

Edisto River Basin Council

Meeting #3 (Virtual)

August 19th, 2020

Agenda

Meeting Objectives:

- 1) Edisto RBC Survey Results
- 2) Edisto RBC Open Seats
- 3) Review of Surface Water Legislation and Permitting
- 4) Review of Groundwater Legislation and Permitting
- 5) Edisto RBC Member Breakout Discussions

1. Call the Meeting to Order (John Boyer, Facilitator) 9:00–9:05
 - a. Review of Meeting Objectives
 - b. Approval of Agenda
 - c. Approval of July 15th Minutes and Summary
2. Public Comment (John Boyer) 9:05-9:15
 - a. Public Comment Period¹
3. Edisto RBC Survey Results and Draft Phase 1 Schedule (John Boyer) 9:15-9:20
4. Edisto RBC Open Seats (Scott Harder, DNR) 9:20-9:25
5. Review and Discussion: Surface Water Legislation and Permitting (Rob Devlin, DHEC) 9:25-9:55
- *Break* 9:55-10:00
6. Review and Discussion: Groundwater Legislation and Permitting (Alex Butler, DHEC) 10:00-10:30
7. Edisto RBC Member Breakout Discussions (John Boyer & Planning Team) 10:30-10:55
8. Meeting Conclusion (John Boyer) 10:55-11:00

