



**Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District
Etowah Basin Advisory Council
MEETING SUMMARY
April 28, 2008**

The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District's Coosa/Etowah Basin Advisory Council met on Monday, April 28, 2008, at 1:00 p.m. at the Woodstock Public Library in Woodstock, GA.

Members Present

Nolton Johnson
Dark Kendall
Becky Mixon
Robert Morrison
Ed Mullinax
Glenn Page
Marilyn Stapleton
Marty Williams

Welcome and Introductions

Joy Hinkle of the Metro Water District staff welcomed the Council and initiated introductions. Ms. Hinkle announced that Dark Kendall and Ed Mullinax had submitted their names as candidates for Etowah Basin Advisory Council Chair. Ms. Hinkle asked the Council to read the statements the candidates provided and to complete a paper ballot during the meeting. Mr. Kendall and Mr. Mullinax both spoke briefly, reiterating their interest in serving as BAC Chair.

BAC Feedback on Plan Update Topics

Matt Harper and Maia Davis of the Metro Water Staff presented an overview of water reuse, existing water supply and wastewater conditions, and water supply and wastewater issues. They 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:

- Show the numbers behind the water supply table – where did the data come from? Where is the water coming from (the facility) and what is it being used for?
- Define “net transfer” – what is included? Breakdown the numbers in an appendix.
- What is “safe yield”? May need guidance from EPD. Federal contracts define yield differently.
- Clarify note 12 for Hickory Log Reservoir.
- Need stronger language on asset management – elected officials need to hear how important it is to fund these programs.
- Need minimum standards for asset management. Track national trends on new standards.
- Permitting of small wells – what is the threshold? There would be high man-power needs to re-permit and determine where all wells are located. Must clarify what the plan is asking EPD to do. Look at interim Coastal Plan for guidance.
- Encourage reuse in sub-surface applications to minimize evaporation.
- Need to consider science of consumptive use.
- Don’t ignore residential applications for reuse. Make rates appropriate for reuse to work financially for the utility.
- Reuse seems like a better option than more small residential wells for irrigation.
- Don’t limit reuse opportunities – consider uses like fire hydrants, road construction.
- Clarify septic permitting limits (tank size and flow requirements).
- Include options to enforce illegal dumping of septage.

Ms. Hinkle announced that Ed Mullinax was elected Chair of the Etowah Basin Advisory Council. After speaking with Mr. Mullinax and Dart Kendall, it was decided that Mr. Kendall would serve as Vice Chair.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.