

Location:

February 27, 2024

9:00 AM – 10:10 AM

Zoom Virtual

Action Items:

1. RBC members to read River Basin Plan chapters distributed by Matt Lindburg, provide feedback, and come prepared to discuss chapter contents.
2. RBC members to e-mail Cara Schildtknecht if interested in a kayaking field trip.

Major Decisions:

1. Unanimous – The Pee Dee RBC voted to adopt the RBC bylaws as written in the Planning Framework. (July 2022)
2. Unanimous – The Pee Dee RBC voted to adopt the proposed Process Metrics as presented. (August 2022)
3. Unanimous – The Pee Dee RBC voted to adopt the Mission, Vision, and Goals of the Pee Dee RBC. (August 2022)
4. The Pee Dee RBC elected the Chair: Buddy Richardson and Vice Chair: Cara Schildtknecht (November 2022)
5. Unanimous – The Pee Dee RBC decided to take a common sense approach to the groundwater modeling delays for the Pee Dee River Basin Plan. To continue to develop groundwater management strategies and clarify those/check them once the groundwater model is completed. If the model is not completed, move forward with the developed groundwater management strategies for the plan. (January 2024)
6. Unanimous – The Pee Dee RBC decided to continue the monthly meeting schedule during the groundwater model delay and for the planning team to decide on what is appropriate for in-person versus virtual meeting format on a month-to-month basis. (January 2024)
7. Unanimous – The Pee Dee RBC approved Ch 1 of the River Basin Plan. (January 2024)
8. Unanimous – The Pee Dee RBC approved development of a 20 – 30 page Executive Summary and development of a 2 page policy brief style handout. (January 2024)

Meeting:

- Review of Meeting Objectives
- Approval of Agenda, Minutes, and Summary
- Public and Agency Comment Periods

- Update on Groundwater Modeling Status
- Florence Conjunctive Water Use Experience
- Chapter Updates
- Meeting Conclusion

Meeting Summary (February 27th)

JD Solomon, Pee Dee River Basin Council Facilitator, called the February 27th meeting of the Pee Dee RBC to order at 9:00 AM. The twenty-first meeting of the Pee Dee RBC was held virtually via the Zoom virtual meeting platform. Including the Pee Dee RBC members and planning team, there were 40 people present at this RBC meeting.

The meeting began with JD Solomon reviewing the agenda items for the meeting. The Pee Dee RBC approved the RBC meeting agenda and approved the minutes and summary documents from the January meeting. A public comment period was held with no comments. An agency public comment period was held with no comments.

The first item on the agenda was an update on the groundwater modeling work underway. Andrea Hughes updated the Pee Dee RBC on the status of the model. Brad Harken went to the Upper Midwest Water Science Center and worked with the USGS team there to update the parent model. The parent model is still being updated but is on track for completion as previously discussed. Once the parent model is completed and calibrated then the inset model will be completed and ready for the council to use for planning.

Michael Hemingway, City of Florence, discussed Florence's switch to conjunctive use from exclusively using groundwater for water supply. Michael provided some insight into Florence's water supply capacity and current conjunctive use practices. It took some time to adjust the water treatment facilities to incorporate surface water intake, but it has worked well and increased surface water use has led to decreased reliance on groundwater to meet Florence's needs.

Matt Lindburg, Brown & Caldwell, discussed the status of several chapters in the Pee Dee River Basin Plan. Chapter 2 had some feedback related to conservation land being included. Once those additions are made, the chapter will be distributed for approval. Chapter 3 feedback is expected by March 18th. Chapter 8 comments were received and updates are ongoing. Chapter 5 only has surface water components currently but will be distributed to the RBC for feedback. Chapters 6 and 7 - will get started and will be ready closer to summer for RBC member review.

JD Solomon concluded the meeting at 10:10 AM. The next meeting of the Pee Dee RBC will be March 26, 2024 and will be a hybrid meeting.

Summary: Tom Walker
Approved: 3/26/24