

**Location:**

July 11, 2019

9:00am-3:00pm

Rembert Dennis Building - Board Room

1000 Assembly Street

Columbia, SC 29201

**Action Items for August 1<sup>st</sup>:**

1. **DNR to update and provide final draft document**
2. **PPAC to review document revisions**
3. **Dr. Hope Mizzell to debrief the drought tabletop exercise**
4. **Continue RFP development**
5. **Continue planning Edisto introductory RBC public meeting**
  - a. **Draft Ad**
  - b. **Draft press release**
  - c. **Talking points**

**Meeting:**

Unfinished Business

- Planning framework DNR memo discussion and revisions
- Updated charter signatures

New Business

- Planning framework section 8 discussion
- RFP Development
- Edisto Meeting One Planning
- Subcommittee 8 and 11 debriefing and discussion

**Running Consensus and Contention Points**

August 2<sup>nd</sup> - **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 6<sup>th</sup> with some preliminary subcommittee reporting due October 4<sup>th</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup> (Process of designating members to River Basin Councils and Public and Stakeholder Notification and Participation).

September 6<sup>th</sup> - **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 6<sup>th</sup> – **Consensus** - Vision in the Charter.

October 4<sup>th</sup> – **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 1<sup>st</sup> – **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 6<sup>th</sup> – **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 3<sup>rd</sup> – **Consensus** – Top priorities for 2019 are a Budget for the planning process to be completed and an Implementation approach.

February 7<sup>th</sup> – **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 11<sup>th</sup> – **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 1<sup>st</sup>. – **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 (July 11<sup>th</sup>)**

The PPAC Coordinator, Tom Walker, called the July meeting of the PPAC to order at 9:08 AM. The PPAC held a public comment period with no public comment received. Approval of minutes and summary documents as drafted from the June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting were unanimous as was approval of the July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda (9:09 and 9:10 AM, respectively).

The RFP for the scope of work for facilitation and contractors for the Edisto basin and potentially future basins is still in early development stages.

The meeting continued with report outs from two subcommittees, subcommittee 8 and subcommittee 11. The report out from subcommittee 8 emphasized the importance of demonstrating progress in the Edisto RBC process for future state funding. There will be at minimum two public meetings in the Upper Edisto and Lower Edisto basin to capture as many stakeholders as possible to promote the Edisto RBC process and to solicit RBC member applications. Communications are an additional point of emphasis

and various methods of communication were discussed to promote the meetings. Consistent messaging is crucial to a successful communication campaign. Websites, social media, and brainstorming on additional stakeholder groups to include in communications were discussed. The timeframe for RBC member selection, RBC meetings, and RFP development, release, and selection processes were also important considerations. Subcommittee 11 discussion focused on section 8 table of contents and if the current draft location is the appropriate place in the planning draft document. Regarding the appropriate location of section 8, it was decided that some additional language be added up front and a final draft with revisions be provided at the August meeting for review.

After the morning break, the PPAC reconvened to work through the DNR memo requesting consensus on sections of the draft planning document. Again, discussion focused on the timeline of the RBC process and public meetings. If the facilitator and consultant take additional time to procure, the RBC process can still proceed to get RBC members up-to-speed regarding the planning process and RBC expectations. There was discussion relating to the interaction of the RBCs and DHEC and what, if any, authority the RBCs would have regarding DHEC permitting processes. The RBCs are advisory and will have the ability to comment as all entities do during public comment periods, but have no additional authority regarding DHEC permitting.

After lunch, the PPAC continued discussing the memo and revisions to the draft planning document. With the RBC processes starting at different times, brief discussion focused on future iterations of the basin plans and when they should begin revising the plans. The PPAC also discussed RBC appointment term limits, length of terms, and staggering term length of RBC members in the first term. Drought response was another point of discussion and a PPAC recommendation regarding drought response and DMA committees and RBCs will continue at the August 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Finally, reservoir safe yield studies were the final point of discussion for the RBC process, with commissioning reservoir safe yield study authority resting with DNR as the technical experts.

Brief discussion was held regarding combining the Salkehatchie basin with the Edisto basin planning process. It was decided that the pilot RBC process will focus solely on the Edisto river basin.

The next meeting of the PPAC will be held August 1, 2019 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Agenda items include: review of draft press release for the Edisto processes, talking points, and draft advertisement, recommendation from the PPAC regarding drought management area committees and RBC responsibilities, and a debriefing from Hope Mizzell from the drought tabletop exercise.

The meeting concluded at 2:21 PM.

Summary: Tom Walker

Approved: August 1, 2019