob Devlin updated the PPAC regarding SCDHEC legislative updates. In previous PPAC meetings, PPAC members and DHEC staff had discussion pertaining to the Surface Water Statute (SC Surface Water Withdrawal, Permitting Use, and Reporting Act). DHEC staff provided a redlined version of the Statute which reflected the discussions with the PPAC in those meetings. The PPAC members wanted additional time to discuss the revisions with DHEC at the next PPAC meeting in July. The July quarterly PPAC meeting will be in-person with a venue to be determined as soon as possible with the SC Farmer's Market being the first choice for meeting location.

Ken Rentiers concluded the meeting at 11:19 AM.

The next quarterly meeting of the PPAC will be rescheduled due to the 4th of July holiday and the initial rescheduled meeting date is July 12th.

Summary: Tom Walker

Approved: 10/5/23