



**Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District
Flint and Ocmulgee Basin Advisory Councils
MEETING SUMMARY
April 24, 2008**

The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District's Flint and Ocmulgee Basin Advisory Councils met jointly on Thursday, April 24, 2008, at 1:00 p.m. at the Clayton County Headquarters Library in Jonesboro, GA.

Members Present

Rick Blackwell, Chattahoochee
Dennis Chase, Flint
Don Easterbrook, Flint
Marilyn Johnson, Flint
Vikki McReynolds, Ocmulgee
Julius Ross, Flint/Ocmulgee
Aaron Ruffin, Flint/Ocmulgee
Larissa Thomas, Ocmulgee

Welcome and Introductions

Joy Hinkle of the Metro Water District staff welcomed the Council and initiated introductions. Ms. Hinkle announced that Larissa Thomas and Chip Hatcher had agreed to be considered as candidates for Ocmulgee Basin Advisory Council Chair and Vice Chair. Since Mr. Hatcher was unable to attend and there were few Ocmulgee BAC members present at the start of the meeting, the Council agreed the candidates could determine between themselves which position they would hold and report back to the Council at the next meeting.

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:

- Likely to see reuse increase. Need precautionary statement about reuse water where it comes in contact with the public. Potential health problems must be stated in the plan to warn about unknown viruses and pharmaceuticals.
- Non-potable = purple pipe. Language might be confusing to citizens.
- Should there be recommendations to health departments and/or CDC? What kind of science is needed for reuse?
- Finances of non-potable – must where to get rid of it, price to sell and store it.
- Need to include implementation tools to implement reuse policies. Are there federal grants or other financial incentives to help implement reuse?
- Private wells – what do they all add up to? How will citizens on wells and septic be addressed by the state water plan since those practices are considered 100% consumptive?
- More concentrated wastewater – new plants or are retrofits available? Might need to consider load-based rather than flow-based permits.
- Water/wastewater plans must be consistent with local land use plans. Issues with water and sewer authorities not being required to have long-term plans on same timeframe as comprehensive plans.
- Infill and re-development concerns – strengthen language to follow local land use plans.
- Include discussion of innovative technologies, sustainable systems development/alternatives in the beyond 2035 section.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.