

Location:

December 18, 2024
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
LCWSC Office
Hybrid Meeting

Action Items:

1. RBC members to provide feedback on draft chapters
2. John Boyer to distribute google survey for certain recommendations to get RBC feedback

Decisions:

1. Saluda RBC Vision Statement: A resilient and sustainably managed Saluda River Basin that balances human and ecological needs. (May 2023)
2. Saluda RBC Goals: 1. To perform a review and update of the plan every 5 years at a minimum or sooner should a significant event occur requiring plan update, 2. Develop and implement an education and communication plan to promote the strategies, policies, and recommendations developed for the Saluda River Basin, and 3. Apply science-based resource management and conservation strategies that consider resource availability and allocation. (May 2023)
3. The Saluda RBC elected KC Price as Chair and Katherine Amidon as Vice Chair. (June 2023)
4. Formation of a Public Supply Water Demand projections subcommittee. (July 2023)
5. Saluda RBC recommended to SCDES the removal of two inactive members. (December 2024)

Meeting:

- Review of Meeting Objectives
- Approval of Agenda, Minutes, and Summary

- Public and Agency Comment Period
- Review and Discussion of Comments on Draft Chapters
- Final Discussion and Development of Plan Recommendations
- Discussion and Development of Implementation Plan
- Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Meeting Summary (December 18th)

The Saluda RBC Chair, KC Price, called the December 18th meeting of the Saluda RBC to order at 10:01 AM. The twentieth meeting of the Saluda RBC was held in-person and virtually via the Zoom virtual meeting platform. Including the Saluda RBC members and planning team, there were 37 people present at this RBC meeting in-person and online. KC discussed the agenda items for the meeting. The Saluda RBC approved the RBC meeting agenda. The November minutes and summary documents were approved. A public comment period was held with no formal comments received. An agency comment period was held with no formal comments received.

A brief update was given about WaterSC's previous meetings and upcoming schedule. The RBC also voted to recommend to SCDES the removal of two inactive RBC members. Eddie Owen, RBC member, updated the RBC about new turbines that will be constructed by Dominion. John Boyer discussed and received feedback on draft chapters.

John Boyer facilitated discussion and development of plan recommendations. The discussion and subsequent votes were on: implementation funding, promoting resilience, regionalization, growth and water availability, land/water management laws, regulations, policies, and manuals, updated ordinances, reasonable use, permits and registrations, alignment with existing water plans, state support for water education programs, and support for outreach and education to increase awareness with the general public around watershed-based planning. The Saluda RBC did not get to the discussion regarding the implementation plan and will spend 45 minutes at the next meeting wrapping discussion of recommendations before discussion of implementation.

The RBC meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Saluda RBC will be held January 15th at the LCWSC office in Laurens. Topics for the next meeting: final discussion and development of plan recommendations and discussion and development of implementation plan.

The meeting concluded at 2:24 PM.

Summary: Tom Walker

Approved: 1/15/25