



Meeting Summary

Santee River Basin Council Meeting No. 2 (Hybrid Format)

Date:	January 28 th , 2025
Time:	9:00 AM
Location:	Old Santee Canal Park's Learning Center (900 Stoney Landing Road, Moncks Corner, Sc 29461)
Prepared by:	CDM Smith
RBC Members Present:	Todd Biegger, W.E. Mickey Johnson, Jr., Sarah Wiggins, Mike Wooten, Michael Melchers, Brandon Stutts*, Riley Egger, John Grego*, Hixon Copp, Alicia Wilson, Guinn Wallover (Alternate for Allan Clum), Jason Thompson, Baker Stevens (Alternate for Jason Thompson)
RBC Members Absent:	David Wielicki, Jeff Ruble
Planning Team Present:	John Boyer, Kirk Westphal*, Amy Shaw*, Scott Harder, Brooke Czwartacki, Alexis Modzelesky, Andy Wachob, Joe Koon*, Leigh Anne Monroe, Hannah Hartley*, Megan Marini, Andrew Wachob*, Grace Houghton*

**Attended virtually*

Action Items (New or Reminders)

1. (Reminder) RBC members should review the Water Planning Framework.
2. (Reminder) RBC members should consider identifying an alternate who can fill in for them in they need to miss a meeting and should provide the alternates name and contact information to John Boyer.

Decisions

1. The RBC elected Michael Melchers as the Chair and Alicia Wilson as the Vice Chair.
2. The RBC developed and adopted by consensus, a vision statement and goals.
3. The RBC members were randomly assigned term limits (2, 3, or 4 years).
4. The decision was made to have the March 11th RBC meeting at Santee Cooper's Jefferies Hydroelectric Station.

Meeting Agenda

The following items were on the agenda, which was approved by RBC motion:

- Review of meeting objectives and approval of the agenda
- Public Comments
- Selection of Chair and Vice Chair and Identify Term Limits
- Identification of Process Metrics

- Vision and Goals Development
- Santee River Basin Climatology
- SC Drought Response Act
- Upcoming Meeting Schedule and Topics

Meeting Summary

The meeting was called to order at 9 am, with John Boyer welcoming the RBC members. John introduced Riley Egger, who had attended the first meeting virtually, and Guinn Wallover, who was attending as an alternate for Allan Clum. John Boyer reviewed the meeting objectives.

John provided the opportunity for public and agency comment. No comments were offered.

Michael Melchers was nominated by Jason Thompson to be the Chair. No other nominations were offered, and the nomination was approved by motion. Alicia Wilson was nominated for vice chair and the motion was approved. RBC members were randomly assigned term limits by drawing numbers from a hat.

John introduced the concept of process and progress metrics. Twelve process metrics were suggested to the RBC, and the RBC decided to use all 12 suggested metrics as a way to gage the effectiveness of the planning process.

The RBC reviewed vision statements of the other six RBCs then developed and adopted the following vision statement: ***“A resilient and sustainably managed Santee River Basin that balances human and ecological needs now and in the future.”***

The RBC reviewed goals of several other RBCs then developed and adopted five goals.

Hope Mizzell, the SC State Climatologist gave a presentation on climatology of SC, with emphasis on the Santee River basin. She reviewed historical data and trends in temperature, precipitation, droughts, and extreme events including tropical systems and tornados. She discussed climate monitoring and how the location and period of record of stations is important.

Hope also gave a presentation on drought monitoring and response. She discussed the SC Drought Response Act and provided an overview of the Drought Response Committee (DRC) responsibilities and composition. She discussed the requirement that water suppliers have a drought management plan in place but noted that there is no requirement in the Act that they update them.

John Boyer closed the meeting with a review of potential informational topics that will be offered at the February 11th RBC meeting, which will also be held at the Learning Center in the Old Santee Canal Park. It was noted that CDM Smith will work on scheduling a series of lunch-time webinars featuring 3 to 4 different speakers during February and March. The meeting was adjourned around 1:15.