



**Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District  
EDUCATION  
Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) Meeting Summary  
October 13, 2009**

The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District (Metro Water District) Education Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) met on Tuesday, October 13, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in the Harry West Room at the Atlanta Regional Commission, Atlanta, Georgia.

**Members Present:**

Scarlett Fuller, City of Gainesville  
Stephanie Lewis, Cobb County  
Jennifer McLaurin, Fulton County  
Tonja Halton-Mincey, Henry County  
Jesse Howard, City of College Park

Terry Porter, City of Alpharetta  
Meredith Rundle, Gwinnett County  
Tim Schick, City of Sugar Hill  
Kelen Shostak, City of Woodstock  
Brian Wiley, City of Gainesville

Charlene Njoroge began the meeting by welcoming the Education TCC members, initiating self introductions and giving an overview of the agenda. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss upcoming and ongoing community outreach campaigns and events.

**Planned and Ongoing Workshops**

The following is a list of outreach activities taking place throughout the region by water educators:

- City of Alpharetta recently conducted a Rain Barrel workshop and provided stormwater education about how to handle flood debris. City of Alpharetta is also working on the Evergreen School Program.
- Fulton County recently held three workshops, Rain Barrel, Household Hazardous Waste and Tree Planting.
- Gwinnett County is planning a Fall Gardening and Composting Workshop and a public tour of the stream restoration project in Collins Hill Park.
- Henry County recently completed a Rivers Alive river cleanup and Kids Fishing Day at the Cubihatcha Outdoor Education Center.
- City of Gainesville recently conducted a stream cleanup and bacteria monitoring event.

**Public Awareness Discussion**

Stephanie Lewis announced Cobb County Water System won the EPA WaterSense Partner of the Year Award. Kathy Nguyen accepted the award on behalf of Cobb County Water System at the WaterSmart Innovations Conference and Expo in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Mrs. Njoroge announced the winners of the 2009 Clean Water Campaign/Water Use It Wisely Essay Contest. The regional winner for 2009 is Khoa Nguyen, an eighth grade student from Morrow Middle School in Clayton County. Khoa Nguyen will receive a check for \$100. Each county winner will have their own award presentation at their school and receive a check for \$25. This year the essay contest is dedicated to the memory of Sgt. John Beale

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a former member of the Metro Water District Education TCC and former employee of Clayton County Water Authority. Mr. Beale's wife, Crystal Beale will attend the Clayton County Water Authority November Board Meeting where she will congratulate the regional winner. Mrs. Beale will also attend the Metro Water District Governing Board Meeting in December where she will be presented a plaque in John's memory.

Lora Nance, an intern with Metro Water District, presented the marketing plan for the Metro Water District Regional Toilet Rebate Program. Abby Owens discussed the progress of the Toilet Rebate Program. Committee members who are members of the regional rebate program discussed their success with the program.

Mrs. Njoroge polled the committee about their educational goals and outreach projects for 2010. Fulton County and Gwinnett County both mentioned they are working to enhance their F.O.G. Outreach Programs.

Mrs. Njoroge announced the GAWP Public Education Award winners and passed around the award submissions for the committee members to review for ideas for future events, project and outreach activities.

### **Meeting Announcements**

The next education subcommittee meeting will be held on **Tuesday, December 8, 2009 at 10AM.**

### **Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.