

**Location:**

October 3, 2019

10:00am-1:00pm

Rembert Dennis Building - Board Room

1000 Assembly Street

Columbia, SC 29201

**Action Items:**

1. **DNR to make approved changes and finalize the SC state water planning framework**
2. **PPAC to meet quarterly beginning January 2020**
3. **Some PPAC members to sit on panel at Edisto Public Meeting**

**Meeting:**

Unfinished Business

- RBC Bylaws
- Water Demand Projection Methods Update and Public Comment Responses
- Edisto Public Meeting Planning and Discussion

New Business

- Vote for Consensus on the Planning Framework Draft
- Wrap up of PPAC process
- Future of the PPAC

**Running Consensus and Contention Points**

August 2<sup>nd</sup> - 2018- **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> - 2018- **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> – 2018 - **Consensus** - Vision in the Charter.

October 4<sup>th</sup> – 2018 - **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> – 2018 -**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> – 2018 - **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> – 2019 - **Consensus** – Top priorities for 2019 are a Budget for the planning process to be completed and an Implementation approach.

February 7<sup>th</sup> – 2019 - **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> – 2019 - **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 an RBC.

August 1<sup>st</sup> – 2019 - **Contention** – RBC bylaws and High demand scenario for Water Demand Projection methodologies. Major revisions to RBC bylaws and constraining land use projections in the high demand scenario needed.

October 3<sup>rd</sup> – 2019 - **Consensus** – Unanimously approved the SC State Water Planning Framework. PPAC will continue in an advisory role and will meet quarterly.

### **Meeting Summary (October 3<sup>rd</sup>)**

The Facilitator, JD Solomon, called the October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the PPAC to order at 10:05 AM. The PPAC held a public comment period with public comment received from Scott Weaver of Orangeburg, SC. Mr. Weaver had sent the public comment to be read at the meeting and it was read aloud as written. It dealt with drought and the need for curtailment of non-essential water use and getting drought messaging out to the public. Doug Busbee then had a comment regarding Givhan's Ferry and that currently, the safe yield for the river is three times the flow of the river. Doug called on the PPAC to go on the record about surface water regulations and that safe yield is not working. Hugo Krispyn wanted to let the PPAC know that Edisto Island had an information session relating to the RBC process and that the Edisto riverkeeper will be focusing on the RBC process at the annual meeting in Orangeburg. Approval of minutes and summary documents as revised from the August 1<sup>st</sup> meeting were unanimous as was approval of the October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting agenda (10:10 AM).

The meeting began with Alex Pellett of DNR briefly discussing updates and revisions made to the Water Demand Projections Methodology document in response to public comment. The PPAC was satisfied with the revisions to the methodology document and the water demand projection methods will be distributed to stakeholders and presented at upcoming stakeholder meetings.

The next point of discussion was from the DNR memo regarding the framework document and the future of the PPAC beyond the SC state water planning framework document process. The framework was written with the understanding that the PPAC would continue in an advisory role. JD Solomon asserted that while this framework process was concluding and is mainly task oriented, a new charter can be created for the next body of work the PPAC works on moving forward. The PPAC will continue into the basin planning process as an advisory group and will meet quarterly through, at minimum, the first river basin planning process.

After working through the memos in the framework and in the bylaws and amending several parts of both documents, the PPAC voted on the SC state water planning framework as amended at the October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. The motion was brought by Dean Moss and seconded by Scott Willett and the vote was in favor of the SC state water planning framework and was a unanimous decision.

After lunch, the PPAC then moved on to discussion of the Edisto public meetings that will be held in November 2019. Discussion focused on PPAC representation and inclusion in the meeting itself. It was recommended that the PPAC have a panel of members present. A public comment mentioned that the Edisto river basin is rural and that Landrum Weathers and/or Charles Wingard should be on the panel to speak to the PPAC process.

The next meeting of the PPAC will be held January of 2020 with a date to be determined.

The meeting concluded at 1:21 PM.

Summary: Tom Walker

Approved: January 9, 2020