



**Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District
STORMWATER
Technical Coordinating Committee Meeting Summary
June 17, 2009**

The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District's Water Stormwater Technical Coordinating Committee (SW TCC) met on Wednesday, June 17, 2009, at 1:30 p.m. in the Amphitheatre, on "C" level of the R. Charles Loudermilk Center for the Regional Community in Atlanta, Georgia.

Attendance

Johnny Barron, DDCWSA	JoAnn Macrina, DeKalb County
Vanessa Birrell, Fayette County	Brice Martin, Coweta County
Bob Bourne, Cobb County	Alex Mohajer, DeKalb County
Billy Buckhalt, City of Snellville	James Moore, Henry County
Mark Caspar, City of Peachtree City	Terry Moy, Clayton County WA
David Chastant, City of Sandy Springs	Andy Mycroft, Fulton County
Charles Corbin, Austell, Buford, Palmetto, Union City, Hapeville	Shelia Nealy, Clayton County WA
Bruce Coyle, Paulding County	Kevin Osbey, Clayton County WA
Melinda Davies, City of Stockbridge	Steve Payne, Town of Braselton
Don Easterbrook, City of Fayetteville	Riehard Randolph, City of East Point
Catherine Fox, Dallas/Paulding County	Barbara Seal, Gwinnett County
Mary Gazaway, Georgia EPD	Majid Shirazi, DeKalb County
Horace Gee, City of Gainesville	Kelen Shostak, City of Woodstock
Connie Haynes, Georgia EPD	Julie Todd, City of Atlanta
William Higgins, Cobb County	Beth Vaughn, Town of Tyrone
Rob Hill, City of Newnan	Tammie Walker, Hall County
Renee Hoge, Forsyth County	Keith Watkins, Clayton County WA
Lamont Kaiser, Bartow County	James Wilgus, City of Marietta
William Klahr, City of Newnan	Christina Williams, City of Cartersville
Michelle Lawrence, Fulton County	Randy Willis, City of Stockbridge
	Emily Wingo, Georgia EPD

Steve Haubner of the Metro Water District staff opened the meeting, initiated introductions and reviewed the meeting agenda with the group.

Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

Review of Comments on Georgia EPD's Draft TMDL for Lake Allatoona

Corey Babb presented a review of the District staff's comments regarding the Georgia Environmental Protection Division's Draft TMDL Evaluation for Two Segments of Lake Allatoona for Chlorophyll a. Pat Stevens of the District staff mentioned that the issues raised with this draft TMDL will eventually affect all portions of the District that drain to a major lake. One comment from the Committee recognized that an unintended impact of capping wastewater permits will just move growth towards septic which may further exacerbate the nutrient impacts to the lake.

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Matt Harper informed the TCC that an invitation was extended to Georgia EPD staff to appear at the next Board meeting to discuss the TMDL and future nutrient requirements. He also mentioned that staff will be following the issue and waiting to obtain a formal response from EPD on the comments.

Overview of Newly Adopted Plan and Training Needs Discussion

Steve Haubner provided a short overview of the newly adopted Watershed Management Plan. Mr. Haubner highlighted the key changes made to the Plan from the original 2003 Plan including the consolidation of all required local management measures into one section, the addition of an option local measures section and new and updated measures in the Plan. A question was asked about when the new plans would be available and staff responded that the documents show be available in July, with printed copies being made available at the August TCC meeting.

A brief discussion was held concerning any training or information needs that the local governments may require or desire in order to more effectively implement the Watershed Management Plan. Possible topics included:

- Low impact development (LID) / green infrastructure in clay soils
- Maintenance needs and requirements for LID and green infrastructure
- Pollution prevention for public employees → list of best training materials
- Asset management for stormwater infrastructure
- Extent and level of service → local policy discussion and share information at future TCC meeting
- MS4 inspector training
- Legal aspects of permitting, including jurisdictional wetlands issues
- Code enforcement training
- Retrofit guidance

Review of the Draft 2009 Plan Implementation Survey

Steve Haubner presented background information regarding the need to conduct a yearly survey of progress made toward the implementation of the Wastewater Management Plan. He explained that the survey has been the Metro Water District's measurement of progress used for the annual report required for the Governor's office due by December of each year.

Mr. Haubner asked the Committee for any input or suggestions regarding the draft implementation survey questions provided, and there were no comments.

Mr. Haubner then reviewed suggested additional metrics provided by a Board member. The Committee felt that a number of the potential permitting process covered permit programs and activities not included in the Metro Water District plans and outside of the purview of the District. The TCC felt that the purpose of each question was unclear, and that the value of each for tracking the implementation or effectiveness of the Watershed Management Plan was not readily apparent.

It was suggested that a small working group be formed to further discuss this matter and develop appropriate and meaningful metrics for evaluation of both the implementation progress and effectiveness of the Plan.

Georgia Stormwater Management Manual Volume 3

Steve Haubner provided an overview of an upcoming effort to be undertaken by the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) to complete Volume 3 of the Georgia Stormwater Management Manual. Volume 3 is intended to be a compendium of pollution prevention practices and BMP's for use by local governments, private industry, institutions and the general public. The funding for the project is coming from an EPA 319(h) grant received by ARC. Mr. Haubner explained that the goal was to complete the manual by the end of the year, and solicited volunteers to represent local governments on the Project Review Team which will also include representatives from Georgia EPD, P2AD, EPA Region IV, other RDC's and industry trade groups.

Georgia Technology Assistance Protocols (GTAP) Update

Steve informed the group that the GTAP guidance on proprietary stormwater structural control testing was still in the hand of the Georgia Attorney General's office and that staff were awaiting their opinion before proceeding with publication of the protocols and forming of a Technical Review Committee. Mr. Haubner said that both TCC members and product vendors would receive an email as soon as it is available.