

South Carolina Surface Water Quantity Models Monthly Summary

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Summary of Work Completed During Invoice Period

Project Management and Related Tasks

- Continued internal project coordination and management tasks, including:
 - Weekly project team meetings
 - Monthly project meeting by teleconference

Data Collection

- Data collection most river basins is substantially complete; however additional follow-up calls are being made as the data is analyzed and incorporated and used for unimpaired flow (UIF) development and model development. Some additional data collection and/or clarification of data that occurred over the previous month included:
 - CDM Smith worked with SCE&G to clarify and correct previously submitted hydropower data associated with the Fairfield Pumped Storage (FFPS) Facility in the Broad Basin. Corrections were made to data for the period 2008–2015. SCE&G resubmitted the data to DHEC and CDM Smith.
 - SCE&G provided monthly pumping data reflecting the amount pumped from Parr Reservoir to Monticello Reservoir from 2006–2015 for the FFPS facility.
 - SCE&G provided hourly water levels for Lake Monticello, for the period 2002–2015.

Data Analysis and Modeling

Saluda

- CDM Smith performed a verification exercise focusing on Lake Murray. Historical releases from the lake were held constant in order to verify that inflow, evaporation, and local withdrawals/ discharges were appropriate. As a result of the exercise, CDM Smith has made several minor adjustments to inflow (by way of adjustments to headwater UIFs) and evaporation. The calibration and baseline models will be updated accordingly.

Edisto

- CDM Smith performed a verification exercise focusing on the South Fork Edisto River over the period 1940–1966, when streamflow gage data was available at the USGS gage at Montmorenci. The results of the exercise were presented to DNR, and CDM Smith and DNR are evaluating whether a slight adjustment in the South Fork Edisto reach gain is warranted.

Broad

- Based on comments from DNR, CDM Smith made several minor revisions to UIFs for the Enoree, Tyger and Pacolet Rivers. Extensions of these UIFs were then performed.
- CDM Smith continued working on development of UIFs on the Broad mainstem.
- Based on new data received from SCE&G, CDM Smith developed a water balance of the Parr Reservoir and Monticello Reservoir, to aid in UIF development.

Pee Dee

- Pee Dee Basin UIFs were completed and submitted for the Lynches River, Black River, and Black Creek. DNR completed their review of these unextended UIFs, and indicated their concurrence.
- Development of the remaining (unextended) UIFs was completed for the Great Pee Dee and Little Pee Dee Rivers.

Catawba-Wateree

- Work continued on the UIF Methodology Memorandum and development of the tributary UIFs.

Santee

- The draft model framework memorandum was updated based on comments received from Santee Cooper and the TAC.

Savannah

- No additional work was conducted.

Salkehatchie

- CDM Smith began working on the draft model framework and memorandum.

Stakeholder Involvement

- The first stakeholder meeting in the Santee was held on March 2 at Santee Cooper's office in Moncks Corner.
- A list of abbreviations and definitions for commonly used terms was developed and provided as a handout at the Santee stakeholder meeting.
- On February 4, CDM Smith and DNR to give a presentation to the SC Chamber of Commerce Environmental Technical Committee, at the request of the TAC.

Summary of Upcoming Work

Over the next month, the project team will:

- Submit the final Edisto UIF dataset and Results Memorandum (*pending review of the additional verification exercise by DNR, and acceptance of the headwater UIFs*).
- Update the draft Edisto Modeling Report, based on the final, calibrated model (*pending review of the additional verification exercise by DNR, and acceptance of the headwater UIFs*).
- Submit a draft of the complete (and extended) Broad UIF dataset. Once the final Broad dataset is complete, the Saluda Basin UIF dataset will be completed to the confluence of the Wateree River.
- Submit a draft of the complete (and extended) Pee Dee UIF dataset.

Issues Impacting Scope, Schedule, or Project Cost

In late 2015, discussions were held between CDM Smith and DNR regarding how reservoir operating rules are incorporated in SWAM. DNR indicated the preference for additional flexibility in SWAM to allow the user to evaluate more complex alternative management rules. It was noted that when more complex rules (such as the Lake Murray Striped Basin release rules) were included in SWAM as “prescribed rules”, user-initiated adjustments to test variations of the rule were not easily performed. CDM Smith prepared and submitted a summary of proposed model enhancements that will allow for increased flexibility with regard to reservoir operating rules. This additional work will result in a minor increase in scope and project cost. Note that, based on DNR approval, CDM Smith has been working on these enhancements, and is currently in a testing mode; however, the work associated with these enhancements is not yet reflected in the invoiced amount or the project upper limit, pending receipt of the approved change order.

Schedule adjustments were made to reflect the project progress and more accurately account for future deliverables. It is currently anticipated that due to delays in completion of the pilot model, the project schedule will need to be extended approximately six months, to the end of 2016. An updated schedule is attached.

During the project kickoff meeting, and based on DNR and DHEC review of the draft Modeling Plan, several potential out-of-scope model enhancements were identified. These include:

- A “Current Situation Analysis” for quasi-real time operational support. This functionality would provide a probabilistic analysis of current conditions at any future point in time and how conditions are likely to change within 6 or 12 months based on projected use and management patterns.
- The ability to use near-term hydrologic flow forecasts (for example, 60-day streamflow forecasts from NOAA) for month-to-month operational planning.
- Use of HEC DSSVue and DSS files for results display and analysis.

CDM Smith has presented a scope for implementing these enhancements to DNR and DHEC. The decision on whether to implement one or more of these enhancements will likely be made once the additional models are completed.

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1 = First Meeting
 2 = 2nd Meeting
 D = Draft Completion Date
 F = Final Completion Date
 T = Training

2016 Proposed Stakeholder Meeting Schedule

Basin	1st Meeting Week of:	2nd Meeting Week of:
Saluda	completed	completed
Edisto	completed	completed
Broad	completed	25-Apr-16
Pee Dee	completed	25-Apr-16
Catawba-Water.	completed	11-Jul-16
Santee	completed	29-Aug-16
Savannah	25-Jul-16	14-Nov-16
Salkehatchie	25-Jul-16	14-Nov-16