

Location:

August 1, 2019

9:00am-3:00pm

Rembert Dennis Building - Board Room

1000 Assembly Street

Columbia, SC 29201

Action Items for September 5th:

1. **DNR to update and provide Final Planning Framework document for PPAC vote**
2. **PPAC to review document revisions ahead of vote**
3. **PPAC to write any recommendations that aren't related to the Planning Framework to JD**
4. **Continue planning Edisto introductory RBC public meeting**
 - a. **Draft Ad revisions**
 - b. **Draft press release revisions**
 - c. **Talking points revisions**

Meeting:

Unfinished Business

- Drought Response Committee Recommendation Discussion
- Edisto Meeting One Planning
- Planning Framework DNR memo discussion and revisions

New Business

- Vote for Consensus on the Planning Framework Draft

Presentation: Dr. Kirsten Lackstrom – Out-briefing of the 2nd SC Drought Tabletop Exercise

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.

July 11th – **Contention** – Appropriate location of current draft section 8 within the planning framework document. – **Consensus** – Some verbiage of how the RBC plans are going to fit into the State Water Plan in a beginning section and let DNR staff make edits for the final draft August 1st. – **Consensus** – RBC terms limited to 3. 3-year terms for RBC appointments. 1-year, 2-year, and 3-year staggered terms in first round of appointments selected via draw at the beginning of the RBC process to prevent RBC members rotating off at the same time. Assuming 3 terms, 7 years would be the minimum time served and 9 years would be the maximum time served on a RBC.

Meeting Summary (August 1st)

The Facilitator, JD Solomon, called the August 1st meeting of the PPAC to order at 9:06 AM. The PPAC held a public comment period with public comment received from Hugo Krispyn: FRED member and the Edisto Riverkeeper offering any support from the two organizations to help the RBC process in any way they can. Approval of minutes and summary documents as drafted from the July 11th meeting were unanimous as was approval of the August 1st meeting agenda (9:08 and 9:10 AM, respectively).

The meeting began with JD hoping to have a motion to have a vote on the draft document at the conclusion of the meeting in accordance with the PPAC Charter timeline. The testing for consensus ranking scale in the PPAC Charter would be used to ascertain PPAC member consensus regarding the draft Planning Framework. There was some concern that the RBC bylaws still had a lot of revisions needed and, while an appendix, are still part of the Planning Framework. The test for consensus was still on the table despite some noted concern regarding the RBC bylaws.

Ken Rentiers then addressed the PPAC and thanked them for their dedication to the Planning Framework process and thanked Kirsten Lackstrom, CISA, and SCEMD, and everyone else involved for the Drought Tabletop Exercise held in Columbia the previous week. Ken then debriefed a meeting with the Governor, DHEC, DNR, and Clemson Public Service and Agriculture regarding SC water resources that was a good discussion had by all in attendance. Myra Reece agreed that it was a good conversation and reinforced that water resources continue to be an important issue for Governor McMaster. Dr. Kirsten Lackstrom then gave an out-briefing presentation with some initial highlights from the Drought Tabletop Exercise. The drought conversation continued from the previous PPAC meeting regarding any PPAC recommendations for drought response before the RBC process unfolds over the next several years. The discussion then shifted to planning for the public meetings for the Edisto RBC process. Initial draft talking points, FAQs, press release, and ad were reviewed and revisions will take place before the September 5th meeting.

After the morning break, the PPAC reconvened and read through the Planning Framework draft prepared by DNR staff. Points of discussion during this portion of the meeting focused on groundwater subcommittees on the RBCs and ensuring they work with groundwater management and capacity use area groups. There was also brief discussion on defining small water utilities, again hesitance regarding over-prescription was an issue to be avoided. RBC initial staggered membership was changed from 1, 2, and 3-year initial staggered terms to 2, 3, and 4-year initial staggered terms in hopes of ensuring one successful round of basin-level planning before potentially replacing a RBC member. Concern was raised about the Water Demand projection methodology report that is still in draft form and if the PPAC should vote for the Planning Framework with such an important process incomplete. Additionally, the high-water use demand scenario was an issue that needed some clarification. The Water Demand projection team is in the process of responding to this concern and others received during the public comment period.

After lunch, the PPAC continued discussing revisions to the draft Planning Framework document. Another session was held to read through the later sections of the Planning Framework. Some major revisions were made to draft RBC bylaws appendix, with more revisions to be made before the final vote and the Planning Framework is finalized. Finally, the PPAC took a test for consensus vote on the draft Planning Framework. The result was: zero ones, nine twos, five threes, zero fours, and zero fives. The consensus vote indicated that the PPAC would likely unanimously approve the Planning Framework provided the RBC bylaws were revised appropriately.

The next meeting of the PPAC will be held September 5, 2019 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Agenda items include: a wrap-up of the PPAC process, the future of the PPAC, the Final Planning Framework document and vote, and any notes from PPAC members to JD to discuss at the next meeting.

The meeting concluded at 2:29 PM.

Summary: Tom Walker

Approved: 10/3/19