# Edisto River Basin Council

**Meeting #2 (Virtual)**  
**July 15th, 2020**

## Meeting Objectives:

1. Meet Additional Edisto RBC Members
2. Review Water Planning Framework
3. Review RBC Bylaws
4. Receive Input on Future Meetings

## Agenda

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Review of RBC Bylaws
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Purpose of the Bylaws

• Define and govern the decision making process
• Define membership and appointment procedures
• Define the method of election and powers of the Chair and Vice Chair
• Describe how the RBC will operate
• Describe how the RBC will communicate internally and externally

The Bylaws describe an open, interest-based process for developing and implementing the River Basin Plan
Modifications to Bylaws

• The RBC can modify the bylaws to accommodate special and unique situations present in the basin.

• Proposed modifications must be:
  • Submitted to the PPAC for review and comment
  • Submitted to SCDNR for review, approval, and record keeping
Membership and Attendance

• **Members** must be knowledgeable and experienced in the interest category they represent.

• **Alternates** must represent the same interest category as the Member they represent and be approved by SCDNR.
  
  • Alternates are encouraged to attend meetings to stay current on proceedings.

• **Attendance is important** and Members are expected to fully participate in each meeting/teleconference.
  
  • Two unexcused absences over a rolling 12 month period will subject the Member to possible removal by the RBC, subject to SCDNR approval.
Code of Conduct

• Members and alternates are expected to:
  • Be prepared for all meetings and ready to contribute
  • Operate in good faith and disclose interests, actions and needs
  • Respect the interests and opinions of others
  • Avoid conflicts of interest
  • Avoid seeking to gain advantage through political means or the media
  • Agree to not negotiate through the media
  • Refrain from opining on the positions or motives of other Members
Removal, Resignation and Reinstatement

• To ensure the RBC’s process values the time investment of all Members, a Member may be **removed** due to:
  
  • Failure to meet attendance requirements
  
  • Conduct inconsistent with the Bylaws
  
  • Change in Members status, such that they no longer represent the interest group
  
  • Felony conviction or falsifying documents
  
  • Completion of three consecutive terms

• **Resigning Members** should provide 30-day notice to the RBC Chair.

• Expelled or resigned Members can be **reinstated** by a super majority vote and are subject to SCDNR approval.
RBC Chair and Vice Chair

• Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair will be made by RBC Members.
• The Chair and Vice Chair must represent different interest categories.
• Responsibilities of the Chair:
  • Serve as executive officer and spokesperson
  • Coordinate with the Planning Team to set schedules, agendas, special meetings, and monitor progress
• The Vice Chair will assist the Chair with his/her duties and assume the Chair’s responsibilities when the Chair is unable to do so.
Meetings

• **Regular Meetings** are those designated for preparing River Basin Plans or fulfilling implementation objectives.

• **Closed Meetings** can be requested by a Member to discuss a sensitive topic and approved by a Majority Vote.
  
  • The Facilitator, Coordinator and SCDNR/SCDHEC may participate in closed meetings upon Member request by a Majority Vote.

• **Special Meetings** are intended to address unforeseen and time-sensitive circumstances.
  
  • Called by the Chair, Vice Chair or by 25 percent of the Members
Decision Making

• RBC’s will make most decisions by consensus.

• Consensus is achieved when all Members can “live with” a decision and does not necessarily represent unanimity.

• We will attempt to achieve consensus through interest-based negotiations.
  • Expand the options and alternatives
  • Find mutually beneficial outcomes

Building Consensus May Require:

Proposing Alternative Solutions

Assessing the Impacts of Alternatives

Compromising
Decision Making

• If consensus is not possible after good-faith negotiation, a decision will be made by **Majority Vote**.

• A **Super Majority Vote** consisting of two-thirds or more of the Members present and voting is required for:
  
  • Recommending SCDNR expel a Member
  
  • Reinstating a Member
# Decision Making – River Basin Plan Approval Process

## Step 1
- Testing for consensus of **Draft Plan**

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<td>Withdrawal (Member leaves)</td>
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## Step 2
- For the **Final Plan**, each RBC Member will indicate their **support** or **disagreement**.

- By supporting the **Final Plan**, each member acknowledges their:
  - Concurrence with the Plan
  - Commitment to support implementation of the Plan
Subcommittees and Interbasin River Councils

• Short or long-term subcommittees may be formed to address specific issues, geographic areas or water sources.

  • RBC members will join voluntarily, with final appointments made by Chair
  • Subcommittees will elect their own Chair and Vice Chair
  • Subcommittee meetings are not subject to Regular Meeting requirements

• Interbasin River Councils (IRCs) may be established to facilitate collaboration among neighbouring river basins and help resolve conflicts.

  • Up to five members from each RBC will join voluntarily, with final appointments made by the Chairs of each RBC