

**Path Forward Committee Meeting**  
January 7, 2020, 10:40 AM to 1:00 PM  
Butner Town Hall

PLEASE NOTE START AND END TIME OF THIS MEETING

Materials related to this PFC Meeting have been placed on the UNRBA website unless noted otherwise on the [Meeting page](#).

See items under the January 7, 2020 meeting date. A direct link to the meeting presentation is provided [here](#).

- I. **Opening Comments, Agenda Review/Revisions — Co-Chairs Kenny Waldroup and Michelle Woolfolk**
- II. **Submittal of UNRBA Decision Framework to the Board – Action Item**  
Item Summary (Forrest Westall): The PFC discussed final edits to the UNRBA Decision Framework during the December 3, 2019 PFC meeting. Final edits to the document were distributed to the PFC on December 11, 2019 for comment by December 18. Updates were made in response to comments. The PFC will review the final version during the January PFC meeting and will be asked to approve the Decision Framework and to recommend to the Board at the January 15<sup>th</sup> meeting that it be adopted as a guidance document for use by the UNRBA in making its decisions.
- III. **Submittal of UNRBA Stage I Existing Development Interim Alternative Implementation Approach (IAIA) Program Description — Action Item**  
Item Summary (Forrest Westall): The IAIA Workgroup has developed a draft Program Description for an interim alternative implementation approach (IAIA) for Stage I Existing Development. The draft Program Description was distributed to the PFC for review on December 11, 2019. Final, written comments on the Program Description were due from the PFC by December 18, 2019. A revised draft was distributed to the PFC for final review prior to the January PFC meeting. It is requested that the PFC recommend that the Board authorize, on the basis of the Program Description document, that the Executive Director with input and direction from the PFC proceed with the process of exploring regulatory options for putting an IAIA in place and, following PFC review, bring an updated report and recommendation to the March Board meeting. Board action in January is not approval of a final IAIA nor is it a commitment by member(s) to participate in the IAIA. This authorization would allow us to move forward with developing additional program detail and identify the implementation approach that will be necessary to put such a program in place. The Board will have final approval on the actual program provisions, authorize putting the program in place, and, if a program is approved and put in place, the UNRBA members individually would then determine if they are to participate in the program.
- IV. **Modeling and Regulatory Support Status — Informational Item**

Item Summary (Alix Matos): A MRSW meeting precedes the PFC meeting at 9:00 AM. The Modeling Team is finalizing the land use data for input into the recent modeling period (2014 to 2018). This data includes agricultural data provided by the NC Department of Agriculture, DOT-maintained roads data provided by NC Department of Transportation, and designation of developed areas into existing development, new development, and interim development. Preliminary hydrologic calibration of simulated river flows compared to observations recorded by the US Geologic Survey indicate the model is performing well. This work continues to improve model performance. The interactions between 303(d) listing procedures, site specific chlorophyll-a criteria, and the re-examination are being tracked by the legal workgroup and subject matter experts (to be discussed in Section VII). The next Modeling and Regulatory Support Workgroup meeting is scheduled for February 4th before the PFC meeting during which preliminary calibration results will be shared.

**V. Monitoring Program Status**

Item Summary (Alix Matos): The UNRBA currently implements a scaled-back Transition Monitoring program which includes monthly nutrient sampling at 12 locations and total organic carbon sampling at 6 of these stations. Data from other organizations including DWR provides additional data in the watershed. The PFC discussed potential changes to the program for FY2021 at the September meeting and will continue the discussion at the January and February PFC meetings. Guidance from the PFC regarding a FY2021 Transition Monitoring program will be brought to the Board in March.

**VI. Review of the RRC Meeting Results**

Item Summary (Forrest Westall): The Executive Director, Don O'Toole and Dan McLawhorn attended the December 19, 2019 Meeting of the RRC and presented the UNRBA's comments and objection to the provision in the nutrient offset rule to reference Falls Lake specifically. This addition to the rule is in conflict with the Session Law and represents a potential cost to jurisdictionally owned WWTPs in the watershed in the future implementation of the provisions of the Falls Lake Nutrient Management Strategy. The results of this meeting and the decision of the RRC will be reviewed.

**VII. Other Status Items—Information Item**

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

- Budget adoption schedule for FY 2021
- The upcoming Regulatory Forum has been scheduled for February 12, 2020. Outreach activities have begun—Please encourage your decision makers to attend
- Due to the expanded effort on the Decision Framework and the Forum, other Communications work products will be delayed
- Ongoing DEQ/DWR Items—MOA, 303(d), 2019 UNRBA Data Report, site-specific chlorophyll-a criteria, etc.
- Release of Final Report on Jordan Lake by the UNC Collaboratory

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

**Next BOD Meeting: January 15, 2020, 9:30 AM to Noon, Butner Town Hall**



**Next MRSW Meeting: February 4, 2020, 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM, Butner Town Hall**

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