

Path Forward Committee Meeting
September 3, 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 September 9th meeting date.

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

- II. NC Numeric Nutrient Criteria Development Plan, Scientific Advisory Council – Status and Analyses of High Rock Lake — Informational Item**

Guest speakers, Clifton Bell and Marty Lebo, are members of the NC Nutrient Criteria Development Plan, Scientific Advisory Council (SAC). Their presentation will help to inform the PFC of potential recommendations to change the NC water quality standards approach for the protection of designated uses from eutrophication. The speakers will share insight on current SAC discussions and the status of the SAC's recommended water quality standards for High Rock Lake including chlorophyll-a. Bell and Lebo will also review the scientific basis for understanding these recommendations. This presentation will reflect the SAC's process for developing site specific recommendations for High Rock Lake. High Rock Lake is a 92-year old eutrophic reservoir with a mean depth of 17 feet; surface area of 15,180 acres; drainage area of 3,974 square miles; and retention time of 4 to 50 days. The lower portion of HRL is classified for water supply.

- III. Upcoming meeting with UNC Collaboratory — Informational Item**

Item Summary (Forrest Westall): The UNRBA will meet with UNC Collaboratory managers and researchers on September 20th. This meeting will be used to provide a review of the UNRBA monitoring data and special studies, data access portal, and UNRBA reports and to identify this data and information for supporting the Collaboratory's planned work on Falls Lake. Results from the UNRBA 2019 Annual Monitoring Report will be discussed with the participants to help guide Collaboratory studies.

- IV. UNRBA Decision Framework Development — Informational Item**

Item Summary (Forrest Westall): This part of the meeting will be used to lay out the general plan for development of the UNRBA's Decision Framework. Three types of decisions were identified during the kickoff call held August 13th: administrative, technical, and policy related. The PFC will discuss these three types and several related questions about the decision-making process. The schedule for developing a framework for presentation at the January Board of Directors Meeting will also be discussed. PFC should consider starting at 9:00 AM for the October 1st meeting to allow sufficient time to complete the session on the Decision Framework.

- V. UNRBA Alternative Implementation Approach – A Prospective Framework — Informational Item**

Item Summary (Forrest Westall): After the August PFC meeting, a strawman framework for an alternative implementation approach was drafted. The draft was distributed prior to the September PFC meeting. It includes example funding levels discussed at the August PFC meeting which are included for discussion purposes only. The draft framework under consideration incorporates additional flexibility in management to better utilize the efficiencies of existing programs. The PFC will discuss the strawman during the September PFC meeting.

VI. UNRBA Transition Monitoring Options for FY2021 — Informational Item

Item Summary (Doug Durbin): Options for revising or terminating the UNRBA Transition Monitoring will be discussed. Preliminary budget estimates for a range of programs will be provided for consideration: termination, continuation as is, and expansion to include three stations in the City of Durham with the potential to add parameters associated with the City's NPDES permit requirements.

VII. Modeling and Regulatory Support Status — Informational Item

Item Summary (Information Only – MRSW Follow-up): Slides summarizing the status of the Modeling and Regulatory Support Project are included for review by the PFC. It is not expected that this item will be discussed during the September PFC meeting due to time constraints. These topics will be discussed at an upcoming meeting of the Modeling and Regulatory Support Workgroup (to be scheduled).

VIII. Other Status Items—Information Item

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

- Planning continues for the upcoming non-technical stakeholder forum, likely to be held in January/February 2020
- Input is needed from the UNRBA membership to develop an expanded stakeholder list for invitation.

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

Next PFC Meeting, October 1, 2019, TBD to Noon, Butner Town Hall
