



UNRBA PFC Meeting

December 2, 2025

9:30 AM to 11:00 AM

Virtual Meeting

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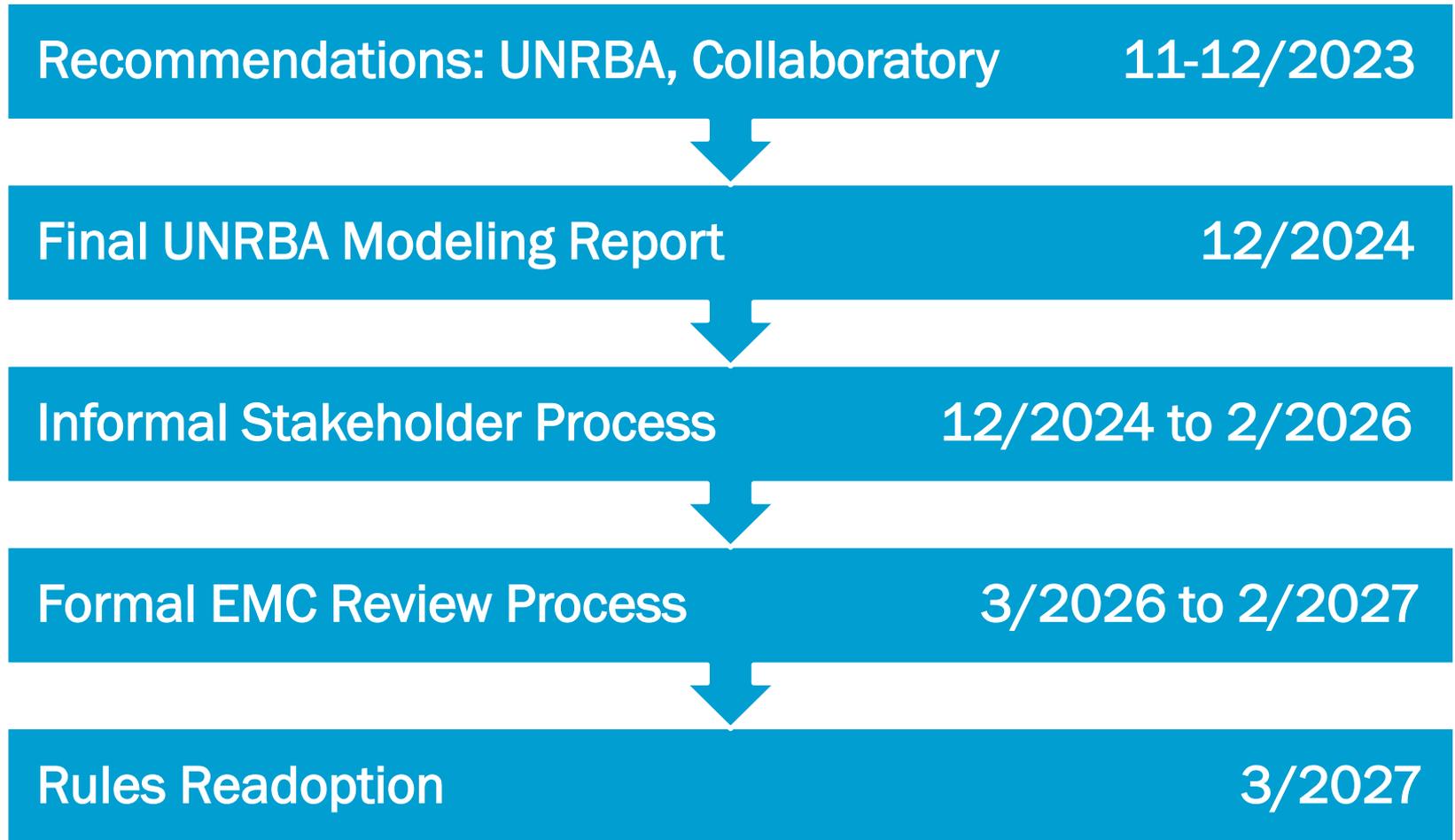
Agenda

- Opening comments, agenda review/revisions
- Status and timeline for Falls rules readoption
- Extension of IAIA Program and Submittal of Annual Report
- Discuss Budget for FY2027
- Planning PFC Workshop on Best Practices for Implementing Falls Rules
- Communications
- Other Items
- Closing comments

Opening Comments, Agenda Review/Revisions

Status and Timeline for Falls Rules Readoption

Rules Readoption Schedule



UNRBA: Upper Neuse River Basin Association
EMC: Environmental Management Commission

