

# Edisto River Basin Council

## Meeting #2 (Virtual)

July 15th, 2020

### Agenda

#### **Meeting Objectives:**

- 1) Meet Additional Edisto RBC Members
- 2) Review Water Planning Framework
- 3) Review RBC Bylaws
- 4) Receive Input on Future Meetings

1. Call the Meeting to Order (John Boyer, Facilitator) 9:00–9:05
  - a. Review of Meeting Objectives
  - b. Approval of Agenda
  - c. Approval of June 17<sup>th</sup> Minutes and Summary
2. Public Comment (John Boyer) 9:05-9:20
  - a. Responses to Public Comments Received (June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting)
  - b. Public Comment Period<sup>1</sup>
3. Additional Introductions (John Boyer) 9:20-9:25
  - a. Edisto RBC Members
4. Review and Discussion: Water Planning Framework (John Boyer, Scott Harder) 9:25-10:00
5. Review and Discussion: RBC Bylaws (John Boyer, Scott Harder) 10:00-10:20
6. Future Meeting Discussion (John Boyer) 10:20-10:25
7. Meeting Conclusion (John Boyer) 10:25-10:30



# Review of RBC Bylaws

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# Purpose of the Bylaws

- Define and govern the decision making process
- Define membership and appointment procedures
- Define the method of election and powers of the Chair and Vice Chair
- Describe how the RBC will operate
- Describe how the RBC will communicate internally and externally

***The Bylaws describe an open, interest-based process for developing and implementing the River Basin Plan***

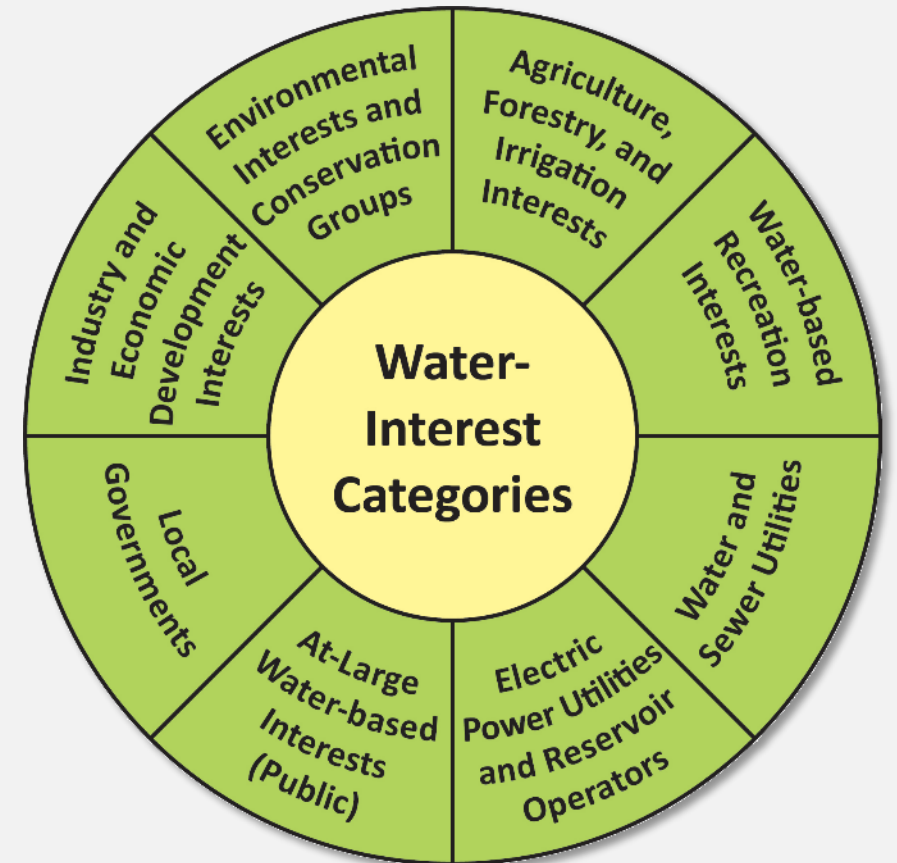
# Modifications to Bylaws

- The RBC **can modify the bylaws** to accommodate special and unique situations present in the basin.
- Proposed modifications must be:
  - Submitted to the PPAC for review and comment
  - Submitted to SCDNR for review, approval, and record keeping



# Membership and Attendance

- **Members** must be knowledgeable and experienced in the interest category they represent.
- **Alternates** must represent the same interest category as the Member they represent and be approved by SCDNR.
  - Alternates are encouraged to attend meetings to stay current on proceedings.
- **Attendance is important** and Members are expected to fully participate in each meeting/teleconference.
  - Two unexcused absences over a rolling 12 month period will subject the Member to possible removal by the RBC, subject to SCDNR approval.



