

UNRBA Monitoring  
Program  
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# Update on the Monitoring Program



## Monitoring Program Updates

- Lake Monitoring Update and Cost Revision
- Jurisdictional and Lake Loading Monitoring Program Updates
  - Monitoring Station Adjustments and Conditions
  - Stagnant Flow Discussion
  - Proposed changes to monitoring procedures
- Special Studies for FY 2015
  - Review of list of options for additional studies in FY 2015
  - Discuss recommended studies Table (handout)



## Falls Lake Monitoring Update

- DWR sampled Falls Lake on October 28<sup>th</sup> and collected samples for the UNRBA requested parameters and at the new location near the mouth of Ledge Creek
- Environment 1 provided sample bottles, chain of custody forms, and coolers for the SUVA and color samples
- Budget Update:
  - Contract noted that Lake monitoring costs ranged from \$36,000 to \$104,000 depending on how much data collection was taken on by DWR
  - Costs revised to be \$23,175 reflecting DWR's agreement to collect most parameters and new sampling location
    - Fee includes Environmental 1 analyses of SUVA and color for 10 months at 12 lake locations, providing labeled sample bottles, COC forms, coolers, and sample pick up; Cardno review of data and inclusion in UNRBA database and summary of DWR and Env1 lake data in annual report



## Watershed Monitoring Program Update

- All Jurisdictional stations were monitored in October
  - Worked through site access issues, thank you DOT and Mayor of Stem!
  - Intermittent conditions at some locations
  - Adjusted the location of two stations (Camp Creek and Horse Creek)
- All Lake Loading stations were monitored in October
- No visible flow at a number of lake loading stations in September and October (no samples were collected at locations where no flow was observed)
  - Conducted field visits to look for alternative monitoring locations
  - Reviewed lake level, rainfall, and reservoir release data
  - Discuss options: additional data collection needed?
- Conducted field audit of Environment 1



## No Visible Flow – Beaverdam at Horseshoe Rd.





## No Visible Flow – Unnamed Creek at Northside Rd.





## No Visible Flow – Robertson Creek at Brassfield Rd.







# Rainfall at Falls Lake Dam

**Table 2: Rainfall at Falls Dam by year for period of record for USGS PPT data. Partial data available for 2007 and 2014**

Year	September ppt	Jan through September ppt
2008	7.76	23.11
2009	4.47	27.37
2010	6.38	22.49
2011	7.82	24.54
2012	6.78	28.84
2013	4.04	30.45
2014	4.85	32.42