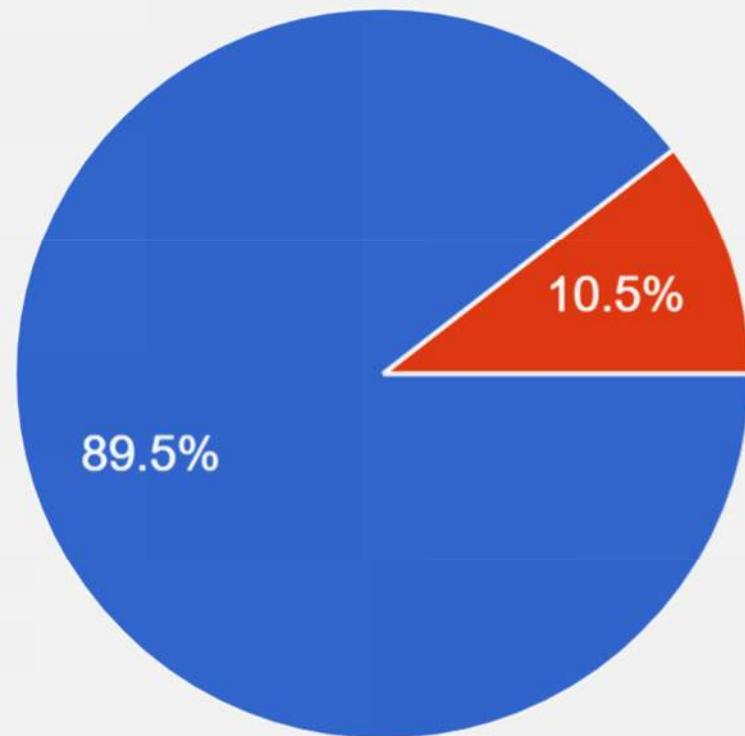


RBC Survey Results

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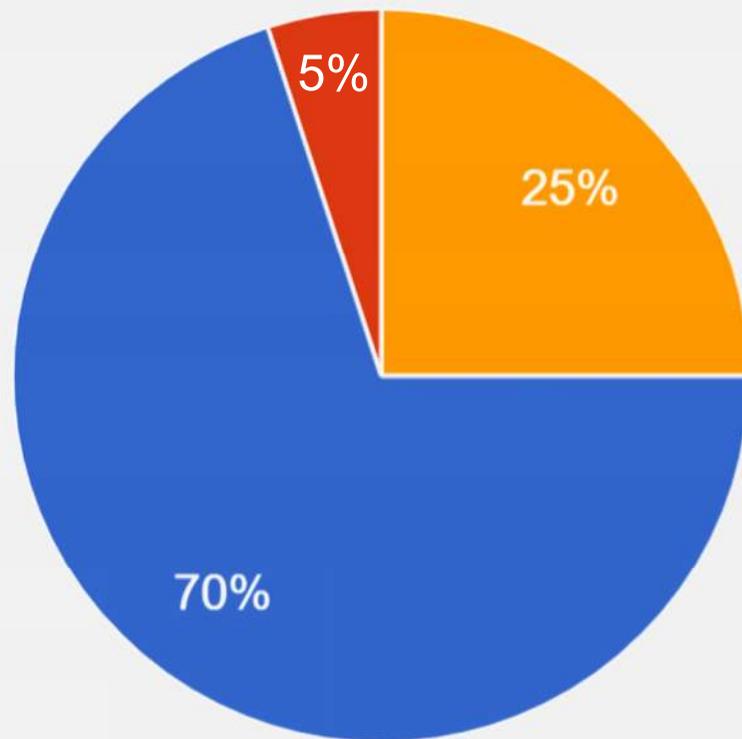
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1. Do you think that the planning process should continue under a virtual meeting format until in-person meetings are deemed safe and appropriate?



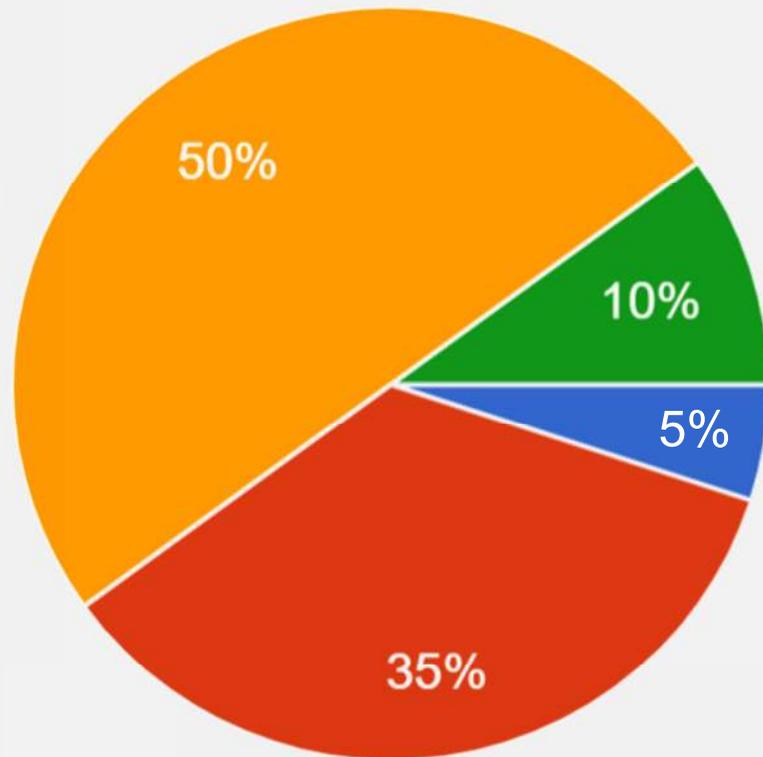
- Yes, RBC meetings should continue using the virtual format, at least in the near-term.
- No, we should wait indefinitely until in-person RBC meetings can be safely held.

2. Are you able to effectively listen and participate with your computer, tablet or other device using the Zoom virtual meeting platform?



