



**Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District
Lanier and Oconee Basin Advisory Councils
MEETING SUMMARY
April 23, 2008**

The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District's Lanier and Oconee Basin Advisory Councils met jointly on Wednesday, April 23, 2008, at 1:00 p.m. at the Blackshear Place Branch Library in Oakwood, GA.

Members Present

Steve Payne, Oconee
Corrine Valentine, Oconee/Chattahoochee

Welcome and Introductions

Joy Hinkle of the Metro Water District staff welcomed the Council and initiated introductions.

BAC Feedback on Plan Update Topics

Matt Harper of the Metro Water Staff presented an overview of water reuse, existing water supply and wastewater conditions, and water supply and wastewater issues. He explained how this information would be used to update sections of the Wastewater Management Plan and the Water Supply and Water Conservation Management Plan. Council members provided the following comments and feedback:

- Watering trucks not specifically mentioned in reuse presentation. Trucks would fill from Town of Braselton's purple hydrant.
- Retrofit of reuse pipes isn't as hard as it might seem. Utilities are constantly installing new pipes and cables – while it's expensive, it isn't "difficult" per se.
- Must consider reuse water storage issues to meet peak summer demand.
- Large water users to make reuse feasible: need to market to commercial companies to locate where reuse line is already in place. Explore economic development packages.
- What is the % return from consumptive use? Since utilities are not end users, how will consumptive use targets be enforced? Seems like encouragement for utilities not to fix I&I problems.
- Why set quantity flow limits? Need to offer credits for return.

- Irrigation meters – not popular from utility perspective, but popular for public as an interim step before outlawing irrigation. Need to carefully consider impacts of rate structures.
- Small private systems – be careful we don't miss opportunities to put infrastructure in the ground.
- Would it be possible to have a grinder pump/private lift station ordinance?

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.