# Water Levels at Falls Lake Dam 2008-2014

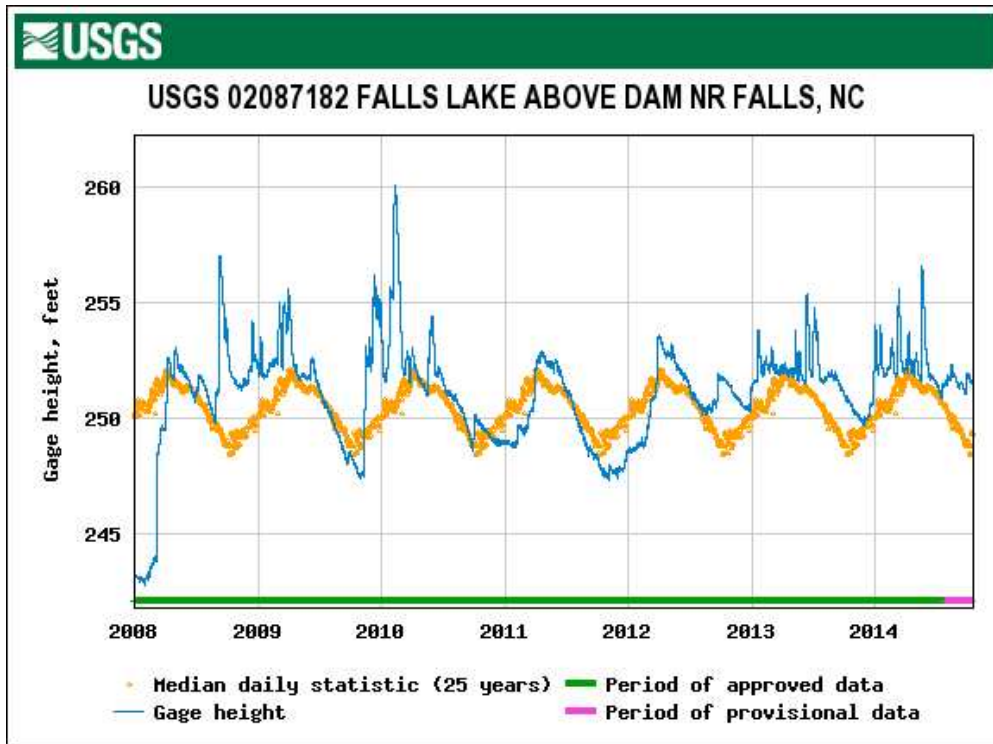
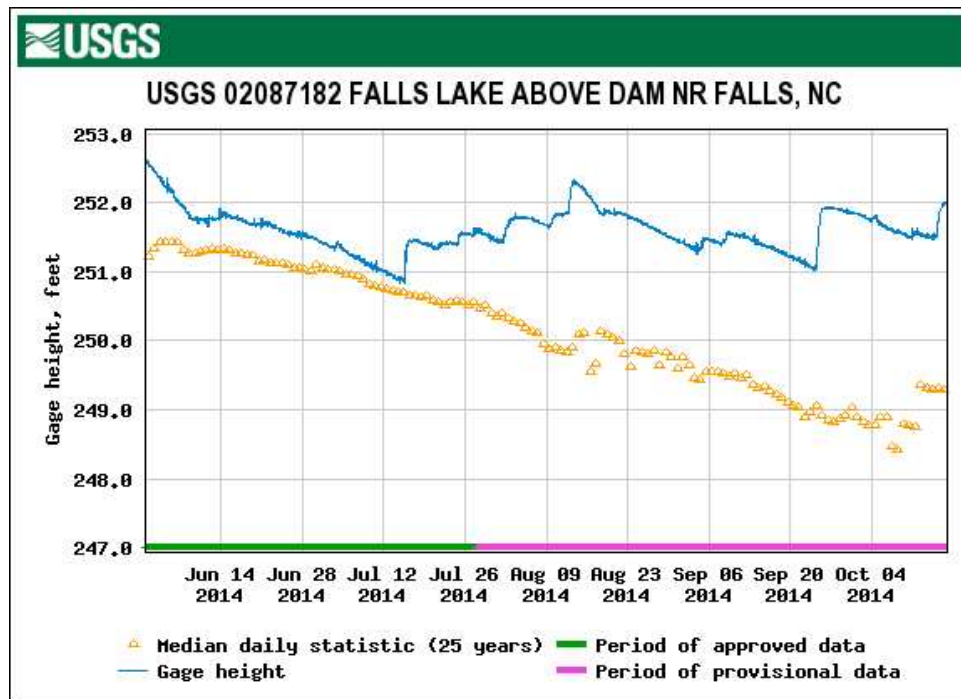


Figure 1: Falls Lake daily water height and median daily value from January 2008 through October 2014



# Water Levels at Falls Lake Dam – 2014 Conditions



**Figure 1: Falls Lake elevations since June 1, 2014**



## No Visible Flow – Monitoring Program Implications

- Proposed Changes to Monitoring Protocols:
  - Place drops of colored food dye or rhodamine dye in stream and watch for 2 minutes to determine if advective flow is present
  - Obtain samples even when no flow is observed – tag these samples as stagnant flow samples in UNRBA database
  - Review data after 3-5 months and determine whether to continue collecting samples when no advective flow is present
  - At each sampling event measure from a marked location on the bridge down to the top of the water column. Make this measurement at each location where stagnant flow has been observed.



## Additional UNRBA Studies for FY 2015

- Review Available Budget (\$125,000 – with no contingency funding)
- See Handout with proposed studies for funding in FY 2015



