

Path Forward Committee (PFC) Meeting
January 5, 2021, 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM
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Materials related to the [January PFC Meeting](#) have been placed on the UNRBA website unless noted otherwise on the [Meeting page](#). There is no Modeling and Regulatory Support Workgroup Meeting scheduled in January.

- I. **Opening Comments, Agenda Review/Revisions — Co-Chairs Kenny Waldroup and Michelle Woolfolk**
- II. **Development of a Reporting Template for the UNRBA Stage I Existing Development Interim Alternative Implementation Approach (IAIA) — Informational Item**
Item Summary (Forrest Westall): At the November 18, 2020 meeting, the Board Directors reviewed the proposed changes to the Bylaws, provided updates on discussions at the local level, and indicated willingness to participate in the IAIA at the local level. In preparation for an anticipated implementation date of July 1, 2021, the PFC has begun discussing elements of the annual reports to be submitted by individual local governments participating in the program to DWR. An IAIA Reporting Workgroup was formed at the December 1, 2020 PFC meeting; the workgroup met virtually on December 14, 2020 to discuss reporting elements. A preliminary draft of IAIA reporting elements was provided for review by the PFC and will be discussed during the January PFC meeting along with a summary of the status of the program development.
- III. **Status of the Draft Falls Lake Model Program — Informational Item**
Item Summary (Forrest Westall): DWR provided a draft Model Program for review and the draft was distributed to the PFC on September 16, 2020. Comments from the PFC were compiled and provided to DWR on October 12, 2020. The Executive Director discussed the comments with DWR on November 6th, and DWR provided an updated draft on November 23rd. At the December PFC meeting, John Huisman summarized the revisions to the Model Program in response to UNRBA comments and he asked for additional comments by December 8th. The PFC noted that the majority of previous comments had been addressed but the PFC had significant comments on a new section in the Model Program. The Executive Director provided these additional comments to the PFC and DWR on December 9th. On December 14th the Executive Director met virtually with DWR staff to discuss these comments. The results of this meeting and the status of the Model Program will be discussed.
- IV. **Modeling and Regulatory Support Status — Informational Item**
Item Summary (Alix Matos): The modeling team is continuing work on the WARMF watershed model for water quality simulations and beginning model development of WARMF Lake. The modeling team is currently compiling and formatting inputs for the onsite wastewater treatment systems in the watershed; all other datasets have been input to the WARMF watershed model; total suspended sediments and total organic carbon have been calibrated preliminarily. The modeling team met with DWR on November 30th to continue discussions of the EFDC hydrodynamic model comments raised during the August MRSW meeting. Additional ideas were suggested for finalizing the flow balance approach. The Modeling Team provided recommendations to the MRSW to vote on how to proceed; results of the vote will be provided during the meeting. A draft of the WARMF watershed hydrologic model report will be provided to the MRSW for

review following submittal of the 319 Final Report (revisions to the WARMF model code) and the final Transition Monitoring Technical Memorandum.

V. Plan for Development of a Statistical Model and Evaluation of Regulatory Options Relative to the Water Quality Standard — Status and Formation of Technical Advisors Workgroup

Item Summary (Alix Matos and Forrest Westall): The UNRBA legal workgroup discussed the FY2021 scope of work with Barnes and Thornburg to provide legal support. The primary task for FY2021 is to begin consideration of a petition for rulemaking for Falls Lake (e.g., site specific criteria). This work will be partially supported by the UNRBA Statistical Model of Falls Lake. The models supporting the Re-examination of the Falls Nutrient Management Strategy will be discussed with an emphasis on the Statistical Model. Next steps and input requirements of the Statistical Model will be discussed. To support this effort, a Technical Advisors Group to the Legal Team and Statistical Modelers will be formed during the meeting. The Technical Advisors Group will be comprised of MRSW and PFC members who will identify staff at their jurisdictions to provide specific input. Evaluation of other State's site-specific standards for chlorophyll-*a* and nutrient-related standards is ongoing.

VI. Status of MRSW and PFC Workgroups— Informational Item

Item Summary (Alix Matos): The UNRBA Technical Stakeholder Workshop has been postponed to FY2021 due to COVID-19 and the joint Symposium with the UNC Collaboratory. During the November MRSW meeting, the MRSW formed two workgroups to recommend scenarios for evaluation (Scenario Screening Group) and to recommend output summaries for comparing scenarios (Model Scenario Output Group). A third workgroup for IAIA Reporting was formed at the December PFC meeting. A fourth workgroup will be formed during the January PFC meeting to provide technical input to the legal team and statistical modeling team in terms (Technical Advisors to the Legal Group and Statistical Modelers). These four groups will provide recommendations to the MRSW and/or PFC for consideration.

VII. Communications Support — Informational Item

Item Summary (Alix Matos): The communications team continues planning efforts with the Collaboratory on the joint symposium. The UNRBA Technical Stakeholder Workshop has been postponed until FY2022 due to COVID-19 and the Collaboratory/UNRBA Symposium.

VIII. Other Status Items—Information Item

Item Summary (Forrest Westall): Brief statements on several ongoing activities:

- Appointment of DEQ Secretary Michael Reagan as EPA Administrator
- Coordination with the Collaboratory on Falls Lake studies
- Ongoing DEQ/DWR Items—MOA, DWR 2020 Integrated Report and 303(d) Assessments, High Rock Lake Site Specific Chlorophyll-*a* Criteria, UNRBA/DWR meeting to review data collected/compiled from the Association's study, Neuse Watershed Model Information Session / Delivery Factors for WWTP, etc.

IX. Closing Comments— Co-Chairs Kenny Waldroup and Michelle Woolfolk

Next BOD Meeting: January 20, 2021, 9:30 AM to Noon, Remote Access
 Next MRSW Meeting: February 2, 2021, 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM, Remote Access
 Next PFC Meeting: February 2, 2021, 11:30 AM to 1:15 PM, Remote Access

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