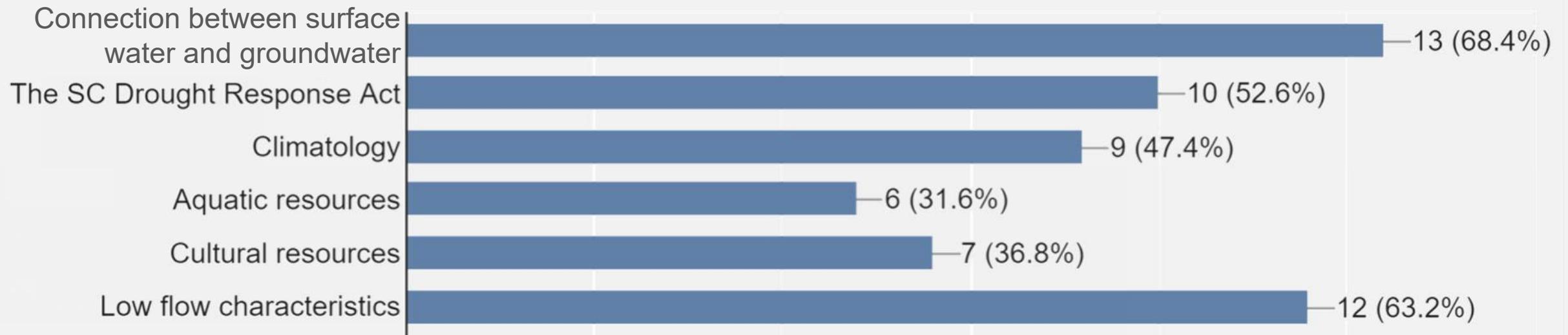
- Yes, I can effectively hear speakers, view the presentations, and participate in discussion.
- No, I find it difficult to effectively hear the speakers and participate in discussion.
- I sometimes have problems, but overall, it is adequate.

3. If we continue with virtual meetings, at what frequency should they occur and how long should they last?



- One meeting per month of approximately 3 to 4 hours (with breaks).
- One meeting per month of approximately 2 hours.
- Two meetings per month of approximately 2 hours each.
- I don't think we should continue to meet virtually.

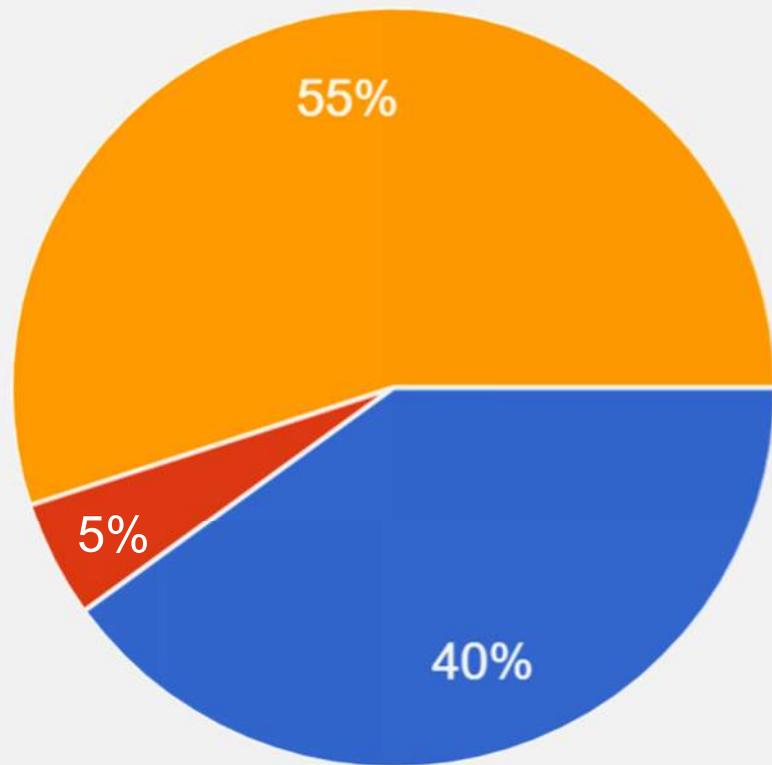
4. In upcoming meetings, invited speakers will provide information about **surface and groundwater resources, water legislation and permitting, water use, and water demand projections**. What additional topics would you like to learn more about?



Also receiving 1 vote:

