

Location:

June 8, 2023

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Harbison State Forest - Harbison Environmental Education Center

5600 Broad River Rd, Columbia, SC 29212

Hybrid Meeting

Action Items:

1. **Bill Stangler to circulate narrative flow example to the planning team for distribution to the RBC**
2. **Broad RBC to provide edits and feedback on draft Chapters 1-4 to CDM Smith by the end of June**
3. **CDM Smith to distribute draft Chapter 9 in the next two weeks**
4. **CDM Smith to distribute draft Chapters 5-6 next month**

Meeting:

- Review of Meeting Objectives
- Approval of Agenda, Minutes, and Summary
- Public Comment Period
- May RBC Meeting Review
- Review and Finalize Planning Process, Technical and Program, and Policy, Legislative and Regulatory Recommendations
- Initial RBC Review Comments of Draft Plan Chapters 1-4
- Implementation Plan Development
- Upcoming Meeting Schedule and Topics

Meeting Summary (June 8th)

Ken Tuck, Broad River Basin Council (RBC) Chair, called to order the June 8th meeting of the Broad RBC at 9:00 AM. The fourteenth 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 38 people present at this RBC meeting in-person and online. Ken reviewed the meeting objectives and asked for motions to approve the agenda and minutes and summary documents from the previous meeting. The Broad RBC unanimously approved the RBC meeting agenda as well as the previous meeting minutes and summary. John Boyer held a public comment period with no comments received. An agency comment period was also held without any comments received. John Boyer reviewed the May RBC meeting.

John Boyer facilitated the first major agenda item which was to review and finalize planning process, technical and program, and policy, legislative and regulatory recommendations. River basin planning process recommendations highlights included: discussion about meeting times to improve member attendance, regular reviews of membership, technical recommendations from experts presenting at RBC meetings, communication planning, a statewide meeting of all RBCs with appropriate state legislative committees, and continued funding for state water planning activities. Technical and program recommendations included: incorporating climate projections into modeling analyses, funding to support expanding streamflow gages, sedimentation cost analysis, land use changes, ecological flow standards, low flow pinch points, continued focus on water quantity with future iterations of the plan bringing in water quality issues, and the facilitator creating an on-line library for technical information. Policy, legislative, or regulatory recommendations included: discussion of the Surface Water Act, laws that allow for regulations to be enforceable, removing registrations, development of a model riparian buffer ordinance, alignment of permitting applications and the river basin plan, alignment between the river basin plan and specially designated streams, and adoption of a narrative flow standard.

Next, the RBC discussed the timeline for feedback on draft chapters (1-4) of the river basin plan. Other chapters are complete, and others are currently being drafted by CDM Smith. The RBC discussed the timeline for distribution of Chapters 9, 5, and 6.

Finally, Grace Houghton facilitated discussion regarding implementation plan development. The RBC reviewed the objectives, schedule, and budget which are all parts of the implementation plan. Additional RBC implementation responsibilities included meeting schedule, progress reporting, and possibly forming subcommittees to focus on implementation. Proposed objectives for the implementation plan included objectives focused on improved water use efficiency, sources of supply, drought management, communications, and improved technical understanding of water management issues with a focus on prioritizing and ranking these objectives.

The meeting concluded with a review of the meeting schedule and topics for future meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for August 10th at the SC Rural Water Association building.

The meeting concluded at 12:59 PM.

Summary: Tom Walker

Approved: