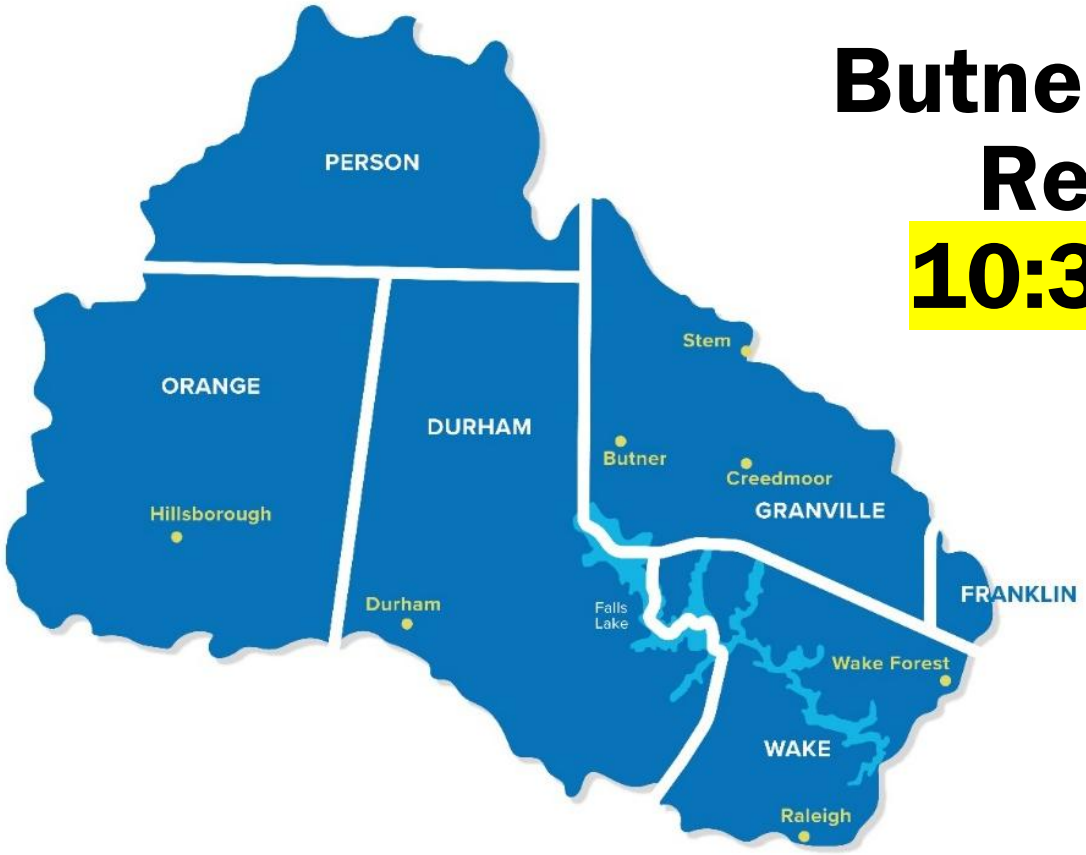
UNRBA Board Meeting
November 18, 2026

Butner Town Hall with Remote Option
10:30 AM to Noon



November 18, 2026, UNRBA Board Agenda, Part 1

- **Opening—Wendy Jacobs, Chair**
- **Action Items of the UNRBA Board of Directors**
  - Approval of September 16, 2026, Meeting Minutes
  - Approval of the Treasurer's Report
  - Preliminary Report from the Personnel Committee and Consideration of the Budget for FY2028
  - Appointment of the 2027 Officer Nominating Committee
  - Approval of the 2027 Meeting Dates
  - Motion to Recess the Regular Session of the UNRBA Board to Sit as the Compliance Group Committee
- **Action Items of the Compliance Group Committee (CGC)**
  - Consider approval of the UNRBA FY2025-2026 (Year 5) Annual Summary Report
  - Consider approval of the Draft Cover Letter to DWR and EMC
  - Motion to Recess the Compliance Group Committee to Resume Regular Session of the UNRBA Board

November 18, 2026, UNRBA Board Agenda, Part 2

- **Status Reports and Informational Items**
  - Status of the Falls Lake Rules Readoption Process
  - Continued Rule Development for Jordan Lake and High Rock Lake Watersheds
  - Communications Support
  - Ongoing Discussions/Issues
- **Closing Comments**

Opening

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- Introductions and announcements
- Roll call for quorum
- Identification of conflicts
- Review and approval of agenda
- Review voting hierarchy established in Bylaws
  - Primary Director
  - 1st Alternate if Primary Director is absent
  - 2nd Alternate if Primary Director and 1st Alternate are absent

