

Path Forward Committee (PFC) Meeting Agenda
October 3, 2023, 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM
Butner Town Hall

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

II. NC State University Research Presentation (Dr. William Hunt)

III. Modeling and Regulatory Support Status

Item Summary (Alix Matos): The final draft Watershed Analysis Risk Management Framework (WARMF) modeling report has been distributed to the Modeling and Regulatory Support Workgroup (MRSW), Path Forward Committee (PFC), Board of Directors, Division of Water Resources (DWR), subject matter experts, third-party model reviewers, and the UNRBA Technical Stakeholders. Final reviews and input are due October 15, 2023. The report will then be finalized for approval by the PFC at the November 7, 2023, meeting. The final report will then be formally submitted to DWR. The final set of WARMF model files was previously submitted to DWR for review.

The lake modeling report is under development that will describe development, calibration, and modeling results of WARMF Lake, EFDC, and the Statistical/Bayesian/Decision Support model. The technical appendix for EFDC has been drafted and reviewed by the Executive Director and Chair of the MRSW. Once the main lake report has been drafted and reviewed by them, the main report and EFDC appendix will be provided to MRSW, DWR, and subject matter experts for review. The training for the EFDC model is being scheduled. The network for the statistical/Bayesian model is being developed.

IV. Developing Recommendations for a Revised Nutrient Management Strategy and a Petition for a Site-Specific Chlorophyll-a Water Quality Standard

Item Summary (Forrest Westall): The UNRBA Board of Directors approved the UNRBA Concepts and Principles for the Reexamination and Consensus Principles II at the September 20, 2023, meeting. The UNRBA provided a template resolution for local governments to use to approve Consensus Principles II at the local level. After the local approvals have been executed, the UNRBA Board will approve submittal of these documents to DWR at the November 15, 2023, Board meeting; submittal will occur in December 2023. Local governments should have these documents approved before November 15th to allow the UNRBA vote to occur at that meeting. We have scheduled, if necessary, a virtual meeting for December 13, 2023, to consider approval of these documents.

The UNRBA will continue to identify opportunities to work with other stakeholders as we move through this process and begin coordinating, collaborating, and supporting DWR in the rules review process in January. The UNRBA continues to develop information to support a petition for a site-specific chlorophyll-a standard for Falls Lake and is working with Dr. Marty Lebo to integrate his results into the site-specific standard evaluation, statistical modeling, and regulatory support efforts.

V. Communications Support

Item Summary (Forrest Westall): The UNRBA continues to coordinate with DWR on preparations for the rules review process, potential modifications to the water quality assessment methods, and development of

a site-specific chlorophyll-a criteria for Falls Lake. Additional meetings to gather input from NC Collaboratory staff, researchers, and representatives of NGOs are being planned.

The Executive Director will continue scheduling and conducting, as our members request, presentations at the meetings of UNRBA member governing bodies or other groups/organizations to discuss the Concepts and Principles and CPII under consideration. We are all working to secure approval of CPII by all of the UNRBA governing bodies. He presented earlier this year to

- City of Durham Environmental Affairs Board
- City of Creedmoor Board of Commissioners
- Granville County Commissioners
- Wake County Growth & Sustainability Committee
- Town of Stem Commissioners
- Durham County Commissioners
- Franklin County Commissioners

Presentations by member representative or the Executive Director are scheduled as follows:

- Town of Wake Forest Commissioners, October 3rd
- City of Raleigh Stormwater Committee, October 5th
- Town of Butner Council, October 5th
- SGWASA Directors, October 10th
- Person County Commissioners, October 16th
- Durham City Council, October 19th
- Orange County Commissions, November 2nd

Representatives for the Town of Hillsborough, City of Raleigh, Franklin County, and SGWASA, and Wake County and are planning presentations to their governing bodies. We request that our member representatives provide to their governing bodies the resolution to support CPII following the September 20th UNRBA Board meeting.

A public-facing, two-page summary has also been developed to expand outreach and invite additional feedback on the final draft Concepts and Principles document. This document can be used by the local governments to distribute information to their mailing lists and to post to social media accounts. Printed copies are available for those jurisdictions requesting them.

The Executive Director also presented the UNRBA recommendations to the Redwood Ruritan Club in September. Jurisdictions should identify additional meetings where support from the UNRBA team is needed.

The Executive Director will continue to reach out to local government staff to identify needs and support staff with implementation of the Stage I Existing Development Interim Alternative Implementation Approach (IAIA). Year 2 of the IAIA ended June 30th, and annual reports to DWR were due September 30th with a copy to UNRBA. These reports will be compiled and summarized in the UNRBA FY24 IAIA Annual Report for review by the PFC at the November 7, 2023, meeting. The Compliance Group Committee will review and

approve the UNRBA FY24 IAIA Annual Report at their November 15, 2023, meeting for submittal to DWR and the Environmental Management Commission.

American Rivers is still planning a “Neuse River of the Year” event for the upper part of the basin. The UNRBA is planning a press release to coincide with the timing of the event. This press release will also reference the successes of the IAIA and the efforts to develop consensus principles for a revised set of rules. Plans to develop videos and messaging for UNRBA members to distribute on their social media accounts is being planned to coincide with this event to streamline videography.

The “open” nature of all UNRBA meetings remains a key component of a transparent communications approach. We encourage member representatives and interested individuals to speak up about ideas and opportunities to communicate our work and the importance of our recommendations on a revised strategy and a site-specific standard.

VI. Other Status Items

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

- Intensive activity and management of expectations and resources—A lot to do
- Ongoing DEQ/DWR Items— Neuse Watershed Model Information Session / Delivery Factors for WWTP, etc.—we plan to address in our follow-up meetings with DEQ/DWR

VII. Closing Comments— Co-Chairs Michelle Woolfolk and Terry Hackett

Next PFC Meeting: November 7, 2023, 9:30 AM to Noon

Next BOD Meeting: November 15, 2023, 9:30 AM to Noon

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