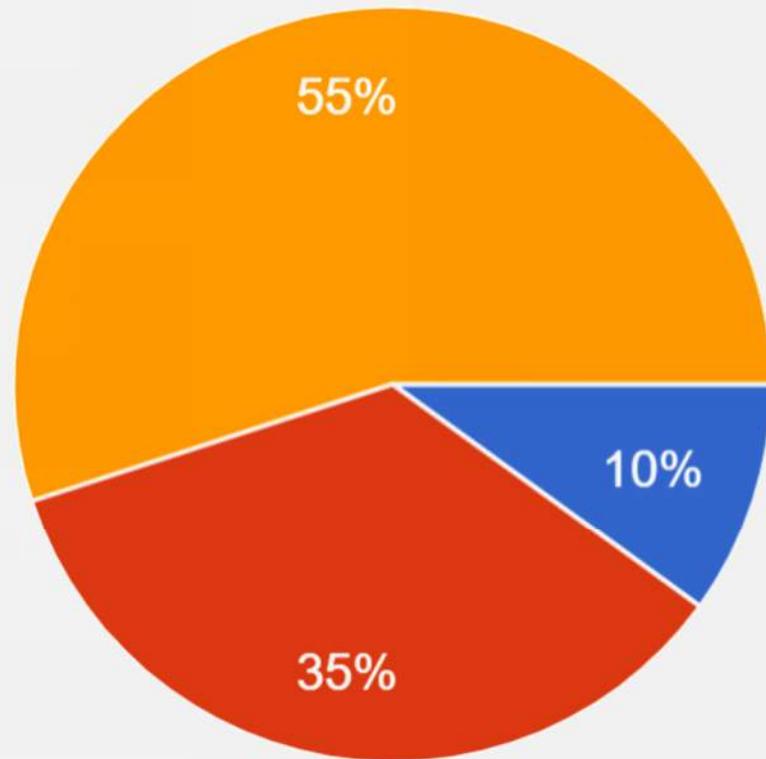
- Overall growth projections in the basin.
- Clarification on whether RBCs should consider other water issues in the basin, such as water quality and flood risk.
- DHEC and local Clean Water Act regulations.
- The affects of down river flow on the coast with natural erosion substrates.

5. Would you be willing to participate in field trips in September or October, assuming that proper safety precautions are in place, such as masks and the ability to social distance?



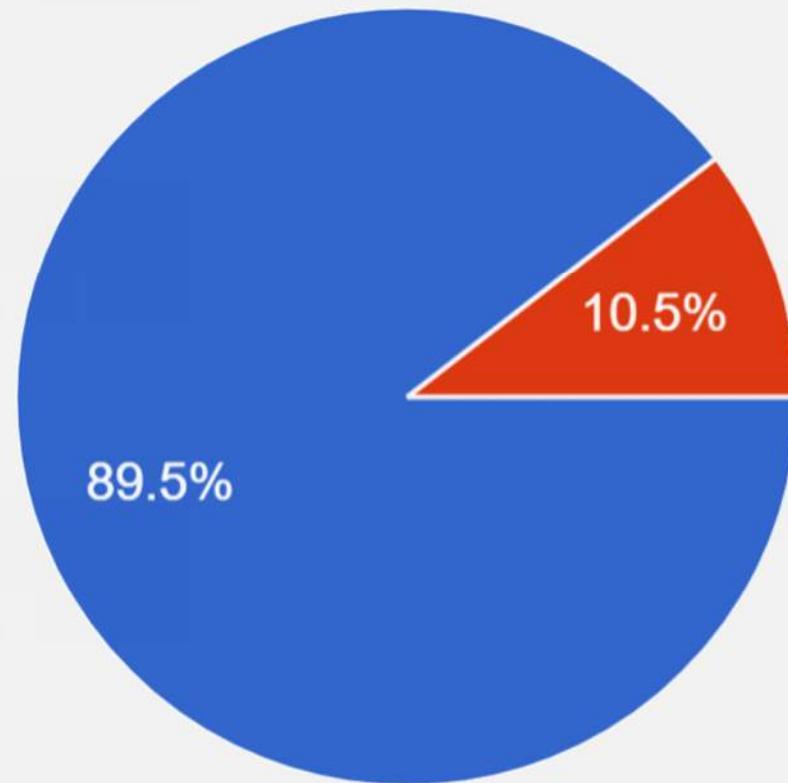
- Yes, I would be interested in participating in field trips.
- No, my organization does not currently allow travel and/or I would not be willing to participate.
- Maybe, depending on how things look in September/October.

6. Would you prefer that the RBC move forward with electing a Chair and Vice Chair soon, wait at least several months, or potentially wait until in-person meetings are possible?



