Saluda River **Basin Council**

Meeting #11 February 21, 2024

Quorum Determination

Review Meeting Objectives

- 1. Learn about making decisions by consensus
- 2. Review additional surface water analyses and reservoir safe yield analyses

Agenda Item 2

- 3. Learn about drought response strategies and examples from other locations
- 4. Continue discussion of water management strategies
 Approval of Agenda

Approval of November 15th Meeting Minutes and Summary

Approval of January 17th Meeting Minutes and Summary

Housekeeping Items - Parking Lot

- Engagement of the public with this process what, when, how, who
- 2. Engagement of public officials (pertinent municipalities) to promote the plan when we get to the public comment period and beyond
- 3. Identify and engage stakeholders that are not involved in the basin council, but have an overlapping or adjacent connection to our efforts. For example: NRCS, SC Forestry, SCEMD, etc. (SCDNR e-mails state and federal agencies ahead of each council meeting)
- 4. Development and maintenance of a public facing data clearinghouse for all things water with the Saluda Basin
- 5. Funding for implementation

Status

Ongoing (discuss in March?)

Not started (discuss in March?)

Ongoing

Not started

Not started



Housekeeping Items - Parking Lot

- 6. We have discussed some data gaps making sure we acknowledge those in our final report and determine how to mitigate those in the future
- 7. If we want to request additional surface water demand scenarios we need to decide when?
- 8. Determine how and when we will coordinate with other basin councils
- 9. What recommendations do we need to consider for non-FERC regulated dams and how they impact recreation
- 10. Visit and learn more about NRCS buffer and restorations
- 11. Keep apprised of the Surface Water Withdrawal Act

Status

Started (e.g., fish data in Blue Ridge)

Discuss today

Not started

Not started

April-May possibly

Ongoing



Beginning to Consider Plan Recommendations

- 1. When updating Drought Management Plans, encourage water utilities to use the SWAM model to evaluate the potential effectiveness of drought triggers.
- 2. Consider use of the River Basin Plan as a tool for smart growth and economic development. The Plan can highlight areas where water resources are abundant and are more amenable to growth.