

## **Path Forward Committee Meeting**

July 9, 9:30 AM to Noon

Butner Town Hall



A copy of materials related to the PFC's Meeting will be placed on the UNRBA website before the meeting:

<https://www.unrba.org/meetings>

See items under the July 9<sup>th</sup> meeting date.

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### **I. Opening Comments, Agenda Review/Revisions—Co-Chairs Kenny Waldroup and Michelle Woolfolk**

### **II. Monitoring Program Status—Informational Item**

Item Summary (Doug): A summary of the status of the transitional monitoring effort will be provided. For the current FY, the program has been funded at the level recommended by the PFC and approved by the Board. The future of transitional monitoring will continue to be an ongoing discussion for the PFC.

### **III. Optional Implementation Approach — Discussion Item**

Item Summary (Forrest Westall): The PFC discussed this topic at the May 13, 2019 Meeting. Work continues to better define such a program. The conceptual components of a potential Optional Implementation Approach have been outlined, but it will be necessary to be more focused on the actual provisions of such a program in order to build an actual program framework. The City of Durham has provided some detailed comments on the discussion to date and these comments/questions represent a good opportunity to focus this discussion and start development of some specific framework components of an Optional Implementation Approach that can move the discussion forward. The objective of this discussion will be to provide some general agreement within the PFC on the provisions of an acceptable Optional Implementation Approach.

### **IV. Other Status Items—Information Item**

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

A. UNRBA/DEQ Discussions: Member representatives of the UNRBA met with the Assistant Secretary and the DWR Director on June 7<sup>th</sup>. The agenda items for this meeting included the following:

- Clean Water Act 305(b) and 303(d) Evaluations of Falls Lake
- Memorandum of Understanding/Agreement
- Credit for land conservation
- Revision of the chlorophyll-a water quality standard
- Summary of the basic principles of the Optional Implementation Approach under review by the UNRBA

B. Modeling and Regulatory Support: The current FY budget includes funding for the development of a Decision Framework. Both Brown and Caldwell and HDR will be providing support for what will be a UNRBA discussion of how to build a Decision Framework to help guide the Association through the many decisions that will need to be made relative to modeling activities, including evaluation of alternative management approaches, developing implementation aspects of potential revised management approaches for Falls Lake, developing information for public participation, evaluation of public input, and development of a recommended revised strategy. The sessions for developing and defining a

decision framework will be incorporated into the format of the scheduled PFC Meetings. We anticipate starting this process at the August PFC meeting.

- C. Collaboratory Coordination: The Collaboratory recently provided a summary of the relationship between the Collaboratory's evaluation of the Falls Lake Nutrient Management Strategy and the UNRBA's Reexamination. This communication is helpful in defining the separate charges of each effort and identifying many areas where coordination and information sharing will improve both processes.
- D. Communications: Planning for the upcoming Stakeholder Summit in October continues. Input is needed from the UNRBA membership to develop an expanded stakeholder list for invitation to this summit. A draft media engagement protocol is under review by the Communications Workgroup. Because of the importance of the completion of the 51-month modeling support monitoring program and release of the comprehensive monitoring report, the Board approved the development of a press release for this accomplishment. That press release will be finalized soon.

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

<b>Next PFC Meeting, August 6, 2019, 9:30 AM to Noon, Butner Town Hall</b>
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