



Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District
Basin Advisory Councils
MEETING SUMMARY
July 29, 2008

The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District's Basin Advisory Councils met jointly on Tuesday, July 29, 2008, at 1:00 p.m. in the Duke Room of the Loudermilk Center for Regional Community in Atlanta, Georgia.

Members Present

Femi Adesanya, Chattahoochee
Rick Blackwell, Chattahoochee
Carlyle Cox, Lanier Chair
Steven Culp, Chattahoochee
Lee Duncan, Chattahoochee
Grady Dunlap, Flint
Dieter Franz, Chattahoochee
Ted Greene, Flint
Marilyn Johnson, Flint
Joy Jones, Ocmulgee/Oconee
Mike Kauffmann, Chattahoochee/Tallapoosa
Dart Kendall, Etowah Vice Chair

John Lawrence, Chattahoochee Chair
Becky Mixon, Chattahoochee/Etowah
Ed Mullinax, Etowah Chair
Steve Payne, Oconee
Tim Pugh, Chattahoochee/Etowah
Larissa Thomas, Ocmulgee Chair
Bryan Tolar, Chattahoochee
Colin LeBalle, Chattahoochee
Corrine Valentine, Oconee
Steve Williams, Chattahoochee
Nancy Wylie, Chattahoochee

Welcome and Introductions

Joy Hinkle of the Metro Water District staff welcomed the Council and initiated introductions. She introduced Kim Shorter of Metcalf & Eddy to present the Preliminary Draft Wastewater Management Plan and the Preliminary Draft Water Supply and Water Conservation Management Plan.

Preliminary Draft Plans

Ms. Shorter gave an overview of each section of the preliminary draft plans and focused on the major differences from the original 2003 plans. She encouraged Council members to ask questions as necessary.

Highlights of feedback from Council members include:

- Does the plan consider how much water is being pumped from private wells?
- Need a complete acronym list and more footnotes to explain that AAD-MGD is an amount and not an equation that must be factored.
- Need stronger language that figure 2-2 shows what has happened up to this point in time.
- How are indoor water uses calculated? Need to find ways to analyze how conservation education changes water use in home in the next plan update.
- Is it possible to include breakdown of commercial uses?
- Tables and Figures in Section 3 need to better correlate with each other.
- Plan should include programs to help jurisdictions negotiate water connections.
- Does the state provide any incentives to address system loss?
- Need to include water return information as well as water withdrawals.
- Include recommendation for more subsurface irrigation instead of traditional surface irrigation. Consider more options for rain water harvesting.
- Recommend soil moisture sensors along with rain sensor shut off valves.
- Need strong language outlining health concerns about pharmaceuticals and other contaminants in reuse water.
- Include specific rate structure recommendations for consumptive uses.
- Does the state know the yield of wells when they issue permits? Include as a recommendation with small water withdrawals.
- Do the plans still consider septic systems 100% consumptive?
- Consider options for reuse water as a water supply for power plant cooling towers.

Next Meetings

Ms. Hinkle announced that Metro Water District staff would be hosting follow-up “question and answer session” the weeks of August 11 and August 18 for individual Councils to further discuss the Preliminary Draft Wastewater Management Plan and the Preliminary Draft Water Supply and Water Conservation Management Plan. She reminded Council members that comments on all preliminary draft plans were due by Monday, September 1, 2008.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.