Action Items of UNRBA Board of Directors

Approval of
September 16, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Approval of the Treasurer's Report

11/5/2026

Balance Forward: (per bank statement - 09/30/2026)		Checking	$	194,372.02
		Savings		1,445,478.48
Debits:				
	Winston, Williams, Creech, Evans & Jones		$	980.00
	McGill & Associates		$	23,546.26
	Brown & Calwdell		$	6,435.75
	McGill & Associates			26,879.74
	Total Debits		$	57,841.75
Credits:	Interest (checking)		$	14.83
	Interest (savings)			3,689.07
	Membership Dues Received			4,811.77
Account Balance (per bank statement - 10/31/2026)		Checking	$	136,545.10
		Savings		1,453,979.32
	Total UNRBA Account Balances:		**$**	**1,590,524.42**

Outstanding invoices/deposits in process since the close of bank statement (10/31/2026):

Debits:				
	Smith Law		$	9,647.65
	Smith Law		$	12,563.65
	Barnes & Thornburg		$	10,839.00
Credits:				
	Current Account Balances:	Checking	$	103,494.80
		Savings	$	1,453,979.32
	Total UNRBA Account Balance :		**$**	**1,557,474.12**

Legal Fund Balance

$549,433.86 25/26	YE
$100,000.00 26/27	Allotment
$649,433.86	Total
$(74,698.67)	Invoices paid
$(40,193.63)	B&T contract remaining
$(31,050.75)	Smith Anderson contract remaining
$494,347.93	**Balance**

Total of outstanding invoices in process for B&T and Smith Anderson (not reflected in the above balance): $33,050.30 which will leave a legal fund balance of $461,297.63.

Preliminary Report from the Personnel Committee & Consideration of the FY2028 Budget

Preliminary Report from the Personnel Committee

- At the September 16, 2026, meeting, the Board appointed the Personnel Committee:
  - Wendy Jacobs, Chair
  - Jane Harrison
  - Russ May
  - Ryan Eaves
  - Aarin Miles
  - Reggie Hicks
  - Kathy Cooper
  - Ed Buchan
  - Jim Wrenn
  - Nish Trivedi
- The Committee met October 26th and is working on a plan to develop a budget for FY2028
- The Committee asked that we use the FY2027 budget as placeholder for planning purposes
- We do not anticipate that the FY2028 budget will be higher than the FY2027 budget

Placeholder Dues for FY2028 based on FY2027 Due

UNRBA Membership Dues Calculation for FY 2026 - 27

$ 609,400.00 Projected Revenue

Date: 5/26/2026

Member	Base Rate (10%)	2025 Raw Water Demands (50%)			Jurisdiction's Land Area			FY 2026-27 Dues
	$ 60,940.00 Member's Sub-Share of Cost	2025 Average Raw Water Demand (MGD)	$ 304,700.00 (%)	Member's Sub-Share Cost	Jurisdiction's Acres Within Watershed	$ 243,760.00 (%)	Member's Sub-Share Cost	Total Membership Dues
Town of Butner	$ 4,352.86	NA			9061.40	1.9	$ 4,542.94	$ 8,895.80
City of Creedmoor	$ 4,352.86	NA			3843.00	0.8	$ 1,926.69	$ 6,279.55
City of Durham	$ 4,352.86	28.900	35.0	$ 106,569.41	35962.00	7.4	$ 18,029.58	$ 128,951.85
Durham County	$ 4,352.86	NA			89802.40	18.5	$ 45,022.51	$ 49,375.37
Franklin County	$ 4,352.86	NA			5284.00	1.1	$ 2,649.14	$ 7,002.00
Granville County	$ 4,352.86	NA			70959.60	14.6	$ 35,575.65	$ 39,928.51
Town of Hillsborough	$ 4,352.86	1.990	2.4	$ 7,338.17	4123.98	0.8	$ 2,067.56	$ 13,758.59
Orange County	$ 4,352.86	NA			121081.72	24.9	$ 60,704.42	$ 65,057.28
Person County	$ 4,352.86	NA			80760.00	16.6	$ 40,489.09	$ 44,841.95
City of Raleigh	$ 4,352.86	49.200	59.5	$ 181,426.12	1856.00	0.4	$ 930.51	$ 186,709.49
SGWASA	$ 4,352.86	2.54	3.1	$ 9,366.31	NA	NA	NA	$ 13,719.17
Town of Stem	$ 4,352.86	NA			778.00	0.1	$ 390.05	$ 4,742.91
Wake County	$ 4,352.86	NA			61779.00	12.7	$ 30,972.95	$ 35,325.81
Town of Wake Forest	$ 4,352.86	NA			915.35	0.2	$ 458.91	$ 4,811.77
Total	$ 60,940.04	82.63	100	$ 304,700.01	486206.45	100	$ 243,760.00	$ 609,400.05

Notes:

* Cost Allocation = 10% by uniform participation; 50% by raw water demands; and 40% by jurisdictional land area in UNRBA.

