

**Location:**

September 14th, 2023

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Spartanburg County Emergency Operations Center

175 Community College Drive

Spartanburg, SC 29303

Hybrid Meeting

**Action Items:**

1. **BRBC members to send comments by September 29<sup>th</sup>**
2. **CDM Smith to distribute test balloon slide to RBC members for test of consensus at the October meeting**
3. **CDM Smith to develop draft one-page Executive Summary handout**

**Meeting:**

- Review of Meeting Objectives
- Approval of Agenda, Minutes, and Summary
- Public Comment Period
- August RBC Meeting Review
- Review the Draft Executive Summary
- Low Tech Process-based Stream Restoration
- Plan for the First Public Meeting
- Upcoming Meeting Schedule

**Meeting Summary (September 14<sup>th</sup>)**

Ken Tuck, Broad River Basin Council (RBC) Chair, called to order the September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Broad RBC at 10:00 AM. The sixteenth 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 34 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 August RBC meeting.

John Boyer facilitated the first major agenda item which reviewed Broad RBC member and agency comments and edits to draft chapters of the Broad river basin plan. The major

discussion points focused on drought plans for water utilities/districts, a proposed meso-net grid system of weather stations recommendation the SCDNR State Climatology Office had proposed at the previous meeting, and drought plan update recommendation.

Next, John Boyer worked through the Executive Summary of the plan with RBC members. Discussion focused primarily on developing a one-page handout for the public and legislators which highlights the process and the product produced by the BRBC. A similar product was produced by CDM Smith for the Connecticut state water plan which provided a template for the RBC to consider.

Alex Pellett, SCDNR, presented an agenda item focused on low tech process-based stream restoration for consideration by the BRBC for recommendation development. Some points that were considered were whether lawsuits might be an issue or other regulatory issues with the US Army Corps of Engineers. The RBC did recommend supporting low-tech low-cost approaches to stream restoration to be explored and considered such as research projects and pilot projects.

Finally, the RBC considered their communications plan which included discussion of RBC members presenting at the upcoming SCEC conference in early 2024. John Boyer worked through the plan for the first public meeting to present the draft plan.

The October 19<sup>th</sup> meeting will be virtual and will test for consensus of RBC members on the final draft plan.

The meeting concluded at 12:57 PM.

Summary: Tom Walker

Approved: 10/19/23