

Location:

April 14, 2022

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Spartanburg CC – Tyger River Campus

Hybrid Meeting

Action Items:

1. RBC consideration of the draft process metrics and draft vision and goals for discussion and approval at the next RBC meeting.
2. RBC members should be thinking of potential Broad RBC Chair and Vice-Chair nominees.
3. Planning team to finalize May field trip details.
4. Planning team to determine other RBC meeting locations.
5. RBC members to review the planning framework and bylaws.
6. RBC members should select an alternate from the same water use interest category if you have not already done so.
7. Public Comments for call-ins at the RBC meeting are to be sent to Tom Walker tcwalke@clemsion.edu

Meeting:

- Review of Meeting Objectives
- Approval of Agenda
- RBC and Planning Team Introductions
- Public Comment Period
- Overview of River Basin Planning, the Planning Framework, and Examples
- Broad River Basin water resources and hydrologic monitoring
- Field trip ideas
- Identification of process metrics

- Vision and goals development

Meeting Summary (April 14th)

John Boyer with CDM Smith called to order the April 14th meeting of the Broad RBC to order at 9:02 AM. The first meeting of the Broad RBC was held in-person and virtually via the Zoom virtual meeting platform. Including the Broad RBC members and planning team, there were 53 people present at this RBC meeting in-person and online. The meeting began with John Boyer, facilitator, introducing the meeting structure and discussed the agenda items for the meeting.

The Broad RBC approved the RBC meeting agenda as well as the previous meeting minutes. A public comment period was held with no comments received.

John Boyer facilitated new member introductions of the planning team and Broad RBC members. The planning team consists of DNR, DHEC, CDM Smith, and Clemson personnel and each planning team member introduced themselves and their role on the team. The RBC members then introduced themselves and their current professional role and water sector they represent in this planning process.

The next agenda item was a presentation by Scott Harder, Chief of the DNR hydrology section, on a review of the planning framework. Scott discussed the contents of the planning framework and how the RBC can use the framework to guide the process. More details of the framework as well as meeting material can be found on SCDNRS Hydrology Website.

Next Scott Harder discussed the water resources of the Broad Basin. Scott provided a basin wide overview that included climate information, geographic information, the 5 major subbasins, surface water monitoring networks, streamflow statistics, withdrawals in the basin, and groundwater resources.

The water resources presentation by Scott Harder was followed by a USGS presentation on streamflow monitoring by Toby Feaster. Toby provided the history, background, and mission of the USGS. Toby also provided information on the USGS streamflow monitoring techniques, and he shared data sources for real-time streamflow gauging stations. Toby shared that the USGS has publicly available data for surface water, groundwater, water quality and water use.

John Boyer then discussed field trip ideas that the group has presented to date. John shared why field trips are helpful to learn more about the basin and some of its uses. The field trip ideas presented were Spartanburg Water tour, City of Columbia visit, Farm tours, TNC Blue Wall Preserve visit, and a forestry tour. The planning team will work to get a field trip set for May.

John Boyer then presented on identification of process metrics. The RBC group voted on some of the process metrics and agreed to wait to address progress metrics until a later meeting data once more information has been provided. Three process metrics that were proposed were removed and the rest of them were agreed upon by the RBC to keep. Details can be found in the PowerPoint presentation.

Following metrics John Boyer then presented on vision and goal development. The idea is to develop a vision statement and goals for the basin by the end of phase 1. John presented on the identified basin priorities as well as other examples of vision statements and goals to help facilitate the vision and goals conversation. A few vision statements and goals were developed

during the meeting that can be found in the PowerPoint. It was agreed by the RBC that they needed some time to think these over and discuss them at the next meeting.

Finally, John Boyer reviewed the meeting schedule and topics of future meetings. There was discussion on proposed meeting locations that might be more central. The meeting locations discussed were Duncan SCC Tyger River Campus, Union Main Street Junction, Columbia-Harbison State Forest, and Columbia- Cooperative Conference Center and Presbyterian college. The planning team will work to secure the next meeting location.

The meeting concluded with John Boyer discussing potential items for the next meeting. The RBC meeting was adjourned. The next Broad RBC meeting will be held May 12th, 2022 with a potential field trip.

The meeting concluded at 1:03 PM.

Summary: Kaleigh Sims

Approved: 6/9/22