

**Location:**

September 18, 2024

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

LCWSC Office

Hybrid Meeting

**Action Items:**

1. RBC members to provide feedback on draft chapters

**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
- Review Comments on Draft Chapters 4 and 8
- Discussion and Development of Additional Plan Recommendations
- Upcoming Meeting Schedule

**Meeting Summary (September 18<sup>th</sup>)**

The Saluda RBC Chair, KC Price, called the September 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Saluda RBC to order at 10:03 AM. The seventeenth 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 41 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 August 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.

Kirk Westphal, CDM Smith, reviewed comments received regarding draft chapters 4 and 8 to the RBC members present. The RBC then continued discussion and development of RBC plan recommendations. Planning Process recommendation discussion focused on continued funding and building on resiliency planning efforts. Kirk reviewed green bucket recommendations and then continued discussion of technical recommendations from the August meeting. Technical recommendation discussion topics included discussion on groundwater resources and water quality. Finally, the Saluda RBC worked through policy, legislative and regulatory recommendations. Topics discussed during this part of the meeting included allocation of surface water resources, land/water management laws, regulations, policies, and manuals, and revisions of stormwater mitigation and groundwater recharge strategies.

The RBC meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Saluda RBC will be held October 30<sup>th</sup> at the LCWSC office in Laurens.

The meeting concluded at 1:54 PM.

Summary: Tom Walker

Approved: 10/30/24