- Yes, I would prefer that we elect a Chair and Vice Chair at one of the next meetings.
- No, I prefer that we wait for at least several months.
- No, I prefer that we wait until we can meet in person, even if it is 6 months or more.

7. Do you feel that you have a good understanding of the Planning Framework and RBC By-laws?



- Yes, I understand the Planning Framework and RBC By-laws.
- No, I would like to learn more about the Planning Framework.
- No, I would like to learn more about the RBC By-laws.

8 & 9. Other thoughts, concerns, feedback and suggestions for improvement:

- It is important to have face to face meetings as soon as possible.
- Make the meetings more interactive. For example, use the polling function to give the RBC members a chance to weigh in and develop a sense of some level of consensus.
- Allow RBC to work in smaller groups and provide opportunity for more informal interaction and better get to know each other.
- Desire to learn more about the overall goal (big picture of what we hope to accomplish)
- Desire to learn more about groundwater-surface water interaction and SC water law.
- Desire to learn more about monitoring stations.

The Proposed Path Forward

- RBC Meetings every 3 weeks with a 2 hour duration
- Focus on informational topics
- Delay electing Chair and Vice Chair until In-person meetings
- Provide opportunity for group and breakout discussion where possible
- Reassess after Phase 1 is Complete (mid-November)
- If conditions allow, consider field trips later in the Fall

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Proposed Schedule to Complete Phase 1

Wed, September 9

Informational Topic

- Basin Hydrology and Monitoring
- Connection between Surface Water and Groundwater
- Low Flow Characteristics
- FOIA Rules

Speaker

Scott Harder, DNR
Bruce Campbell, USGS and Alex Butler, DHEC
Toby Feaster, USGS
Van Whitehead, DNR

RBC Breakout Discussion and Housekeeping Items

- Select Progress & Process Metrics
- Field Trip Ideas

Informational topics and speakers are tentative

Proposed Schedule to Complete Phase 1

Wed, September 30

Informational Topic

- DHEC Watershed Atlas Overview
- Current Water Use
- Population and Demand Projections
- Water Law

Speaker

Amanda Lea, DHEC
TBD DNR/DHEC
Alex Pellett, DNR
Mullen Taylor

RBC Breakout Discussion and Housekeeping Items

- Interest Group Review of Demands (Breakout)
- Demand Projections Group Discussion

Informational topics and speakers are tentative

Proposed Schedule to Complete Phase 1

Wed, October 21

Informational Topic

- Edisto Basin Climatology
- SC Drought Response Act
- DNR Follow-up of Demands (if needed)
- Aquatic Resources
- Cultural Resources

Speaker

Hope Mizzell, DNR
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Alex Pellett, DNR
TBD, DNR
TBD, DNR