# Code of Conduct



- Members and alternates are expected to:
  - **Be prepared** for all meetings and ready to contribute
  - **Operate in good faith** and disclose interests, actions and needs
  - **Respect** the interests and opinions of others
  - **Avoid conflicts of interest**
  - Avoid seeking to gain advantage through political means or the media
  - Agree to not negotiate through the media
  - Refrain from opining on the positions or motives of other Members

# Removal, Resignation and Reinstatement

- To ensure the RBC's process values the time investment of all Members, a Member may be **removed** due to:
  - Failure to meet attendance requirements
  - Conduct inconsistent with the Bylaws
  - Change in Members status, such that they no longer represent the interest group
  - Felony conviction or falsifying documents
  - Completion of three consecutive terms
- **Resigning Members** should provide 30-day notice to the RBC Chair.
- Expelled or resigned Members can be **reinstated** by a super majority vote and are subject to SCDNR approval.

# RBC Chair and Vice Chair

- Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair will be made by RBC Members.
- The Chair and Vice Chair must represent **different interest categories.**
- Responsibilities of the **Chair**:
  - Serve as executive officer and spokesperson
  - Coordinate with the Planning Team to set schedules, agendas, special meetings, and monitor progress
- The **Vice Chair** will assist the Chair with his/her duties and assume the Chair's responsibilities when the Chair is unable to do so.



# Meetings

- **Regular Meetings** are those designated for preparing River Basin Plans or fulfilling implementation objectives.
- **Closed Meetings** can be requested by a Member to discuss a sensitive topic and approved by a Majority Vote.
  - The Facilitator, Coordinator and SCDNR/SCDHEC may participate in closed meetings upon Member request by a Majority Vote.
- **Special Meetings** are intended to address unforeseen and time-sensitive circumstances.
  - Called by the Chair, Vice Chair or by 25 percent of the Members

# Decision Making

- RBC's will make most decisions by **consensus**.
- **Consensus** is achieved when all Members can “*live with*” a decision and does not necessarily represent unanimity.
- We will attempt to achieve consensus through **interest-based negotiations**.
  - *Expand the options and alternatives*
  - *Find mutually beneficial outcomes*

Building Consensus May Require:

Proposing  
Alternative  
Solutions

Assessing the  
Impacts of  
Alternatives

Compromising

# Decision Making

- If consensus is not possible after good-faith negotiation, a decision will be made by **Majority Vote**.
- A **Super Majority Vote** consisting of two-thirds or more of the Members present and voting is required for:
  - Recommending SCDNR expel a Member
  - Reinstating a Member



# Decision Making – River Basin Plan Approval Process

## Step 1

- Testing for consensus of **Draft Plan**

Five Point Rating Scale

1	Full Endorsement
2	Endorsement, but with minor points of contention
3	Endorsement, but with major points of contention
4	Stand aside with major reservations (requires changes)
5	Withdrawal (Member leaves)

## Step 2

- For the **Final Plan**, each RBC Member will indicate their **support** or **disagreement**.
- By supporting the **Final Plan**, each member acknowledges their:
  - Concurrence with the Plan
  - Commitment to support implementation of the Plan

# Subcommittees and Interbasin River Councils

- **Short** or **long-term subcommittees** may be formed to address specific issues, geographic areas or water sources.
  - RBC members will join voluntarily, with final appointments made by Chair
  - Subcommittees will elect their own Chair and Vice Chair
  - Subcommittee meetings are not subject to **Regular Meeting** requirements
- Interbasin River Councils (IRCs) may be established to facilitate collaboration among neighbouring river basins and help resolve conflicts.
  - Up to five members from each RBC will join voluntarily, with final appointments made by the Chairs of each RBC



**QUESTIONS**