

MEETING SUMMARY

UPPER CAPE FEAR RIVER BASIN ASSOCIATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Impact Alamance Conference Center
133 E. Davis Street,
Burlington, NC 27215

9:30 AM
April 16, 2019

Attendees

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TAC Meeting

Meeting Convened after coffee/doughnuts at 9:35am

- Jen opened the meeting
- Introductions were made around the room
- There were no additional items for the agenda

Organizational Report

- Cameron provided a brief organizational report:

- The special monitoring study has been ongoing, and the UCFRBA will reevaluate preliminary results later this year.
- UNC Wilmington has updated the database with all of last year's data.
- The annual report was sent out earlier this month and we welcome any additional feedback and/or necessary revisions.
- The TAC will meet later in the quarter to allow additional time for the QA/QC team to review incoming data and provide a report.

Presentation on Proposed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA Changes):

- Mark Vander Borgh presented a summary of reviews, revisions, and proposed changes to the UCFRBA/DWR MOA. This presentation is attached to this email.
- The Division needs feedback from the group regarding these changes, in particular any legal language, the sampling and parameters table, and contact information.
- He has set up a new email address for ease of communication:
coalitioncoordinator@ncdenr.gov
- He wanted to reiterate and clarify: the MOA does not supersede any NPDES permit requirements
- Mark will present this information again to the Board in July, and will send over any components that can be reviewed once they are developed, to expedite review process by a workgroup. The Board requested that a draft MOA be sent as soon as is feasible.
- Once finalized, Mark will send one agreement letter electronically to the Board Chair, for distribution electronically to the rest of the Board; this is a change from previous iterations which were signed and mailed to each entity.
- All Board signatures on the approved MOA will need to be returned by May 1, 2020.

Funding Water and Wastewater Utility Systems

- Maya Cough-Schulze gave a summary presentation of material provided at the UNC Environmental Finance Center's workshop held in March, as well as discussions held at the Water Infrastructure Authority meeting. This presentation is attached to this email.
- There was a general discussion among the attendees regarding resources, challenges, and ways to utilize benchmarks and other points of information.
- There was also a brief discussion regarding the challenge to recruit and retain utility workers.

Around the Region

- OWASA – recent sanitary line break over the weekend is being resolved. They are hiring for a new Asset Manager position.
- Durham – the South Durham permit expired in 2016. Due to wet weather, they have not land applied since September.
- Mebane – Jacobs consulting was selected to upgrade 0.5mgd and replace equipment from 1994. Construction should be complete in 2020.
- Asheboro – currently authorizing construction which should be complete this year.
- Greensboro – were experience significant flow issues since October, resulting in four months of flow violations. Discovered defunct private industry WTP had fully open flow valve sending 4.8 mgd to wastewater system (17%). City looking into potentially purchasing this parcel for reuse possibilities.
- Meritech – recently resolved issue with low-level mercury testing and are up and running.

Next Steps, Closing Remarks and Future Meeting Schedule

- The next meeting will be a joint TAC/Board meeting in July.
- There was a suggestion to hear from the Complex Permitting Unit again at the next meeting, and a request to reach out to the smaller permittees and those that do not generally attend meetings. Jen will coordinate.
- Other suggestions for speakers are always welcome!

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55am.