

# Path Forward Committee (PFC) Meeting

October 6, 2020, 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM

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### Path Forward Committee Agenda, October 1, 2020, 9:30 to 12:00

- I. Opening Comments, Agenda Review/Revisions Co-Chairs Kenny Waldroup and Michelle Woolfolk
- II. Potential Change in MRSW and PFC Meeting Times

Item Summary (Alix Matos): The MRSW meetings have been 1.5 hours. The past two meetings have not had sufficient time to complete the technical discussions. To allow for more time, the Executive Director, Chair of the MRSW, and Co-chairs of the PFC are recommending a 2-hr MRSW meeting beginning at 9:00 AM and ending at 11:00 AM, followed by a 30-minute break, and then an approximately 2-hr PFC meeting from 11:30 to 1:15. During months where an MRSW meeting is not scheduled, PFC meetings would begin at 9:30 AM and go to noon. The PFC will discuss this option as well as others suggested by PFC members for implementation in November.

III. Steps Toward Establishing the UNRBA Stage I Existing Development Interim Alternative Implementation Approach (IAIA) Program Development — Informational Item

Item Summary (Forrest Westall): On June 17, 2020, the UNRBA Board of Directors discussed the status of the IAIA Program Document, the pros and cons of forming a separate compliance organization, and the benefits of involving Board members in near-term discussions with the legal group and PFC. During the July 7, 2020 PFC meeting, a summary of the discussion by the Board was provided and follow up actions were identified. An updated draft of the IAIA Program Document was provided to the PFC on July 17<sup>th</sup>. One of the action items includes member representatives reaching out to their local leadership to discuss jurisdictional plans to participate. During the August 4, 2020 and September 1, 2020 PFC meetings, members reported on these discussions and provided a preliminary indication of who plans to participate. On September 5, 2020 and September 10, 2020, the Executive Director discussed the IAIA with the Town of Wake Forest and Franklin County, respectively; summaries of these discussions will be provided. On September 16, 2020, the Board of Directors voted to continue development of the IAIA including an Interlocal Agreement to be approved at the local level and then by the UNRBA at the November 18, 2020 meeting. The Executive Director will work with the legal group and other legal representation assigned by the member governments to develop a draft Interlocal Agreement for review by the PFC at the November 3, 2020 meeting and approval by the Board at the November 18, 2020 meeting. The PFC will also begin discussing reporting elements for the IAIA at the November 3, 2020 PFC meeting after review and comment on the DWR Model Program.

# IV. Summary of the Draft Falls Lake Model Program

Item Summary (John Huisman): DWR provided a draft Model Program to the UNRBA for review in September, and the draft was distributed to the PFC for review on September 16, 2020. Initial comments from the PFC were requested by the Executive Director by September 25, 2020. John Huisman will present a



summary of the Model Program during the October meeting, and the PFC will have an opportunity to discuss the draft.

#### V. Plan for Development of a Site-specific Chlorophyll-a Standard

Item Summary (Forrest Westall): The UNRBA legal workgroup discussed the FY2021 scope of work with Barnes and Thornburg to provide legal support to the UNRBA. The primary task for FY2021 is to begin developing a petition for site specific criteria for Falls Lake. This work will rely partially on the UNRBA Statistical Model of Falls Lake. A conference call with the legal team and the statistical modeling team is being scheduled.

## VI. 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 WARMF modelers discussed lake segmentation with the Executive Director and subject matter experts on July 14<sup>th</sup>, and the team presented a recommendation for lake segmentation to the MRSW for consideration on September 1<sup>st</sup> during the MRSW meeting. Participants in the meeting requested consideration of additional segment breaks. The modeling team provided a supplemental slide deck to the MRSW on September 22, 2020 for consideration by the MRSW. The MRSW will discuss and finalize the decision on lake segmentation at the November 3, 2020 meeting. The modeling team is currently compiling and formatting inputs for the WARMF watershed model to continue with water quality model development; these inputs will be summarized briefly at the November 3, 2020 meeting. The modeling team will provide a conceptual-level description of the UNRBA Statistical Model for Falls Lake at the December 1, 2020 or the January 5, 2021 MRSW meetings (date to be selected following discussion with legal team). The team is also planning for a meeting with the DWR modeling group to continue discussions of the EFDC hydrodynamic model that were raised during the August MRSW meeting. A draft of the WARMF watershed hydrologic model report will be provided to the MRSW for review at the end of November.

# VII. Communications Support — Informational Item

Item Summary (Alix Matos): The Executive Director and subject matter experts had a discussion on September 17, 2020 with Grant Parkins and Victoria Triana at the UNC Institute for the Environment who have received funding through the UNC Collaboratory to begin planning for the Spring Symposium. A summary of this call will be provided to the PFC members. In addition to the spring symposium, the UNRBA has a technical workshop, WRRI annual conference, and meetings with DWR on the 2019 monitoring report and progress of the modeling efforts. The PFC will begin working through preliminary plans for these meetings in at the December 1, 2020 PFC meeting.

#### VIII. Other Status Items—Information Item

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

- Coordination with the Collaboratory on Falls Lake studies
- Ongoing DEQ/DWR Items—MOA, DWR 2020 Integrated Report and 303(d) Assessments,
   UNRBA/DWR meeting to review data collected/compiled from the Association's study and modeling progress, etc.

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



Next MRSW Meeting: November 3, 2020, 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM (proposed), Remote Access Next PFC Meeting: November 3, 2020, 11:30 AM to 1:15 PM (proposed), Remote Access Next BOD Meeting: November 18, 2020, 9:30 AM to Noon, Remote Access

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