RBC Breakout Discussion and Housekeeping Items

- Establish Long-term Vision Statement and Goals for the Edisto Basin

Informational topics and speakers are tentative

Proposed Schedule to Complete Phase 1

Wed, November 11

Informational Topic

- Surface Water Models
- Groundwater Models
- Performance Measures Primer

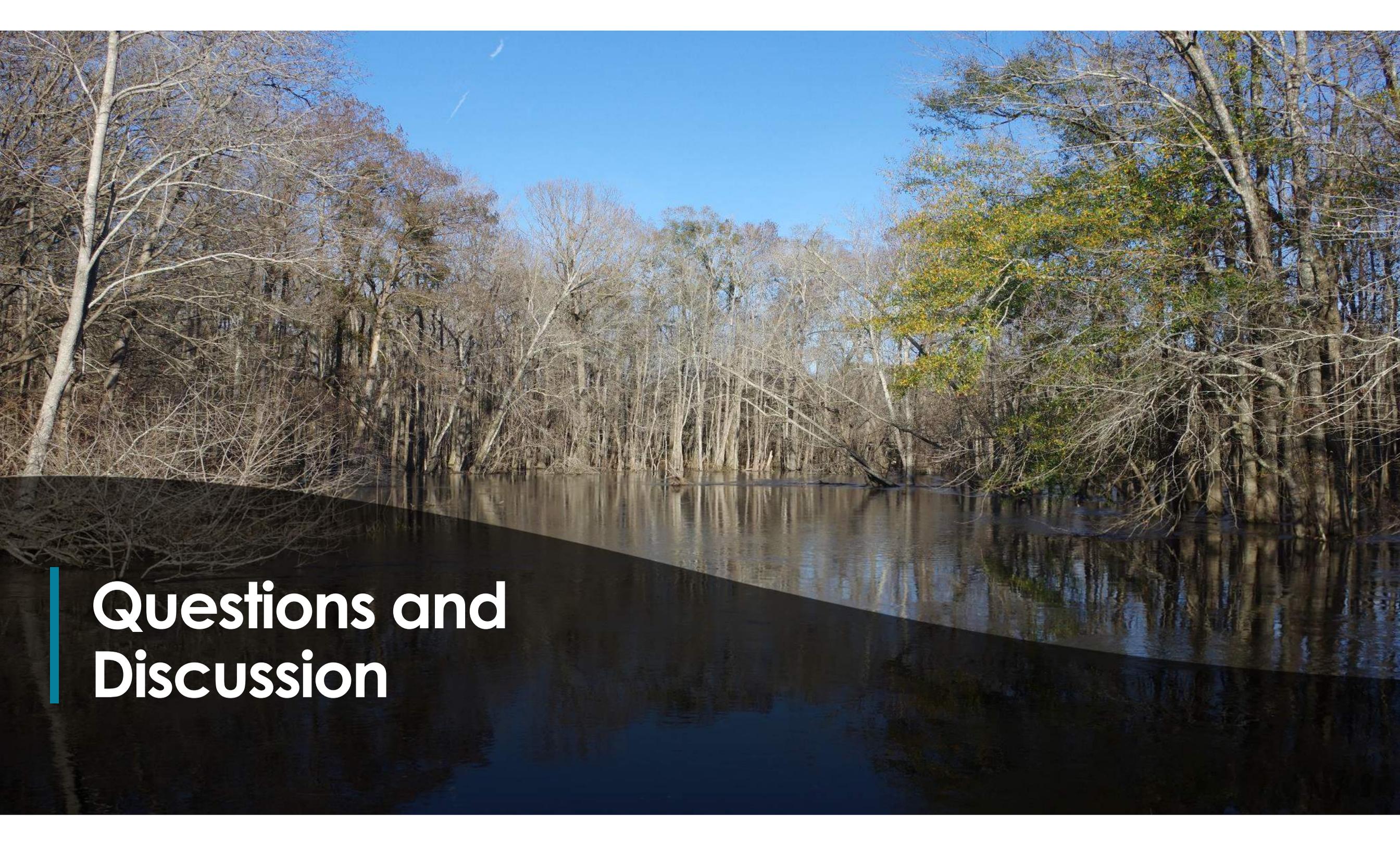
Speaker

Tim Cox and John Boyer, CDM Smith
Bruce Campbell, USGS and Joe Gellici, DNR
TBD

RBC Breakout Discussion and Housekeeping Items

- Performance Measure Discussion and Selection

Informational topics and speakers are tentative



Questions and Discussion

Setting the Long-term Vision and Goals

- By the end of Phase 1, the RBC should develop a **Vision Statement** and **Goals** for the basin.

- Example Vision Statement:

“The Coastal Georgia Regional Water Planning Council seeks to conserve and manage our water resources in order to sustain and enhance our unique coastal environment and economy of Coastal Georgia.”

- Example Goals to achieve the Vision:

- *Manage and develop high quality water resources to sustainably and reliably meet domestic, commercial, industrial and agricultural water needs.*
- *Identify fiscally responsible and implementable opportunities to maximize existing and future supplies including promoting water conservation and reuse.*
- *Identify and utilize best available science and data and apply principles of various scientific disciplines when making water resource management decisions.*

Breakout Group Instructions

- To help set the goals and vision at a future RBC Meeting, brainstorm what you see as the priorities for the basin. When identifying priorities, consider:
 - What do you want to preserve, protect or enhance?
 - What are the outcomes you want to encourage?
 - What type of actions do you want to promote?
 - How do you want the basin to be managed?
- Report back with 5 to 7 priorities