

February 2026 Monthly Meeting 3 Minutes

February 25, 2026

Community Name: Bull Shoals, AR

EPA Region: 6

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I. Attendees Invited

Role	Name	Email	Phone Number	In Attendance?
EPA COR/ Technical Project Lead	Laura Doody	doody.laura@epa.gov	202-938-4467	
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	Dawn Nall	dnall@unm.edu		
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II. Updates to Previous Meeting Action Items

- Complete:
 - AECOM sent revised Flow Monitoring Study Report with comments
 - AECOM revised October Site Visit Report (Pole Camera Report) Appendix B – photologs to include locations where each photo was taken.
 - Kevin sent SWEFC's summary of SRF funding requirements and resources to Bull Shoals.

III. Workplan and Timeline:

Updates to project tasks/deliverables:

Task / Deliverable	Lead TA Provider	Anticipated Completion Date	Completion Date
1. Kick-Off Meeting	ERG Team	May 2025	April 29, 2025
2. Collect sewer collection system information and propose FM locations	ERG Team	May 2025	May, 28, 2025
3. Pre-site visit meeting	ERG Team	June 2025	June 11, 2025
4. Initial Site Reconnaissance and Install FMs	ERG Team	June 2025	June 26, 2025
5. July Site Visit – collect FM data	ERG Team	July 2025	Deemed unnecessary
6. August Site Visit – collect FM data	ERG Team	August 2025	Deemed unnecessary
7. Final Site Visit – collect FM data and remove FM	ERG Team	October 2025	October 31, 2025
8. Flow Summary Report	ERG Team	December 2025	December 10, 2025
9. Draft Flow Monitoring Study Report	ERG Team	February 2026	February 3, 2026
10. Final Flow Monitoring Study Report	ERG Team	February 2026	

IV. Analysis of Data and Reporting

- Flow monitoring study report
 - AECOM sent revised report with track changes and comment responses.
 - Update on appendices.
 - Any other outstanding items that need to be addressed prior to final submittal?
 - AECOM plans to submit revised version this week and call it final, but will submit Word document as well for any final reviews.

V. Open Discussion

- Next steps / project closeout
- Follow on phases / Preliminary Engineering Report (PER)
 - EPA has approved ERG to provide another phase of support for PER development. If Bull Shoals is interested, we can work with AECOM to develop a scope and get funding in place.
 - Next steps:

- Smoke test first, then dye test to verify and help narrow down location of the problem area.
- Following smoke testing, AECOM / ERG can develop PER to give Bull Shoals alternatives and associated costing for fixing problem areas.
- AECOM will develop scope as follows:
 - AECOM assists Bull Shoals with smoke testing plan and documentation procedures.
 - AECOM reviews results of smoke testing then AECOM writes plan for next round of testing and performs testing (dye testing, CCTV, etc.)
 - AECOM prepares PER with results of second round of testing.
- Bull Shoals can do a round of smoke testing next week, then Esther and Scott will look at results and make any recommendations for documentation moving forward.
- Discussion on Arkansas SRF funding
 - Debby noted that Arkansas does not require a PER to be able to apply for SRF funding.
 - Arkansas now has a funding line; important key is to be on priority list by filling out project priority list accurately to get best score possible.
 - Arkansas awards funding in November of each year.
 - Pre application needs to be completed in August and project priority list needs to be completed in August because the deadline for funding application is the end of August.
 - Debby will send email with checklist of steps. She will include contact information for Amy, who is the primary contact if Bull Shoals has questions.
 - WWAC: water and wastewater advisory committee.
 - Purpose is to do prelim review of project. They need general project description and general cost and based on that information, WWAC will provide a list of what funding options are available for project. The recommendation is to apply for all funding options and see what the best loan terms are for each for Bull Shoals.

VI. Next Steps

- AECOM submits final Flow monitoring study report
- Bull Shoals perform smoke testing and share results with ERG / AECOM
- AECOM review smoke testing and provide recommendations for documentation
- AECOM will work with ERG to provide scope and fee for next phase of work