

Path Forward Committee Meeting
January 23, 2019, 9:30 AM to Noon
Butner Town Hall



A copy of materials related to the PFC's Meeting are on the UNRBA website:
<https://www.unrba.org/meetings>
See items under the January 23rd meeting date.

I. Opening Comments, Agenda Review/Revisions—Co-Chairs Kenny Waldroup and Michelle Woolfolk

II. Administrative Item: Sequence for PFC and Board Meetings

Item Summary: Based on the discussion at the Board Meeting on January 16th, revisions to the meeting process for the Board are being developed. The general format of the agenda will be revised and reorganized. Also, as noted during the discussion, the PFC is the technical steering committee of the Board and more detail will be presented during these meetings, it may be an advantage in efficiency if the PFC Meeting could come a week or so before the Board Meeting. More detail and technical discussion could occur at the PFC Meeting and the presentations could be made more concise for the Board Meetings. PFC recommendations would be incorporated into the Board information. Input from the PFC Members is requested concerning the meeting sequence.

III. Status of DWR Implementation of Falls Lake Rules—John Huisman and Trish D'Arconte

Item Summary: DWR will review the status of Falls Lake Rules implementation with a focus on the components of the Existing Development Rule (ED). These components include jurisdictional loads, completion of outstanding nutrient reduction practices and the completion of a Model Program for Stage I ED. These components need to be fully vetted by the UNRBA Member local governments before they are finalized and presented to the EMC.

IV. Modeling and Regulatory Support (MRS) Status Report—Alix Matos

Item Summary: The modeling team is continuing to compile and format data to include in the revised watershed and lake models to support the re-examination. A discussion with the MRSW will be held to discuss modeling approaches, 2019 milestones, and data access issues related to outside organizations (including furloughed federal agencies).

- A. Status of Work, Review Timeline
- B. Review Topics and Decisions before MRSW on January 28th
- C. Note Data Access Issues (information coming from other agencies—time delays)

V. Monitoring Program Status Report—Alix Matos

Item Summary: The FY2019 Annual Report is under development. Water quality data has been received from Environment 1 for the UNRBA Monitoring Program to cover the period of full monitoring to support modeling (through October 2018). Water quality and other types of data (flow, weather, etc.) are being compiled from other organizations for inclusion in the Annual Report. Release of the report for PFC review is anticipated for this spring. The report will be a more comprehensive evaluation of the data including analysis of loading.

- A. Review Schedule for Comprehensive Report on Data Collected to Support Modeling
- B. Summarize Data Analysis Efforts Planned for the Report and Outline Specific Objectives (determining how data reflects loading changes—reference Dan's Questions, addressing CAEE's evaluation process, etc.)

- VI. DWR’s Scientific Advisory Council (SAC) Site-specific Recommendations for High Rock Lake and EPA’s approval of Missouri’s new Water Quality Standards for Lakes and Reservoirs—Jay Sauber, Forrest Westall**
Item Summary: The ongoing deliberations of the DWR Nutrient Criteria Scientific Advisory Council have resulted in consensus on a recommendation for a site-specific water quality standard for chlorophyll-a for High Rock Lake. This recommendation has not been finalized into a formal written recommendation at this time. Further, the DWR Criteria Implementation Committee has not yet reviewed. Additionally, USEPA recently approved Missouri’s new water quality standards for lakes and reservoirs. Missouri’s water quality standards include a “combined” criteria approach as well as site specific water quality standards for 25 lakes. SAC deliberations will be presented along with a presentation of Missouri’s (now EPA approved) water quality standards for lakes and reservoirs. Related materials are on the UNRBA website: [Missouri EPA Letter](#) ; [Missouri Threshold Values](#) ; and [Missouri Statute](#).
- A. Context for Discussion—SAC Actions and Missouri Decision—Jay Sauber
 - B. PFC Discussion—Forrest Westall
- VII. Release of UNRBA Comments on NC’s 2018 Water Quality Assessment Reports—Forrest Westall**
Item Summary: On January 16, 2019, the UNRBA Board approved comments responding to the DWR’s Public Notice of Availability of the DRAFT 2018 303(d) list and Integrated Report. The Board noted additional emphasis on the importance of supporting designated uses in making standard compliance decisions and pointing out that NC General Statutes prohibit agencies from adopting policies that have the same effect as rules (DWR’s 303(d) methodology and Assessment Unit policy is characteristic of a rule). The final comments were submitted to DWR and the EMC.
- VIII. Buffer Rules Comments to EMC—Forrest Westall**
Item Summary: The readoption of the NC Buffer Rules were noticed and a hearing was held last year. On January 16th, the Board authorized the Executive Director to send a reiteration of the Association’s previous comments to the EMC. The UNRBA’s comments submitted July 2, 2018 are on the UNRBA website: [Riparian Buffer Comments](#). These comments will be reemphasized and sent to the EMC prior to their action item on readopting these rules.
- IX. Release of Communications Work Products—Forrest Westall**
The UNRBA’s Communications Support Contract for 2018 has been completed. Drafts of the work products have been reviewed by the PFC and the Board. The final products have been released for use by the membership. The new UNRBA Public Face website can be reached at <https://upperneuse.org/>. The Infographic, Fast Facts handout and Power Point presentation template are on the UNRBA website: [UNRBA Fast-Facts](#); [UNRBA Infographic](#); [UNRBA Powerpoint Template](#).
- X. Closing Comments— Co-Chairs Kenny Waldroup and Michelle Woolfolk**

MRSW Meeting: January 28, 2019, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, Butner Town Hall
Next PFC Meeting: February 27, 2019, 9:30 AM to Noon, Butner Town Hall