

**NORTH CAROLINA ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
WATER ALLOCATION COMMITTEE**

**January 12, 2022
Archdale Building - Ground Floor Hearing Room
12:15 – 1:15
Mr. John McAdams, Chair, Presiding**

This meeting will occur in the Ground Floor Hearing Room of the Archdale Building at 512 N. Salisbury St, Raleigh, NC. Commissioners, staff, and scheduled speakers will attend in-person. Limited seating will be available to the public. Face coverings are required for employees and visitors. Meeting audio and presentations will be broadcast via the state web conferencing link posted on the Environmental Management Commission website at <https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-resources/water-resources-commissions/environmental-management-commission>.

In the event the previously scheduled committee meeting adjourns prior to the estimated adjournment time, the other committee meeting may be called to order, by the Chairman/woman, fifteen minutes after the previous meeting adjourned.

I. Preliminary Matters

1. Call to Order and Notice of NCGS § 138A-15.....Chair McAdams

North Carolina General Statute § 138A-15 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 EMC's Water Allocation Committee. If any member knows of a conflict of interest or appearance of conflict, please so state at this time.

2. Approval of Draft WAC November 17, 2021 meeting minutes

II. Action Item

1. Request Approval to Proceed to the EMC with Water Use Registration and Allocation Rules in 15A NCAC 02E (Section .0400 - Regulation of Surface Water Transfers) (Linwood Peele, Division of Water Resources)

The 15A NCAC 02E rules underwent S.L. 2013-413 Rules Review in 2017 which required the rules to be readopted. The rules included in this package are Section .04000 – Regulation of Surface Water Transfers. The WAC received an update on these rules in November 2021. The WAC will be asked to approve these rules to proceed to the full EMC for approval to go to public hearing and notice. All current proposed versions of the rules are provided in Attachment A.

(Attachments enclosed: DRAFT_.0400_REGULATION OF SURFACE WATER TRANSFERS and PowerPoint Presentation)

III. Information Item

1. Drought Update/Outlook (Klaus Albertin & Linwood Peele, Division of Water Resources)

The Water Supply Planning Branch will provide an overview of the drought assessment process, current conditions across the state, and forecasted conditions.

(Attachment enclosed: PowerPoint Presentation)