** 2024 annual daily average raw water demand reported by user systems.

*** Jurisdictional areas obtained from members, January, 2025. Percentages are calculated based on total basin acres. The towns of Mebane and Franklinton have a few acres but not enough to affect percentages. Municipal acreages do NOT include ETJs (although some municipalities may have some planning jurisdiction in ETJs, they do not collect tax revenue from these properties). SGWASA- and OAWS-owned acreages are included in their respective jurisdictional areas and are not calculated separately.

Appointment of the 2027 Officer Nominating Committee and Approval of the 2027 Meeting Dates

Appointment of Officer Nominating Committee

- Perspective Nominating Committee Members – appointment
  - Carl Rist
  - Terry Hackett
  - Ed Buchan
  - Georgana Kicinski
  - Other proposed members as identified by the Board
- Vote to appoint the Committee members

Approval of Meeting Dates for 2027

Board Meeting Dates

- January 20
- March 17
- May 19
- June 16
- September 15
- November 17

PFC Meeting Dates

- January 5
- February 2
- March 2
- April 6
- May 4
- June 1
- July 6
- August 3
- September 7
- October 5
- November 2
- December 7

Vote to approve the meeting dates for 2027

Meeting dates, times, and locations are subject to change. The times and locations of these meetings will be included in the invitations and announcements for these meetings. Please verify all meeting times and locations on meeting materials posted to the UNRBA website at https://unrba.org/meeting.

Motion to Recess the Regular Session of the UNRBA Board to Sit as the Compliance Group Committee

Action Items of the Compliance Group Committee (CGC)

Review UNRBA IAIA Annual Summary Report

- The fifth year of the Stage I Existing Development Interim Alternative Implementation Approach (IAIA) ended June 30, 2026.
- At the request of the UNRBA, DWR extended the program for five years, or until the Falls Rules are readopted.
- IAIA participants have submitted their annual reports for FY2025-2026 to NC Division of Water Resources (DWR) (John Huisman) and copied Forrest and Alix.
- The individual reports have been compiled to develop the UNRBA Annual Summary Report which will be reviewed today and considered for approval by the UNRBA Compliance Group Committee.
- The UNRBA Annual Summary Report is due to DWR by November 30th each year.

FY2025-2026 Funds Allocated and Cumulative Investment Credit

Participant	Annual Minimum Requirement	FY2025-2026 Funds Allocated	Cumulative Investment Credit*
City of Creedmoor	$16,926	$16,926	$0
City of Durham	$337,587	$1,205,029	$4,513,036
City of Raleigh	$466,081	$930,850	$2,791,330
Durham County	$133,300	$0	$667,185
Franklin County	$19,058	$19,058	$0
Granville County	$100,453	$100,453	$0
Orange County	$161,943	$238,342	$98,523
Person County	$114,394	$285,347	$411,129
Town of Butner	$23,393	$23,393	$0
Town of Hillsborough	$34,221	$23,438	$35,852
Town of Stem	$11,605	$11,605	$0
Town of Wake Forest	$13,692	$0	$31,540
Wake County	$88,968	$190,489	$3,050,780
Total	**$1,521,621**	$3,044,930	$11,599,375

*Cumulative investment credit based on the five-year program accounting.

IAIA Summary by Project Type (FY2025 to 2026)

Project Type	Number of Projects	Total funds allocated (cash and in-kind)
Land conservation	4	$1,254,607
Green infrastructure and other best management practices (BMPs)	7	$670,768
Watershed Improvement Plans and Programmatic Measures	5	$487,601
Stormwater control measures (State-approved SCMs)	5	$334,955
Stream and riparian buffer restoration and enhancement	3	$25,658
Illicit discharge detection and elimination	1	$102,823
Infrastructure Improvements	4	$152,377
Hydrilla removal and control	2	$16,142
Total	**31**	**$3,044,930**

IAIA Summary by Project Type (Total for Five Years)

