

**Location:**

January 7, 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 and the Edisto RBC planning team to consider assigning an Acting Chair for the Edisto RBC**
4. **DNR and Edisto RBC planning team to prepare an amendment that the PPAC can consider to modify the framework to create the flexibility needed to perform realistic scenario analyses**

**Meeting:**

New Business

- Budget update
- Edisto RBC Phase 1 Presentation
- Baseline Water Demand Scenario Considerations
- Edisto RBC Open Seats and Applications

**Meeting Summary** (January 7<sup>th</sup>)

The Deputy Director of the Land, Water and Conservation Division of the Department of Natural Resources, Ken Rentiers, called the January 7<sup>th</sup> quarterly meeting of the PPAC to order at 10:03 AM. The quarterly meeting of the South Carolina PPAC was held via Zoom meetings application due to Covid-19 policies. The PPAC held a public comment period with no public comment received. Approval of minutes and summary documents from the October 1<sup>st</sup> meeting were unanimous as was approval of the January 7<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda.

The meeting began with a budget update from Ken Rentiers. There has been little change from the previous PPAC meeting regarding the budget. Ken suggests there is a very slim chance that the Pee Dee River Basin could receive funding to move forward in its planning process, however, it is not looking good. Ken updated the group on the progress of the Edisto RBC planning process and that the Planning Framework seemed to be working as intended by the PPAC.

The next agenda item was the Edisto RBC phase 1 summary presented by John Boyer, Edisto RBC facilitator. John discussed an overview, accomplishments and a summary of the feedback from the Edisto RBC phase 1 planning process. Moving into phase 2, setting the agenda should be guided by the Edisto RBC, however, the RBC has not elected a Chair or Vice Chair due to virtual meetings. PPAC discussion focused on the possibility of electing an Acting Chair from the PPAC who is on the Edisto RBC to fill that role until such time a Chair and Vice Chair can be elected.

The next item on the agenda focused on baseline water demand scenario considerations. Discussion focused on realistic approaches to water demand scenarios to inform the Edisto River Basin planning process. The PPAC voted for the Edisto RBC planning team to prepare an amendment that the PPAC can consider to modify the framework to create flexibility to perform realistic scenario analyses to inform management planning.

The meeting concluded with final discussion on open seats on the Edisto RBC. DNR continues to pursue applicants for several open seats on the Edisto RBC. Groundwater modeling and the availability of the groundwater model was also discussed briefly.

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

The meeting concluded at 11:42 AM.

Summary: Tom Walker

Approved: 4/1/2021