

Location:

October 30, 2024
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
LCWSC Office
Hybrid Meeting

Action Items:

1. RBC members to provide feedback on draft chapters
2. RBC members come prepared to discuss policy, legislative, regulatory and other recommendations

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)**

Meeting:

- Review of Meeting Objectives
- Approval of Agenda, Minutes, and Summary
- Public and Agency Comment Period
- Governor’s Executive Order 2024-22 and WaterSC Overview
- Review Chapter 4 Revisions

- Discussion and Development of Plan Recommendations
- Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Meeting Summary (October 30th)

The Saluda RBC Chair, KC Price, called the October 30th meeting of the Saluda RBC to order at 10:00 AM. The eighteenth 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 39 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 September 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.

Joe Koon, SCDES, gave an overview of the Governor's Executive Order – 2024-22 which established the WaterSC working group. WaterSC will be instrumental in creating the next SC State Water Plan by the end of 2025.

John Boyer, CDM Smith, reviewed draft chapters 5 and 6 with the RBC members present. John also reviewed the summary of Chapter 4 revisions. The RBC then continued discussion and development of RBC plan recommendations. Planning Process recommendation discussion focused on continued funding, building on resiliency planning efforts, and RBC membership. The RBC continued discussion of technical recommendations from the September meeting. Technical recommendation discussion topics included discussion on groundwater resources, modeling, stream gages, climate monitoring, water quality and reservoir sedimentation, sediment loading, green infrastructure, changing land use and conservation, future RBC planning efforts, building RBC technical capacity, filling data gaps, data usage and acquisition, educating the public, and assessing alignment with other plans.

The RBC meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Saluda RBC will be held November 20th at the LCWSC office in Laurens. Topics for the next meeting: introduce Chapter 7 and review Chapters 5 and 6 comments, finish discussion and development of recommendations, and begin to develop implementation plan.

The meeting concluded at 2:02 PM.

Summary: Tom Walker

Approved: 11/20/24