

Location:

April 17, 2024

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Greenville Water Stovall WTP

Hybrid Meeting

Action Items:

1. RBC to wait for Northbrook to get back in touch with KC Price.
2. Additional gages in the Saluda River Basin discussion in the parking lot. RBC members to send them in if they have ideas.

Decisions:

1. Saluda RBC Vision Statement: A resilient and sustainably managed Saluda River Basin that balances human and ecological needs. (May 2023)
2. Saluda RBC Goals: 1. To perform a review and update of the plan every 5 years at a minimum or sooner should a significant event occur requiring plan update, 2. Develop and implement an education and communication plan to promote the strategies, policies, and recommendations developed for the Saluda River Basin, and 3. Apply science-based resource management and conservation strategies that consider resource availability and allocation. (May 2023)
3. The Saluda RBC elected KC Price as Chair and Katherine Amidon as Vice Chair. (June 2023)
4. Formation of a Public Supply Water Demand projections subcommittee. (July 2023)

Meeting:

- Review of Meeting Objectives
- Approval of Agenda, Minutes, and Summary
- Public and Agency Comment Period
- Review of March Meeting Highlights
- Further Discussion of Proposed Reaches of Interest and Surface Water Conditions
- Low Tech Process-based Stream Restoration

- Stream Restoration Examples in the Upper Saluda River Basin
- Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Meeting Summary (April 17^h)

The Saluda RBC Chair, KC Price, called the April 17th meeting of the Saluda RBC to order at 10:00 AM. The thirteenth meeting of the Saluda RBC was held in-person and virtually via the Zoom virtual meeting platform. Including the Saluda RBC members and planning team, there were 40 people present at this RBC meeting in-person and online. KC discussed the agenda items for the meeting. The Saluda RBC approved the RBC meeting agenda. The March minutes and summaries were approved. A public comment period was held with no formal comments received. An agency comment period was held with no comments received. John Boyer reviewed the March meeting highlights.

Kevin Miller, Saluda RBC member, lead discussion regarding the proposal for base flow in the Saluda River Basin. Kevin and the RBC members discussed three alternatives. The three alternatives were: 20% of unimpaired MADF, unimpaired 7Q1, and 0-30-20 approach. Additionally, discussion also focused on the proposed negotiations with Northbrook Hydroelectric and the operations at Saluda Lake, Holiday Dam, and Boyd Mill Pond. The RBC will wait to hear back from Northbrook before proceeding.

Alex Pellet, SCDNR, discussed Low-Tech Process-based Stream Restoration with the RBC. The focus was on soil erosion and ways to possibly address this issue at the small creek level. Melanie Ruhlman, RBC member, also presented to the RBC members on larger scale stream restoration projects in the Upper Saluda portion of the basin.

The RBC meeting was adjourned for RBC members and the planning team to visit stream restoration projects in the area near the meeting facility. The next Saluda RBC meeting will be held May 15, 2024.

The meeting concluded at 12:35 PM.

Summary: Tom Walker

Approved: 6/19/24