

**ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION  
WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA**

**January 13, 2021  
10:30 AM – 12:30 PM**

In the event the previously scheduled Environmental Management Commission (EMC) committee meeting adjourns prior to the estimated adjournment time, the Water Quality Committee (WQC) meeting may be called to order, by the WQC Chair, 15 minutes after the previous meeting adjourned.

The EMC meeting audio and presentations will be broadcast via the state web conferencing link posted on the EMC website at <https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-resources/water-resources-commissions/environmental-management-commission>

Items marked with an asterisk (\*) will be presented orally at the WQC meeting only upon a request by a WQC member and can be approved where required as a group.

**Marion Deerhake, Chair, Presiding**

**I. Preliminary Matters**

1. Call to Order and Notice of NCGS 163A-159(e)..... WQC Chair Deerhake

North Carolina General Statute 163A-159(e) mandates that the Chair inquire as to whether any member knows of any known conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to matters before the Environmental Management Commission’s Water Quality Committee. If any member knows of a conflict of interest or appearance of conflict, please so state at this time.

2. Approval of [draft minutes of the November 18, 2020, Water Quality Committee meeting](#)

**II. Action Items**

1. Request Approval to Proceed to the EMC with the Falls Lake Model Program for Existing Development Stormwater – (John Huisman, Division of Water Resources, Nonpoint Source Planning Branch)

The Falls Lake Existing Development Stormwater Rule (.0278) requires affected parties in the watershed to implement load reduction programs to reduce nutrient loading from existing developed lands under their control in the watershed. Implementation is divided into two Stages with Stage I calling for reductions in loading back to 2006 baseline levels with additional reductions called for in Stage II that equate to the full reduction goals of the strategy. The Rule also requires DWR to develop a Model Program to provide the accounting tools, practices, and guidance affected parties can use to develop their required load reduction programs. The Division has also worked with the Upper Neuse River Basin Association over the past two years to collaborate on their development of an alternative joint compliance approach for Stage I as allowed under the rule and in the Model Program. Staff will provide an overview of the Final Model Program which has been updated to address public comments received from stakeholders in October and December. Once approved affected parties will have six months to submit and implement their individual or joint programs. The Division requests approval to proceed to the EMC with the Falls Lake Model Program for Existing Development Stormwater. (Attachments enclosed: [Draft Model Program for Existing Development Stormwater](#) and [PowerPoint presentation updated](#))

### **III. January 14, 2021 EMC Agenda Items**

\* Request Approval of the Falls Lake Model Program for Existing Development - (John Huisman, Division of Water Resources, Nonpoint Source Planning Branch)

\*Request Approval of the 2021 Chowan River Basin Water Resources Plan – (Forest T. Shepherd, Division of Water Resources, Basinwide Planning Branch)

### **IV. Information Items**

1. Update on Model Program for Neuse & Tar-Pamlico New Development Stormwater - (Trish D'Arconte, Division of Water Resources, Nonpoint Source Planning Branch)

Division staff will present an update on the development of a New Model Program for the Neuse and Tar-Pamlico Stormwater rules which were readopted effective April 2020. Both rules call for development of a Model Program and presentation to the EMC within eight months. Online meetings and offline engagement with local governments have been ongoing for the past eight months, and draft products are being finalized. The Division expects a complete product for presentation to the EMC in March 2021.

2. North Carolina's Nutrient Criteria Development Plan: A Summary and Status Update for High Rock Lake – (Karen Higgins, Division of Water Resources Planning Section)

The Nutrient Criteria Development Plan (NCDP) is an EPA approved plan for developing nutrient criteria for surface waters in North Carolina. Division staff will brief the WQC on the history of NCDP and provide an update on High Rock Lake. (Attachments enclosed: [2019 Nutrient Criteria Development Plan](#) and [PowerPoint presentation](#))

3. Future Committee Interests – WQC Chair Deerhake will seek the EMC Commissioners' input on WQC goals, future agenda topics, and long-term interests.

4. < Director's Remarks (Danny Smith, Division of Water Resources)

### **V. WQC Closing Comments**

Adjournment: The next Water Quality Committee meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2021. The details of the meeting will be posted to the EMC website at <https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-resources/water-resources-commissions/environmental-management-commission>