

Triangle J Council of Governments

Jordan Lake One Water Meeting Summary

November 29, 2018

9:00 am to 11:00 am

Attendees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Alison Weakley	Chapel Hill	John Morris	OWASA
Alicia Goots	Greensboro	Josh Johnson	AWCK
Amy Galey	Alamance BoC (Chair)	Julie DeMeester	TNC
Bill Holman	Conservation Fund	JV Loperfido	Durham
Bob Patterson	Burlington	Keith Larick	NC Farm Bureau
Brooke Massa	NC WRC	Kristine Williams	Greensboro
Caitlin Burke	CTNC	Leigh Ann Hammerbacher	TLC
Cameron Colvin	PTRC	Matt Flynn	Cary
Cindy Perry	Pittsboro Mayor	McKenzie Gentry	Durham County
Cy Stober	Mebane	Michael Orbon	Wake County
Dan McLawhorn	Raleigh	Mick Noland	PWC
Danica Schaffer-Smith	TNC	Morgan DeWitt	Chatham County
David Hardin	Apex	Nancy Daly	Wake County
David Phlegar	Greensboro	Nora Deamer	NCDWR
David Hardin	Apex	Pam Hemminger	Chapel Hill Mayor
Diana Hales	Chatham BoC (Chair)	Patrick Beggs	NCDWR
Don O'Toole	Durham	Peter Raabe	American Rivers
Ed Harrison	Sierra Club	Reggie Hicks	Durham
Ed Kerwin	OWASA	Ruth Rouse	OWASA
Emily Sutton	Haw River Assembly	Ryan Eaves	Durham County
Eric Davis	Burlington	Ryan Parks	Duke
Erin Riggs	UNC EFC	Sig Hutchinson	Wake County BoC
Evan Kane	UNC EFC	Steve Kaltenbach	Orange County
Fran DiGiano	Clean Jordan Lake	Steve Wall	UNC Collaboratory
Grady McCallie	NC ConNet	Syd Miller	Durham
Jamie Smedsmo	UNC	Tandy Jones	TLC
James Ray	Duke	Tom Davis	Orange County
Jeff Hughes	UNC EFC	Tom Hoban	CFRA
Jeff Adkins	Cary	Tonya Caddle	Alamance County
Jen Schmitz	TJCOG	Tori Molyneaux	UNC EFC
Joey Hester	NCAGR	Trevor Clements	TetraTech

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Presentations:

Jen Schmitz (TJCOG) gave a brief presentation on the Jordan Lake One Water organization, where we've come from, and where we're going. This presentation is available on the JLOW website.

Trevor Clements (Tetra Tech) gave a presentation providing an overview of the draft JLOW Workplan, including identified tasks, resource needs, goals, and a path forward to nutrient rule revisions as part of an overall integrated watershed management framework. This presentation and the draft workplan (as of 11/29/18) are available on the JLOW website.

Patrick Beggs (NC Division of Water Resources) spoke briefly regarding the integration of JLOW efforts into the public participation and stakeholder involvement processes that DWR will undertake for the Jordan Lake Rules Readoption timeline.

Erin Riggs (UNC Environmental Finance Center) provided an overview of the second year of financial modeling – “Paying for Nutrient Reduction and Management in Jordan Lake, as part of the Collaboratory’s Jordan Lake nutrient management strategy research. This presentation is available on the JLOW website.

Discussion:

There were many comments and questions regarding the proposed work plan and the integration with DWR efforts:

- Michael Orbon – Wake County: How will JLOW engage industry at these meetings and in this process? Suggestion – invite Chambers of Commerce, Homebuilders association, developers, etc.
- David Hardin - Town of Apex: How will JLOW overlap with or duplicate UNC Collaboratory research/efforts?
- Question answered by Steve Wall – UNC Policy Collaboratory: It won't – the Collaboratory is not coming up with specific revisions/rule language, but instead is evaluating various options and making recommendations. The Collaboratory work may inform JLOW work/efforts, and vice versa.
- Bill Holman – The Conservation Fund: Will DWR still be performing their own stakeholder engagement?
- Question answered by Patrick Beggs – DWR will still engage with many stakeholders, and any stakeholders involved with JLOW are still welcome to approach DWR directly, but DWR will be leveraging the robust and existing stakeholder group here so as not to duplicate efforts. Patrick will also be part of the Advisory Committee for the JLOW initiative process.
- Joey Hester – NC Ag: Is there a concern that during the rules review process, JLOW will be going above and beyond the current complexity?
- Question answered by Patrick Beggs – The Division is open to a new approach, if it's better/the right thing to do for the watershed.
- Julie DeMeester – TNC: What is the best way for stakeholders to inform the process?
- Question answered by Jen Schmitz – the Draft Workplan is up on the website – take a look and review/comment on the path forward. Also, volunteer to be on a subcommittee and/or participate in tasks/subtasks.

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- Bill Holman – TCF: The upstream benefits of an integrated watershed management approach are very compelling/convincing. Important to integrate upstream communities as much as possible. Notes that we should engage the new Office of Resiliency formed by Governor Cooper. A new Director is forthcoming.
- Sig Hutchinson – Wake County BoC: One Water approach is sound, and timely. Should be successful in this process.
- Pam Hemminger – Chapel Hill Mayor: Should consider Communications Strategy as a discrete Task, or as a component of each task. Jen/Trevor will add this to the Workplan.

There were also some questions regarding the financial models outlined by the EFC staff:

- Cy Stober – Mebane: Will the model be reanalyzed using the 2020 census data?
- No current plans to do so, but the dashboard will be live and can be updated as needed (dashboard will be live in 2019).
- Cy: Why were duplicates removed from the model? Those in more than one revenueshed should pay double. Erin: The intent of the model was to be as equitable as possible.
- Leigh Ann Hammerbacher – TLC: Would you be able to run the model on impervious surfaces, similar to LA County model?
- Question answered by Evan Kane: yes, if the impervious surface data existed.

Next Steps:

All participants and other interested stakeholders are welcome to review the draft Workplan on the website and provide comments.

<http://www.tjcog.org/jordan-lake-one-water.aspx>

Additionally, if anyone is interested in participating on a subcommittee or on any Tasks in the Workplan, please contact Jen.

The Advisory Committee will meet December 7th to kickoff their work, and the Workplan will continue to be revised. A final Workplan is anticipated in January 2019.

The next JLOW meeting will occur in February 2019. A data and invitation will be sent out soon.

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