

Path Forward Committee Meeting
May 13, 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 May 13th meeting date.

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

II. Modeling and Regulatory Support (MRS) Status—Informational Item

Item Summary (Alix): The MRS Workgroup met following the March PFC and made several important decisions on model time step and delineation of modeling catchments. Development of the FY 2020 Budget and Scope of Work is underway. A preliminary review of MRS potential activities for the upcoming fiscal year will be provided. The MRS Workgroup will review the proposed Work Plan for FY 2020 and contract and make recommendations to the PFC and Board.

III. Monitoring Program Status—Informational Item

Item Summary (Alix): The comprehensive monitoring report is in preliminary draft and is being reviewed by the Executive Director and Subject Matter Experts. A draft of the report will be provided to the PFC no later than May 24th. Depending on the preference of the PFC, a workshop (webinar) on the draft report could be held June 5th or 6th. Comments from the PFC will be incorporated into the final draft. The final monitoring report will be presented to the PFC at the June 10th PFC Meeting.

IV. Ongoing DEQ Discussions/Issues—Information Item

Item Summary (Forrest): The UNRBA has continued to seek cooperation with the Department on several important topics/initiatives. Several meetings with the Secretary's Office have taken place. An update and status meeting with the Assistant Secretary for the Environment has been requested to discuss the following items:

- 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

V. Collaboratory Coordination—Discussion Item

Item Summary (Forrest): Ongoing discussions with the Collaboratory relative to the Falls Lake Nutrient Strategy project have continued. The PFC and the Board have discussed this interaction and it has been noted that this coordination will allow sharing of information and provide the opportunity for the UNRBA to provide input on Falls Lake study projects the Collaboratory will undertake. The UNRBA has communicated its interest in providing recommendations for potential projects. We have identified several project areas we believe would provide added value to our Re-examination effort. A draft set of potential projects has been developed for review by the PFC. The Executive Director is seeking input from the PFC on this list and other study objectives that members identify. The UNRBA Re-examination effort is expected to provide recommendations by mid-2023. The Collaboratory's Falls evaluation is due by December 31, 2023.

VI. Optional Implementation Approach — Discussion Item

Item Summary (Forrest Westall): The PFC supported a continued evaluation of this concept and the Board appointed a Workgroup to help guide the process. The Workgroup met on April 15th and April 29th. Agenda and presentation materials from these two meetings can be found on the UNRBA website “meetings” page for 2019 (<https://www.unrba.org/meetings>). The Workgroup requested that the next discussion take place at the May PFC. We plan to allocate approximately 60% of this meeting to continuing these discussions and to seek input from the full PFC. We will summarize the general objective and goal of this Optional Approach and review the work completed.

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

Next PFC Meeting: June 10, 2019, 9:30 AM to Noon, Butner Town Hall
