

**Location:**

January 15, 2025  
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
LCWSC Office  
Hybrid Meeting

**Action Items:**

1. RBC members to provide feedback on draft chapters
2. KC Price to take first attempt at prioritizing objectives

**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

- Final Discussion and Development of Plan Recommendations
- Discussion and Development of Implementation Plan
- WaterSC Update
- Upcoming Meeting Schedule

### **Meeting Summary (January 15<sup>th</sup>)**

The Saluda RBC Vice Chair, Katherine Amidon, called the January 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Saluda RBC to order at 10:01 AM. The twenty-first 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 38 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 December 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.

John Boyer facilitated the final discussion and development of plan recommendations. The discussion and subsequent votes were on stormwater runoff BMPs, surface water law and regulation, and alignment with existing water plans. The RBC then moved on to the development of the implementation plan. The draft objectives for the implementation plan included: improve water use efficiency to conserve water resources, communicate, coordinate, and promote findings and recommendations from the River Basin Plan, improve technical understanding of water resource management issues, protect water resources, improve drought management, and promote engagement in the water planning process.

A brief update was given about WaterSC's previous meeting on January 7<sup>th</sup>. Additional information was presented about the Surface Water Study Committee appointees and an upcoming meeting of the committee.

The RBC meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Saluda RBC will be held February 19<sup>th</sup> at the LCWSC office in Laurens. Topics for the next meeting: development of progress metrics, review of RBC comments and edits to the draft river basin plan, review of executive summary, and first public meeting discussion.

The meeting concluded at 1:41 PM.

Summary: Tom Walker

Approved: 2/19/25