



**Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District
COOSA / ETOWAH BASIN ADVISORY COUNCIL
Meeting Summary
September 1, 2009**

The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District's Coosa/Etowah Basin Advisory Council met on Tuesday, September 1, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Cartersville Water Department in Cartersville, GA.

Members Present

Patricia Braithwaite
Doris Cook, Etowah W&S
William Grizzle, Cherokee Co Farm Bureau
Dart Kendall, GOWA
David Kubala, Cherokee W&SA
H. Luke Mayes, Cobb Co Farm Bureau
Douglas Sowar, Paulding Co Farm Bureau
Christina Williams, City of Cartersville

David Cervone, Obrien & Gere
William Francis, GAWP
Nolton Johnson
Celia Klardie, City of Canton
Barry Mansell, BAC Chair
Robert Morrison, LAPA
Roy Taylor
Ed Mullinax, LAPA /Cartersville Water
Department

Members Not Present

James Durham
John Hicks, LAPA
Carol Moson, Ga Association of Realtors
Donald Salkman
Bettie Sleeth, Home Builders Assn of GA
Martha Williams, Georgia Lakes Society

Metro Water District Staff Present

Matt Harper, Senior Principal Planner
Corey Babb, Senior Environmental Planner
Heather Moody, Senior Program Specialist

Welcome and Introductions

Heather Moody of the Metro Water District staff introduced Mr. David Kubala, Cherokee County Board Alternate, who began the meeting by welcoming the group on behalf of the Metro Water District Board.

ACF Ruling Update

Matt Harper led a follow up discussion of the July 17, 2009 ACF court ruling. At the previous BAC meeting, members were asked to think about suggestions for other water supply options, political strategies or any other ideas concerning how best to deal with the court ruling. In response to that request, council members shared the following comments:

- If there is no credit for return flow to the water sources, you will ultimately start to see engineers developing ways to store that reclaimed water for future use.
- We should look into existing smaller lakes ponds and reservoirs as potential sources for small drinking water intakes.
- With recent changes in the Georgia plumbing code, we can now use reuse water to flush toilets. If we were to pursue rainwater capture activities for non-potable use, we could save potable water and infuse more water back into our system. We should consider these types of technologies.
- There are many industries where reuse water could be utilized, but we will have to consider cost.
- We need to look at the surrounding states and see what successes they have had with new technologies. However, it is also important to look at the cost of implementation. We should evaluate which ones have been most successful versus costs to choose the ones that will work best for our particular area.

Coosa/Etowah BAC Chairperson Election

Heather Moody invited the BAC Chair candidates to say a few words to the Council prior to voting. Candidates Barry Mansell, Dart Kendall and Edmund Mullinax shared a little about their backgrounds and told the group why they were interested in being Chairperson. Ballots were cast and Barry Mansell was voted in as Chair of the Coosa/Etowah BAC. Mr. Mansell will serve a one year term.

Review of the Wastewater Management Plan

Corey Babb of the Metro Water District staff reviewed the newly adopted Wastewater Management Plan. All BAC members were provided with a hard copy of the Wastewater Management Plan. He focused in on key wastewater issues and showed the BAC where to find specific information in the Plan.

Facility Tour

J. Sidney Forsyth, Operations Manager with the City of Cartersville gave a presentation on the innovative CATOBOL wastewater treatment process. He then took the group on a tour of the Water Pollution Control facility and explained each step of the treatment process.