

Location:

September 30, 2020

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

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 review the Edisto River Basin Draft Water Demand Projections Summary and be prepared to provide feedback in breakout group discussions
3. 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
4. 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 August Minutes and Summary Documents
- Public Comment Period
- Review of FOIA Rules
- Review of SCDHEC Watershed Atlas
- Follow-up of September 9th Hydrologic Presentation
- Review of Current Water Use
- Review of Water Demand Projections

Meeting Summary (September 30th)

The Edisto RBC Facilitator, John Boyer, called the September 30th meeting of the Edisto RBC to order at 9:00 AM. The fifth 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 74 people present at this RBC meeting. The meeting began with John Boyer reviewing the meeting objectives: to review FOIA rules, an overview of the watershed atlas, to follow up on the hydrologic presentation from the September 9th RBC meeting, to review current water use, and to review water demand projections for the Edisto River Basin. The Edisto RBC approved the RBC meeting agenda and the September 9th minutes and summary. A public comment period was held with no comments received. One public comment was read that was received via e-mail after the September 9th meeting.

Van Whitehead, Assistant General Counsel at DNR, presented to the Edisto RBC a review of FOIA rules. The Act ensures transparency with public bodies and related activities of government. Van reviewed Executive Session rules, meeting agenda posting rules, and request rules to inspect or copy public records by the public.

Amanda Ley of DHEC presented the DHEC watershed atlas to those in attendance. Amanda conducted a general use demonstration on how to add data, select layers, and create maps.

Alex Butler of DHEC had two presentations on the agenda. Alex's first presentation responded to questions that arose after the Hydrologic presentations presented at the previous Edisto RBC meeting. Alex's second presentation reviewed current water use in the state. Alex reviewed water use categories, surface and groundwater use, and annual variability in water use across the state.

Alex Pellet of DNR presented the water demand projections of the Edisto River Basin. Alex reviewed the water demand methodology process as well as other stakeholder engagement and feedback opportunities from the last several years of the project. Alex presented on water use categories and drivers associated with those categories to derive projections over a 50-year planning horizon. RBC members will have an opportunity to breakout into smaller groups at the next meeting to discuss the water demand projections and provide feedback.

RBC members, in preparation for the next RBC meeting, should read the Edisto river basin draft water demand projections summary and come prepared to discuss the document with the broader RBC and in breakout groups.

The next meeting of the Edisto RBC will be held October 21st, 2020 on Zoom virtual meetings platform.

The meeting concluded at 11:07 AM.

Summary: Tom Walker

Approved: 10/21/2020