Location:
July 15, 2020
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM
Zoom Virtual Meeting

Action Items:

1. Planning Team to Send Survey to RBC members soliciting feedback on continuing the RBC meetings virtually, topics to be covered at future meetings, field trips, and electing the Chair and Vice Chair of the RBC
2. RBC members to provide an alternate from the same water use interest category prior to the next RBC meeting
3. Public Comments for call-ins at the RBC meeting are to be sent to Tom Walker
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Meeting:

- Review of Meeting Objectives
- Approval of Agenda and June Minutes and Summary Documents
- Public Comment Period
- Additional Introductions of the Edisto RBC members
- Review of Water Planning Framework
- Review of RBC Bylaws
- Future Meeting Discussion

Meeting Summary (July 15th)

The Edisto RBC Facilitator, John Boyer, called the July 15th meeting of the Edisto RBC to order at 9:00 AM. The second 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 82 people present at this RBC meeting. The meeting began with John Boyer reviewing the meeting objectives of the meeting: to meet additional Edisto RBC members, review the Water Planning Framework, review the RBC bylaws, and receive input on future Edisto RBC meetings. The Edisto RBC approved the RBC meeting agenda and the June minutes and summary (9:04 AM and 9:05 AM, respectively).

The next agenda item was to introduce additional Edisto RBC members who were not recognized at the first RBC meeting through technical difficulty or excused absence. Members Johney Haralson, Hank Stallworth, and Jerry Waters were recognized and introduced themselves, their background, and interest in serving on the Edisto RBC.

The following agenda item featured a presentation by Scott Harder, Hydrology Section Chief of the Land, Water & Conservation Division of SCDNR. Scott presented a review of the Water Planning Framework developed by the PPAC that will serve to guide the RBC planning process. The RBC planning process is a
stakeholder-driven, interest-based and consensus-based decision-making planning process. Some highlights of the presentation include: RBC member terms, roles, and responsibilities, participation and guidance from contractors, state agencies, federal agencies, oversight by SCDNR and the PPAC, coordination among other planning bodies across the state, public participation opportunities throughout the RBC planning process, methodologies and evaluations of water availability, and implementation timeline and challenges.

The next presentation on the agenda was a review of RBC bylaws by John Boyer of CDM Smith, Facilitator of the Edisto RBC. The RBC bylaws were also developed by the PPAC and detail expectations of those serving on the Edisto RBC. Some highlights of the RBC bylaws presentation include: potential modifications to bylaws, RBC member alternate identification and the importance of attendance at RBC meetings, RBC member code of conduct, the process for electing the RBC Chair and Vice Chair, meeting logistics, consensus-based decision-making seeking win-win outcomes, voting and plan approval processes, and the formation of subcommittees.

The final discussion item was about continuing the Edisto RBC in a virtual format and eliciting RBC concerns and recommendations. Discussion was held regarding presentations and other educational components of the Edisto RBC process that can be utilized to continue the virtual meeting format. Discussion also included meeting in a hybrid virtual and in-person format or strictly in-person meetings and the logistics required to do those effectively and safely. A survey will be distributed to the RBC to elicit feedback on meeting virtually, topics to be covered at future meetings, field trips, and electing the Chair and Vice Chair of the RBC.

The next meeting of the Edisto RBC will be held August 19th, 2020 on Zoom virtual meetings platform.

The meeting concluded at 10:21 AM.

Summary: Tom Walker

Approved: August 19, 2020