Project Type	Number of Projects	Total funds allocated (cash and in-kind)
Land conservation	15	$8,082,590
Green infrastructure and other best management practices (BMPs)	35	$4,916,393
Watershed Improvement Plans and Programmatic Measures	38	$2,360,347
Stormwater control measures (State-approved SCMs)	32	$1,951,213
Stream and riparian buffer restoration and enhancement	17	$732,834
Illicit discharge detection and elimination	12	$637,036
Infrastructure Improvements	12	$457,131
Hydrilla removal and control	11	$69,937
Total	**172**	**$19,207,480**

CGC to Consider approval of the UNRBA Year 5 Annual Summary Report and Draft Cover Letter and authorize the Chair to sign

Motion to Recess the Compliance Group Committee to Resume Regular Session of the UNRBA Board

Status Reports and Informational Items

Status of the Falls Lake Rules Readoption Process

Status of Falls Rules Readoption

- UNRBA members and Executive Director met with DWR on July 20th to discuss
- The PFC discussed the meeting and outstanding items during the August and September meetings and John Huisman provided updates on DWR's internal discussions.
- On October 14th, John provided updated draft rules
- The PFC discussed preliminary comments from Forrest, Alix, and Dan McLawhorn during their November PFC meeting
- The PFC will provide their comments on the October drafts by January 12, 2027 for discussion at the February and March PFC meetings (planning for a discussion with DWR in February)
- The Board will be briefed on the last status at their March 2028 meeting

Critical Outstanding Issues on the Rule Sections

- Purpose and Scope Rule
  - Includes references to historic load reduction requirements that may cause confusion regarding requirements
  - Relies on the Nutrient Criteria Development Process which is far behind schedule and does not address Falls Lake
  - Tributary monitoring should be conducted by DWR to evaluate trends in nutrient loading to Falls Lake
- New Development Rule
  - DWR proposes to re-readopt this rule in 2028 after the stormwater nitrogen and phosphorus tool has been updated
  - Delay of this tool also delays implementation of the soil improvement practice on new development
  - Still references that local governments can adopt/enforce requirements that provide greater water quality protection
  - New development workgroup has suggested single family or duplex parcels at least 2 acres in size that are not part of a common plan of development with a built upon area less than 5% be exempt from developing a stormwater plan (October requires at least 5 acre lot)

Critical Outstanding Issues on the Rule Sections

- Existing Managed Lands Rule
  - Identified outstanding issues that DWR said they would address and are currently re-checking
  - DWR will review other rule language regarding requirements if DWR dissolves the investment-based compliance group and only some members are deficient
  - DWR will review other rule language to address concerns about eminent domain on lands not under the ownership of the local government
- Wastewater Rule
  - Limits WWTPs to less than permitted capacity and will eventually require a moratorium on growth
  - DWR is reviewing text for a concentration-based limit rather than a load-based limit
  - Inconsistencies with other wastewater rules (years of offset credits to purchase, allowable effluent concentrations, etc.)

Continued Rule Development for Jordan Lake and High Rock Lake Watersheds

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- We continue to monitor DWR's draft proposal for nutrient management rules for the High Rock Lake Watershed and their rules readoption process for the Jordan Lake Watershed

Communications Support

Communications Outreach and Preparation to Support Rule Readoption

- Existing information for jurisdictional use in developing presentations and handouts (see next slides)
  - Infographic
  - Fact Facts
  - UNRBA website and resource library
- Jurisdictions can identify additional meetings or presentation materials when support from the UNRBA team is needed
- Members can join DWR's list serve for Falls Lake
- Continue to coordinate with DWR
- Additional opportunities for public input during the formal EMC process
- The "open" nature of all UNRBA meetings remains a key component of a transparent communications approach.
- Please speak up about ideas and opportunities to communicate our work and the importance of our recommendations on revised rules and a site-specific standard.

Additional Information and Activities

- Status updates to the EMC
- Planning information sharing for members on new development rule implementation and best practices
- Planning a meeting with staff from the NC Office of State Budget Management
- Meeting with EPA

Ongoing Discussions/Issues

wastewater management

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- NCSU streambank erosion loading website and spatial data available soon
- Raleigh Watershed Protection Program land conservation prioritization model being updated by Triangle Land Conservancy (formerly the Upper Neuse Clean Water Initiative, UNCWI)
- Impacts on implementation of nutrient requirements in light of PFAS/PFOS and other emerging requirements on wastewater management costs to local governments

Closing Comments

Next UNRBA PFC Meeting
December 1, 2026
In Person (Butner Town Hall) or Virtual
9:30 AM to Noon

Next UNRBA Board Meeting
January 20, 2027
Butner Town Hall
9:30 AM to Noon