

**Location:**

February 19, 2025  
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
LCWSC Office  
Hybrid Meeting

**Action Items:**

1. RBC members to send in pictures of the basin
2. CDM Smith to make edits to draft progress metrics and resolve comments
3. CDM Smith to author summaries for Chapters 3 and 4
4. Chapter 10 to be redistributed to RBC for review
5. Send e-mail reminder about chapter review deadlines

**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
- Development of Progress Metrics
- Review of RBC Comments and Edits to the Draft River Basin Plan
- Review of the Draft Executive Summary
- Public Meeting Discussion
- Upcoming Meeting Schedule

**Meeting Summary (February 19<sup>th</sup>)**

The Saluda RBC Chair, KC Price, called the February 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Saluda RBC to order at 10:02 AM. The twenty-second 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 32 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 January 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. KC Price was asked to be the WaterSC alternate for Jill Miller, SCRWA, and accepted. The timeline for WaterSC to make recommendations to the legislative surface water committee was altered to allow for more time to make recommendations.

Kirk Westphal, CDM Smith, facilitated the meeting which began with discussion of progress metrics. The six progress metrics discussed were: Objective 1: Improve water use efficiency to conserve water resources, Objective 2: Communicate, coordinate, and promote findings and recommendations from the River Basin Plan, Objective 3: Improve technical understanding of water resource management issues, Objective 4: Protect water resources, Objective 5: Improve drought management, and Objective 6: Promote engagement in water planning process. The next item on the agenda was to review RBC comments and edits to the draft Saluda river basin plan. Kirk reviewed and facilitated discussion of several comments with the RBC.

After reviewing several RBC comments on the draft plan, the RBC reviewed and discussed the draft Executive Summary. Next, Kirk and the RBC members discussed the public meeting to

present the draft plan. Kirk then reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule to finish and present the draft plan.

The RBC meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Saluda RBC will be held March 19<sup>th</sup> at the LCWSC office in Laurens. Topics for the next meeting: draft plan review and opportunity for final RBC comments, draft Executive Summary review and opportunity for final RBC comments, draft 2-page summary sheet review and discussion, public meeting presentation review and discussion, and draft plan voting procedure and upcoming schedule.

The meeting concluded at 1:48 PM.

Summary: Tom Walker

Approved: 3/19/25