

**Location:**

October 18, 2023

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Greenville Water and RBC Field Trips

Hybrid Meeting

**Action Items:**

1. **Distribute Luke Bower’s published paper related to Flow-Ecologic Relationships.**

**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
- September RBC Meeting Review
- Recommendations for Assessing Flow-Ecological Health Relationships
- Review and Update of Surface Water Availability Modeling
- Upcoming Meeting Schedule
- Tour of Unity Park and ReWa Mauldin Road WWRF

**Meeting Summary (October 18<sup>th</sup>)**

The Saluda RBC Chair, KC Price, called the October 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Saluda RBC to order at 10:00 AM. The eighth 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 42 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 as well as the previous RBC meeting minutes and summary documents. KC reviewed housekeeping items and primarily discussed parking lot items. 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 September meeting highlights.

Joe Mruzek, Clemson, discussed the Flow-Ecology Relationships which continued from previous RBC meetings. Joe updated the RBC on the work in progress which included: ecoregions (Piedmont: rolling hills will only be used for this analysis), Stream Classes (perennial runoff will only be used), and strategic nodes - Reedy River above Fork Shoals, Rabon Creek, Bush River near Prosperity, and Twelvemile Creek. Joe briefly discussed the selected metrics and risk ranges for the study which are: mean daily flow and calendar of day lowest flow within the low, medium, and high risk ranges.

For the next agenda item, John Boyer presented Surface Water Availability Modeling review and updates. John reminded the RBC about the Surface Water scenarios and focused on Current Use and Permitted and Registered scenario updates. John also discussed minimum instream flows which included the 1988 instream flow study, DNR's instream flow policy, and MIFs in surface water regulations in SC. John Boyer also presented a summary of interbasin transfers in the Saluda basin. The next steps will incorporate moderate and high demand projections and apply flow-ecology metrics.

John reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule and topics. The field trip to Unity Park and ReWa followed the RBC meeting after a brief presentation from Katherine Amidon about Unity Park and the Reedy River. The RBC meeting was adjourned. The next Saluda RBC meeting will be held November 15, 2023.

The meeting concluded at 11:06 AM.

Summary: Tom Walker

Approved: 11/15/23