

Location:

June 6, 2019

9:00am-3:00pm

Rembert Dennis Building - Board Room

1000 Assembly Street

Columbia, SC 29201

Action Items for July 11th:

1. **Reconvene and report out of Subcommittee 8 (Clay Duffie Lead)**
 - a. **Members: Jill Miller, Erika Hollis, Jeff Allen, JJ Jowers, and Myra Reece**
2. **Reconvene and report out of Subcommittee 11 (Fred Castles Lead)**
 - a. **Members: Jill Miller, Jeff Allen, and Dean Moss**
3. **DNR to update draft document based on feedback**
4. **PPAC to review document revisions**
5. **RFP development**
6. **Begin planning Edisto introductory RBC public meeting**

Meeting:

Unfinished Business

- Funding Update
- PPAC Charter Approval
- Breakout discussions and revisions of Draft Framework document

New Business

- SWAM related agricultural water modeling discussion
- Scenario Planning for Implementation

Presentation: Groundwater Permitting Presentation

Presentation: Allocation versus Permitting Presentation

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.

Meeting Summary (June 6th)

The PPAC Facilitator, JD Solomon, called the June meeting of the PPAC to order at 9:11 AM. The PPAC held a public comment period with the first question about whether there will be a public comment period on the framework document. Other public comments related to outside farming interests buying land in SC and potentially exploiting the resource, safe yield, recent drought conditions, and the need for sustainable yield.

Approval of minutes and summary documents as edited from the May 2nd meeting were unanimous as was approval of the June 6th meeting agenda (9:24 AM).

Funding for the RBC process has been a point of emphasis for several meetings and a finalized figure is \$1.35 million with \$400,000 dedicated to the Edisto RBC process. The state appropriated additional money for several DNR FTE positions, but none to support the planning process. The state appropriated money for additional stream gauges and is recurring funding set at \$500,000, which should procure and sustain around 30 gauges to fill data gaps.

The updated PPAC Charter received unanimous approval as edited (10:07 AM).

The meeting continued with discussion on the SWAM and the use of the rainfall preloaded dataset. The PPAC agreed that the preloaded dataset should be updated with, ideally, South Carolina, or regionally appropriate, rainfall data. While this dataset did not impact the modeling efforts during the Surface Water Availability Assessment, since the SWAM is a public water modeling tool, it should have appropriate rainfall data included.

JD Solomon then led an implementation scenario discussion relating to chapter 6 of the framework draft document. Initial discussion during the presentation discussed RBC funding, drought conditions, and beginning the Edisto RBC process. After breaking out into discussion groups, the PPAC reformed and compared breakout discussions. At several times, discussion focused on the first meeting for the Edisto basin and the format and communications processes for that meeting. Additional discussion focused on the timeline for the procurement process for hiring a facilitator and other contractors for the Edisto RBC process. Discussion also included the minimum time commitment requirements to be a RBC member and the RBC selection process. Two subcommittees will be reformed to discuss how the RBC plans will be integrated into the state water plan and how to communicate the beginning of the RBC process in the Edisto basin.

After lunch, the PPAC once again split onto breakout groups to discuss the DNR memorandum of questions relating to the draft framework. Some highlights include: referencing the DHEC state water use report in the document, how to pre-load the RBC framework to include RBC plans into the state water plan framework, communication between DNR and DHEC RBCs and Groundwater management groups, and discussion about the RBCs role relating to drought recommendations and response.

There were two presentations made in the afternoon, as well. The first presentation was by Alex Butler of the SCDHEC on groundwater permitting. The second presentation was by Rob Devlin of the SCDHEC on allocation versus permitting.

The next meeting of the PPAC will be held July 11, 2019 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Agenda items include: two subcommittee report outs and framework draft revision review.

The meeting concluded at 2:51 PM.

Summary: Tom Walker

Approved: 7/11/19