

Location:

April 16, 2025

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Zoom Virtual

Action Items:

1. **Public Meeting scheduled for May 29th and members are asked to encourage their stakeholder constituents to attend.**

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)**
5. **Saluda RBC recommended to SCDES the removal of two inactive members. (December 2024)**
6. **Saluda RBC approved the draft plan for release for public comment. (April 2025)**

Meeting:

- Review of Meeting Objectives
- Approval of Agenda, Minutes, and Summary
- Public and Agency Comment Period
- Perform the Test of Consensus on the Draft Plan
- Review RBC Membership and Term Limits

- Public Meeting Discussion
- Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Meeting Summary (April 16th)

The Saluda RBC Chair, KC Price, called the April 16th meeting of the Saluda RBC to order at 10:03 AM. The twenty-fourth meeting of the Saluda RBC was held virtually via the Zoom virtual meeting platform. Including the Saluda RBC members and planning team, there were 30 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 summary documents were approved. A public comment period was held with no formal comments received. An agency comment period was held with no formal comments received.

First, the RBC reviewed upcoming events which included the Upper Savannah draft River Basin Plan Public Meeting and WaterSC meeting. Additional discussion included a recent Surface Water Study Committee meeting. Katherine Amidon discussed the upcoming Confluence Conference in Savannah.

John Boyer, CDM Smith, performed the test of consensus with the RBC members present. The RBC members present cast their test of consensus vote with all members voting a 1-3 which indicated consensus. Remaining votes will be gathered from those not in attendance at the meeting. The draft plan will be released ahead of the public meeting.

Next, John reviewed RBC membership and term limits. For the RBC members who had 2-year terms, John asked if they intended to remain on the Saluda RBC for another 3 years or if they did not want to renew their membership. Most decided to remain and renew their membership for another 3 years.

Finally, John reviewed the public meeting presentation and RBC member speaking roles. Additional discussion focused on creating meeting flyers and soliciting donations for food and prizes.

The RBC meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Saluda RBC will be held on July 16th virtually via Zoom. The main agenda item for the meeting will be to review public comments and to finalize the plan.

The meeting concluded at 11:12 AM

Summary: Tom Walker

Approved: 7/16/25