



**Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District  
WASTEWATER  
Technical Coordinating Committee Meeting Summary  
August 20, 2009**

The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District's Wastewater Technical Coordinating Committee (WW TCC) met on Thursday, August 20, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. in the Amphitheatre, on "C" level of the R. Charles Loudermilk Center for the Regional Community in Atlanta, Georgia.

**Attendance**

Michael Carter, Paulding County  
Todd Cleaver, Gwinnett County  
Charles Corbin, Austell, Buford, Palmetto,  
Union City, Hapeville  
Bruce Coyle, Paulding County  
Ernest Earn, Cobb County  
Mary Gazaway, GA EPD  
Jim Free, GA Onsite Wastewater Association  
Jameson Green, City of Villa Rica  
Laura Hartt, Upper Chatt. River Keepers  
Lee Hearn, City of McDonough  
Marjorie Hicks, Cherokee County  
Keith Higgs, Douglasville-Douglas County WSA  
Abdul Karim Khan, City of East Point  
David Kubala, Cherokee County, WSA  
Charles Lambert, DeKalb County  
Billy Lunsford, City of East Point

Keith McFadden, USGS  
Jennifer McLaurin, Fulton County  
Tonja Mincey, Henry County WSA  
Jackson Myers, College Park  
Kathy Nguyen, Cobb Water System  
Steve Payne, Town of Braselton  
Jim Poff, Clayton County Water Authority  
Stephen Pope, Rockdale Water Resources  
Timothy Pugh, Paulding County Water System  
Monica Robinson, Fulton County Dept. of Health  
Chris Rustin, GA DHR, Environmental Health  
Barbara Seal, Gwinnett County  
Mike Thomas, Clayton County Water Authority  
Brian Wiley, City of Gainesville  
Emily Wingo, Georgia EPD

Corey Babb of the Metro Water District staff opened the meeting, initiated introductions and reviewed the meeting agenda with the group. Due to time limitations, the order of agenda items one and two was reversed. Agenda item six was removed.

**Public Comment Period**

There were no public comments.

**Discussion of Regional Cooperative Purchase Program for Aerial Photography and GIS Data**

Mike Alexander, Chief of the Atlanta Regional Commission's (ARC) Research Division led a discussion on the possibility of a regional cooperative purchase program for aerial photography and GIS data. The data would include both aerial images as well as Lidar coverage of the 15 - county planning district. Mr. Alexander then introduced Keith McFadden of the United States Geological Survey (USGS). Mr. McFadden reviewed the role of the USGS in the purchase agreement and reviewed the technical aspects of the software. TCC members who currently use the program, or are involved in similar programs shared their experiences.

**Presentation of the State of Georgia's Nutrient Policy**

Dr. Elizabeth Booth of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division's Watershed Planning and Monitoring Program provided a presentation on the state's nutrient policy. The presentation included an overview of: the State's nutrient criteria development strategy, the waterbody types of interest, and a timeline for development of nutrient criteria for each waterbody type. The presentation also reviewed the state's policy for addressing phosphorus in NPDES permitting and discussions of completed data analysis for each nitrogen species per Ecoregion and suggestions for future analysis.

**Grease Management Education Discussion**

Fernell Patterson presented Fulton County's fats, oils, and grease (FOG) education program. The program is targeted toward educating residential homeowners about the ill effects that FOG has on the interior of sanitary sewer pipes. The presentation included an overview of outreach activities, materials, and actions taken by the County's educational program once a spill has occurred. TCC members discussed their experiences in dealing with FOG in specific situations.

TCC members were reminded to pick up a copy of the Wastewater Management Plan.

The meeting was adjourned.