



Virginia Roanoke River Basin Advisory Committee

Location: Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission

Date: July 29, 2015

Update on Kerr Lake Regional Water System IBT Request

- Final determination for the IBT Request postponed until NC Environmental Management Commission meeting in Sept.
 - Date: September 10, 2015
 - Time: 8:00am-5:00pm
 - Location: Archdale Building, 512 N. Salisbury St, Raleigh, NC 27604



VRRBAC Founding Purpose

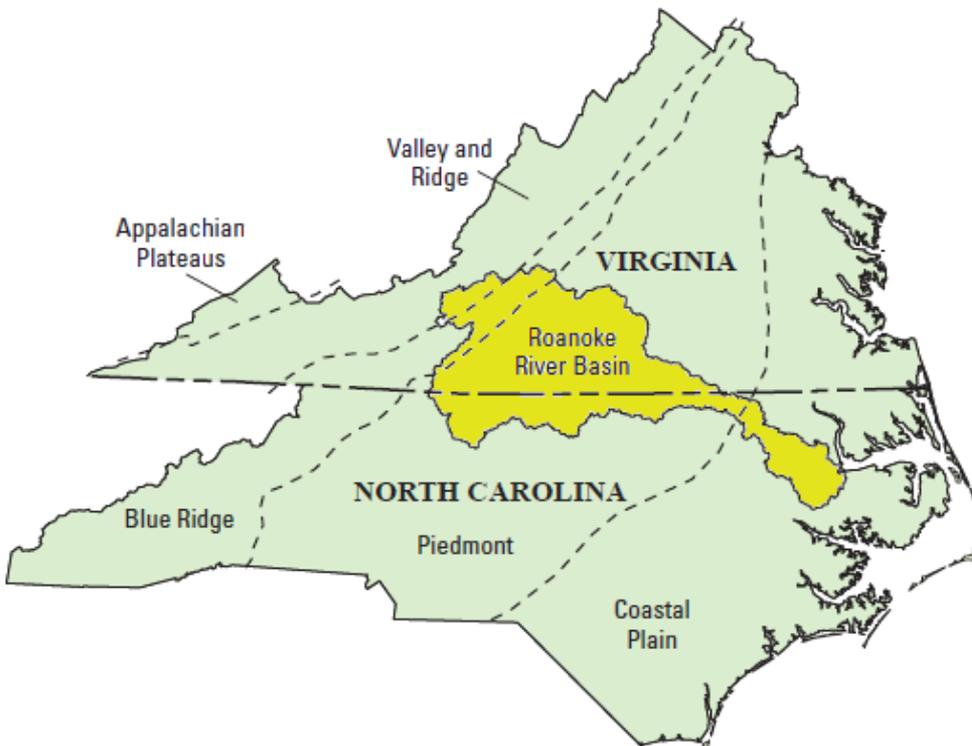
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- Assist the delegation in fulfilling the duties and the objectives of the Bi-State Commission



VRRBAC Founding History

- 2000 – H.J.R. 149 passed House and Senate
 - *“Directing the State Water Commission to study the desirability and feasibility of establishing an intergovernmental structure to facilitate the planning and coordination of water resources in the Roanoke River Basin.”*
- Noted issues in the Basin:
 - Drought
 - Transfer of large quantities of water to other regions/basins
 - PCB sediment contamination
 - VDH fish consumption health advisory (PCB’s)

Components of H.J.R. 149



- Importance of local and regional cooperation
- Ensure adequacy of water resources
- Promote citizen participation in water issues

State Water Commission Study

- Established subcommittee to conduct study
 - Appointed 13 citizen members to advisory panel to determine if basin-wide entity should be created to advise state officials
 - Held 6 meetings in 2001
- Recommendations of SWC Study
 - Immediate creation of Roanoke River Basin Commission
 - A list of purposes of the Roanoke River Basin Commission
 - Membership criteria (11 citizen members, legislators)
 - Establishment of VA Commission should not be condition on the creation of a bi-state commission with NC
 - 2002 Session should enact legislation establishing the VRRBAC & RRBBC
- Danville Meeting – December 17, 2001

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RRBBC Role and Purpose

1. Provide guidance, conduct joint meetings, and make recommendations regarding the use, stewardship, and enhancement of the *Basin's water and other natural resources*
2. Provide a forum for discussion of issues affecting the Basin's water quantity, water quality, and other natural resources
3. Promote communication, coordination and education among stakeholders within the Basin
4. Identify Basin-related problems and recommend appropriate solutions
5. Undertake studies and prepare, publish, and disseminate information through reports, and other communications, related to water quantity, water quality and other natural resources of the Basin.

RRBBC Powers and Duties



- Has no regulatory power
- Develop rules and procedures for conducting business
- Raise Funds
- Establish a non-profit corporation
- Enter into contracts and execute all instruments necessary or appropriate
- Perform any lawful acts necessary or appropriate
- Establish standing and ad hoc committees which ensure balance between interests

VRRBAC Subcommittee Structure

- Standing Committees
 - Permit Holders
 - River Interests
 - Public Officials and Government Entities
 - Agriculture, Forestry, and Soil and Water Conservation
 - Lake Interests



Past Topics and Issues

- Importance of Natural Resources to Economic Vitality of the Basin
- Inter-basin Transfer of Water
- Water Withdrawals and Water Quantity
- Water Quality
- Uranium Mining
- Regulation of Flow and Storage
- Basin-wide Dialogue
- Policy and Planning
- Invasive Species
- Recreation and Fishing

Identified Areas of Concern

- Funding
- Subcommittee activity
- Appointment and reappointment delays
- Staffing restrictions and resources



VA River Basin Commissions

Rivanna River Basin Commission

- The purpose of the Rivanna River Basin Commission shall be to provide guidance for the stewardship and enhancement of the water and natural resources of the Rivanna River Basin.
- The Commission shall be a forum in which local governments and citizens can discuss issues affecting the Basin's water quality and quantity and other natural resources.
- Through promoting communication, coordination, and education, and by suggesting appropriate solutions to identified problems, the Commission shall promote activities by local, state, and federal governments, and by individuals, that foster resource stewardship for the environmental and economic health of the Basin.

Rappahannock River Basin Commission

- “(T)o provide guidance for the stewardship and enhancement of the water quality and natural resources of the Rappahannock River Basin. The Commission shall be a forum in which local governments and citizens can discuss issues affecting the Basin’s water quality and quantity and other natural resources. Through promoting communication, coordination and education, and suggesting appropriate solutions to identified problems, the Commission shall promote activities by local, state and federal governments, and by individuals, that foster resource stewardship for the environmental and economic health of the Basin.”

Rivanna River Basin Commission Projects

- Watershed Planning
 - Snapshots
 - TMDL: Chesapeake Bay Water Quality
- Excessive Sedimentation
- Promoting Stormwater BMPs
- Healthy Water Initiative



Rappahannock River Basin Commission Projects

- Water Allocation/ Water Planning
- Water Quality
 - TMDL: Chesapeake Bay Water Quality
 - Stormwater Stakeholders Advisory Group
- Host Annual Summit



Where Do We Go
From Here?



Breakout Planning Session Considerations

- Maintain consistent activity of AC and Subcommittees
- Dedicated areas of focus (static vs. dynamic)
- Pursuit of funding for resources
- Development of annual work plan
- Public Outreach & Education Efforts
- Other considerations??