Status of UNRBA Rule Development

- The PFC reviewed the latest draft UNRBA draft Falls Rules during the November 4, 2025, PFC meeting.
- These drafts had previously been distributed and discussed by the UNRBA Board at their meeting on October 21, 2025.
- These “October drafts” were developed following discussion with DWR Leadership and the Chair of the EMC on October 7th.
- DWR has not provided feedback on the October drafts or provided a proposal on the wastewater rule.
- UNRBA provided DWR with an evaluation of annual nitrogen load delivered to Falls Lake with a reduction of nearly 400,000 pounds per year. The Executive Director distributed a document to the PFC documenting this reduction.
- We have a meeting scheduled with DWR Leadership and the EMC Chair on December 2nd to discuss DWR’s proposal and status of the rules.

Status of UNRBA Rule Development

- On November 12, 2025, the UNRBA provided an information item to the EMC Water Quality Committee regarding approval of the UNRBA Models. The presentation slides were attached to the distribution email regarding this meeting.
- The UNRBA submitted the modeling reports for the watershed and lake models to EMC and DWR for review and approval in December 2023 and December 2024, respectively.
- DWR provided email confirmation that the models were developed in accordance to the DWR-Approved UNRBA Modeling Quality Assurance Project Plan in July 2024 and February 2025.
- The UNRBA is developing a summary of the extensive work of the Association relative to the requirements of the adaptive management provision of the Falls Rules. We will provide a copy to the PFC and Board when it is complete.

Next Steps for Submitting a Rule Package

- UNRBA will continue to work with DWR on a joint set of rules but retains the option to submit a petition for rule making
- Whether submitting jointly or independently, the package must include a fiscal note developed by DWR
- The UNRBA has been compiling supplemental fiscal information to support this effort.
 - This document will also need to be reviewed by the PFC and the Board and then approved by the Board for submittal.
 - Developing the UNRBA's economic information is important to timely readoption of the rules.
 - This timing of this document depends on when the rules are finalized, but the contractors are making continuing to make progress
- Once the supporting fiscal information has gone through the UNRBA approval process, we will provide to DWR so the formal process can begin.
- Anticipated schedule of milestones needs to be updated following the December 2nd meeting with DWR

Extension of IAIA Program and Submission of Year 4 Annual Report

Extension of the IAIA Program and Submittal of Year 4 Annual Summary Report

- During the November 19, 2025, UNRBA Board meeting, the Compliance Group Committee (CGC) approved an addendum to the IAIA Program Document to extend the duration of the Program (by five years, or until the Falls Rules are readopted and an updated watershed protection plan is developed and approved by the Commission).
- The CGC also approved the UNRBA Year 4 Annual Summary Report and a letter submitting the Year 4 report to DWR and the EMC.
- The CGC approved a letter submitting the Year 4 Report and requesting an extension of the IAIA program by the EMC, pending approval of amendments to the Bylaws by the UNRBA Board.
- The UNRBA Board approved the amendments to the Bylaws.
- The Chair executed the letter,, and the Executive Director submitted it on her behalf.

Discuss Budget for FY2027

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- The PFC and Board reviewed a planning-level budget for FY2027 at their November meetings
- A five-year projection was also provided.
- The Board concurred with the request that this projection be used by our members for budget planning and dues for the UNRBA.
- The Board will approve a final budget at their March 2026 meeting.
- Any further comments on the budget are requested as soon as possible to provide the jurisdictions with the best information for their planning purposes.

Planning PFC Workshop on Best Practices for Implementing Falls Rules

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- Granville County and Wake County have requested a comparison and best practices across local governments for their implementation of stormwater rules and regulatory requirements within the Falls Lake Watershed
- Earlier this year, we discussed a workshop approach for UNRBA members to gather information and discuss
- We will continue planning for this workshop

Communications

Additional Information and Activities

- Continue meeting with DWR to work toward a joint set of rules to submit to the EMC
- Status updates to the WQC or EMC
- Planning a meeting with the new Secretary of DEQ
- Planning a meeting with staff from the NC Office of State Budget Management
- Planning a meeting with EPA

Other Items

Ongoing Discussions/Issues

- Upcoming presentation by NC State University on their UNRBA and Jordan Lake One Water research study
- Impacts on implementation of nutrient requirements in light of PFAS/PFOS and other emerging requirements on wastewater management costs to local governments. DWR developing an implementation plan for control of these pollutants—EMC to review

Closing Comments

**Next PFC Meeting Scheduled for
January 6, 2026; 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM**

**Next Board Meeting Scheduled for
January 21, 2026; 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM**