

June RBC Meeting Review

Agenda Item 3

June RBC Meeting Highlights

- Reviewed results of synthetic/extended drought scenarios
- Examined impacts to recreation access levels for the planning scenarios and synthetic drought scenarios

What percentage of the simulation months does each lake drop below the recreational access levels?

	Boat Access			Swimming Access		
Reservoir	Current Use	2070 HD	P & R	Current Use	2070 HD	P & R
Lake Hartwell	0.7%	3.0%	5.9 %	2.7%	6.0%	8.9%
Lake Thurmond	2.4%	2.2%	3.3%	10.0%	11.1%	12.4%

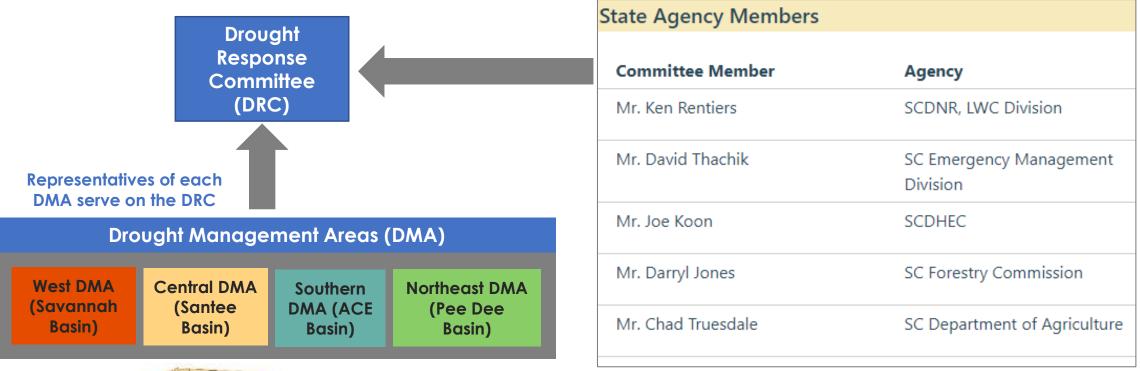
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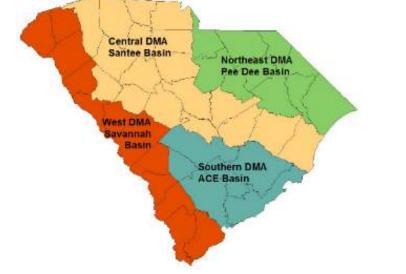
- Developed drought response recommendations (for Chapter 8)
 - Water utilities review and update their drought management plan and response ordinance every 5 years or more frequently if conditions change.
 - Water utilities, when updating their drought management plan and response ordinance, look for opportunities to develop response actions that are consistent with those of neighboring utilities.
 - Water utilities coordinate, to the extent practical, consistent drought response messaging.
 - Encourage water utilities in the basin to consider drought surcharges on water use during severe and/or extreme drought phases.
 - When droughts occur, the RBC encourages water users and those with water interests to submit their drought impact observations through the Condition Monitoring Observer Reports (CMOR).

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- The RBC discussed an approach which would eliminate the Drought Management Areas (DMAs), replacing them with the RBCs, or a subset of members representing each RBC. It was acknowledged that this would require a change to the SC Drought Response Act and supporting regulations.
- Does the RBC want to advance (approve) this approach, and include it as a recommendation in the Plan?

South Carolina Drought Response Committee





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