

Location:

August 19, 2020

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Zoom Virtual Meeting

Action Items:

1. **RBC members to provide feedback as needed on proposed topics for the rest of 2020**
2. **RBC members that have yet to select an alternate need to provide an alternate from the same water use interest category**
3. **Planning Team to distribute open Edisto RBC seats application advertisement and forms to RBC members**
4. **RBC members to review the Planning Framework Section 6.4 (pp. 88-89) and come prepared to discuss Process Metrics in breakout discussions**
5. **Public Comments for call-ins at the RBC meeting are to be sent to Tom Walker tcwalke@clemson.edu**

Meeting:

- Review of Meeting Objectives
- Approval of Agenda and July Minutes and Summary Documents
- Public Comment Period
- Edisto RBC Survey Results and Draft Phase 1 Schedule
- Edisto RBC Open Seats and Application Period
- Review and Discussion Surface Water Legislation and Permitting
- Review and Discussion Groundwater Legislation and Permitting
- Edisto RBC Breakout Discussions

Meeting Summary (August 19th)

The Edisto RBC Facilitator, John Boyer, called the August 19th meeting of the Edisto RBC to order at 9:00 AM. The third meeting of the Edisto RBC was held via Zoom virtual meetings due to Covid-19 meeting policies. Including the Edisto RBC members and planning team, there were 76 people present at this RBC meeting. The meeting began with John Boyer reviewing the meeting objectives: to present the Edisto RBC survey results and draft phase 1 schedule, discussion of open Edisto RBC seats and the application period and deadline, presentation reviewing surface water legislation and permitting, presentation reviewing groundwater legislation and permitting, and Edisto RBC breakout discussions. The Edisto RBC approved the RBC meeting agenda and the July minutes and summary. A public comment period was held with no comments received.

The next agenda item was to present the Edisto RBC survey results and draft phase 1 schedule. John Boyer presented results of the RBC survey collected following the July 15th meeting. Some highlights

included: the majority of RBC members wanted to continue under the virtual format until in-person meetings are possible, staying with the Zoom virtual platform, the RBC meeting every 3 weeks as a compromise between once and twice-a-month meeting feedback, and holding off on selecting an Edisto RBC chair and vice chair until in-person meetings are possible.

Scott Harder of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) discussed the open seats on the Edisto RBC. DNR is currently accepting applications for the open seats: one seat for water-based recreation and two seats for industry and economic development. The application announcement and forms are available on the DNR hydrology website under the Edisto basin planning page and closes September 8, 2020.

The following agenda items included presentations from Rob Devlin and Alex Butler of the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control. Rob presented on surface water legislation and permitting and Alex presented on groundwater legislation and permitting. Discussion from the surface water presentation included questions regarding registrations in the basin, permits in the basin, and safe yield considerations in the registration and permitting regulatory processes. Discussion from the groundwater presentation included questions regarding surface water calculations with a combined surface and groundwater permit, low flow conditions affecting groundwater conditions, and aquifer recharge rates.

John Boyer then reviewed the phase 1 draft schedule for the remainder of 2020 with topics and speakers and their anticipated presentation dates. RBC members are to provide feedback as needed regarding future topics and meetings.

The final agenda item was a breakout discussion with RBC members or alternates if the RBC member was absent from the meeting. The RBC members had discussions regarding identifying priorities for the Edisto river basin. The groups were facilitated by Planning Team members and the breakout groups identified a spokesperson to report out from the group discussion. Report outs ranged from basin model and data, optimizing the balance of the resource, surface and groundwater information, improving monitoring of surface and groundwater levels, over-allocation of the resource, sustainability, water quality, water quantity, implementing the basin plan, best practices, collaboration, decisions based on data, and planning for the 50 year planning horizon.

RBC members, in preparation for the next RBC meeting, should read the Planning Framework Section 6.4 and come prepared to discuss the content in the next breakout sessions and to keep thinking about field trip ideas.

The next meeting of the Edisto RBC will be held September 9th, 2020 on Zoom virtual meetings platform.

The meeting concluded at 11:17 AM.

Summary: Tom Walker

Approved: September 9, 2020