

**Location:**

January 6, 2021

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Zoom Virtual Meeting

**Action Items:**

1. RBC members that have yet to select an alternate need to provide an alternate from the same water use interest category.
2. RBC members to forward any remaining edits regarding the RBC goals to John Boyer at least one day before the January 27 RBC meeting.
3. Planning Team to endeavor to distribute meeting materials one week in advance of RBC meetings to give RBC members time to digest the material.
4. Planning Team to schedule two SWAM virtual trainings for RBC members and their alternates.
5. RBC members are required to inform the Planning Team in advance of the RBC meeting if they will not be in attendance and if their alternate will be present.
6. Public Comments for call-ins at the RBC meeting are to be sent to Tom Walker [tcwalke@clemsun.edu](mailto:tcwalke@clemsun.edu)

**Meeting:**

- Review of Meeting Objectives
- Approval of Agenda and December 9<sup>th</sup> Minutes and Summary Documents
- Public Comment Period
- Receive Water Demand Projections Update
- Review Approach to Assessing Water Availability
- Review Demand Scenarios
- RBC Discussion (Finalize Goals and Select Performance Measures)

**Meeting Summary (January 6<sup>th</sup>)**

The Edisto RBC Facilitator, John Boyer, called the January 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Edisto RBC to order at 9:00 AM. The ninth 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 66 people present at this RBC meeting. The meeting began with John Boyer reviewing the meeting objectives: to receive an update on the water demand projections from Alex Pellett, DNR, to review the approach to assessing water availability from Scott Harder, DNR, to review demand scenarios from Scott Harder, DNR, and RBC discussion regarding finalizing goals and selecting performance measures with John Boyer. The Edisto RBC approved the RBC meeting agenda and the December 9<sup>th</sup> minutes and summary. A public comment period was held with no comments received.

Alex Pellett, DNR made some brief comments about the water demand projections model. The primary focus of the discussion was irrigation and parcel size considered in analysis. Two important

considerations moving forward in the model: refinement of water availability model and increasing efficiency of irrigators over time which could be an adjusting factor in the model.

Scott Harder, DNR, presented on both assessing water availability and demand scenarios. The first presentation focused on methods for evaluating water availability. RBC members may develop performance measures and designate strategic nodes which are locations designated to evaluate cumulative impacts of water management strategies. The second presentation focused on water demand scenarios as presented in the Water Planning Framework. Additional scenarios can be recommended by the RBC but must be submitted to DNR for consideration and approval.

The Edisto RBC then continued working on and finalizing goals. There are six goals to be finalized at the January 27, 2021 meeting of the Edisto RBC.

1. Utilize the input of all stakeholders and best available science to develop and promote strategies, policies, and legislative recommendations that allow sustainable use of water resources while protecting the water quantity and quality in the Edisto River Basin.
2. Collaboratively work to engage the public and enhance their understanding of regional water issues and water policy.
3. Plan for sufficient water supply to support sustainable development. Request that the State and local governments consider and encourage future development in areas with adequate water resources.
4. Ensure an adequate water supply of suitable quality to meet current and future humans and ecosystem needs.
5. Encourage and recognize the value of land use practices that protect water resources.
6. Identify and promote strategies that improve resilience and minimize disruption in supply.

John Boyer then presented on selecting performance measures. A summary of supply shortage measures included: total basin annual mean shortage; maximum water user shortage; total basin annual mean shortage; water users experiencing shortage; and average frequency of shortage. The RBC could consider those measures as performance measures.

The next meeting of the Edisto RBC will be held January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 on Zoom virtual meetings platform.

The meeting concluded at 12:15 PM.

Summary: Tom Walker

Approved: January 27, 2021