

# Triangle J Council of Governments

## Jordan Lake One Water Association Meeting Summary

February 15, 2018

9:00am to 11:00am

### Attendees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Amy Galey	Alamance Co. BoC	Kristine Williams	Greensboro
Allison Schwarz-Weakley	Chapel Hill	Leigh Ann Hammerbacher	Triangle Land Cons
Andrea Eilers	TJCOG	Libby Hodges	Alamance County
Andy McDaniel	NCDOT	Martie Groome	Greensboro
Bill Holman	Conservation Fund	Mayor Cindy Perry	Pittsboro
Bo Howes	TLC	Mayor Pam Hemminger	Chapel Hill
Brad Ives	UNC Collaboratory	McKenzie Gentry	Durham County
Christy Perrin	WRRI	Michael Orbon	Wake County
Cy Stober	Mebane	Patrick Beggs	NCDWR
Dan McLawhorn	Raleigh	Peter Raabe	American Rivers
Darryl Moss	State Rep Candidate	Reggie Hicks	Durham
David Hardin	Apex	Ryan Eaves	Durham County
DeDreana Freeman	Durham Council	Sarah Braman	Cary
Diana Hales	Chatham County BoC	Sig Hutchinson	Wake County BoC
Don O'Toole	Durham	Steve Brown	Cary
Ed Buchan	Raleigh	Steve Harden	USGS
Ed Harrison	Chapel Hill	Steve Kaltenbach	Orange County
Ed Kerwin	OWASA	Steve Wall	UNC Collaboratory
Erin Riggs	UNC EFC	Sydney Miller	Durham
Forrest Westall	UNRBA	Thomas Slusser	NCDEQ
Grady McCallie	NC ConNet	Todd St. John	Withers Ravenel
Heather Dutra	Durham Soil & Water	Tom Davis	Orange County
Hunter Freeman	WithersRavenel	Tom Hoban	CFRA
Jen Schmitz	TJCOG	Tracy Holloway	NCDEQ
John Morris	OWASA	Trevor Clements	TetraTech
Katherine Baer	River Network		

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**Welcome:**

*Mayor Pam Hemminger (Chapel Hill)* facilitated introductions of participants at the meeting. This meeting is a continuation of discussions in response to the water resources community regarding a need to look at water management in the Jordan Lake watershed from a regional perspective, and our area is poised to develop a collaborative entity that convenes stakeholders from across the spectrum to work together in integrated and innovative ways. This group will focus on integrated water management (“One Water”) in the watershed in order to bring economic, social, and environmental benefits to both upstream and downstream stakeholders. It will also continue to serve as a common ground to learn about concurrent and planned research and other efforts throughout the watershed. Mayor Hemminger also described the ongoing elected officials meetings that convene to discuss their role in the success of JLOWA. They meet next on February 21<sup>st</sup>, and will hear about feedback from this meeting.

**Presentations:**

*Jen Schmitz (TJCOG)* gave a brief presentation on the process of change via the ADKAR (Awareness Desire Knowledge Ability Reinforcement) model, as well as takeaways from the last stakeholder meeting, in which three main themes emerged : 1) Change (is needed, warranted, desired), 2) Regulation (are ineffective, create contention) and 3) Trust (is critical to the JLOWA stakeholders).

*Trevor Clements (TetraTech)* gave an overview of the Reimagining Nutrient Management One Water Holistic Pilot Project that is currently underway. Conventional nutrient reduction techniques for NCDOT and other entities involves expensive stormwater retrofitting, often for minimal nutrient removal or reduction. TetraTech is leading a pilot project to examine alternatives to the status quo, and explore implementation considerations for this paradigm shift. A copy of his slides is attached to this email.

**General Discussion:**

The attendees broke into small groups to further discuss the aspects of the Pilot Project that they envisioned working for JLOWA, as well as data gaps, limitations, and other considerations for implementation. The groups also provided insight specific to local elected officials that will be relayed to the elected officials group on February 21<sup>st</sup> at TJCOG. Among many comments, group feedback included the following major common key points:

- 1) Watershed-wide collaboration is key**
- 2) Authority needs to be given by the state to a joint entity in order to resolve status quo issues
- 3) A neutral organization is essential to facilitate this joint entity
- 4) Credit/accountability will need to extend beyond each participant’s jurisdictional boundaries
- 5) Education and awareness are critical for elected officials and citizens

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