



**Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District
Basin Advisory Council
MEETING SUMMARY
March 27, 2008**

The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District Basin Advisory Councils met jointly on Thursday, March 27, 2008, at 1:00 p.m. at the South Fulton Regional Library in Union City, GA.

Members Present

Julius Ross, Flint/Ocmulgee
Aaron Ruffin, Flint/Ocmulgee
Steve Williams, Chattahoochee
Beth Vaughn, Flint
Alexandra Adams, Chattahoochee
Shana Udvardy, Chattahoochee
Dennis Chase, Flint
Rick Blackwell, Chattahoochee
Marilyn Johnson, Flint

Welcome and Introductions

Joy Hinkle of the Metro Water District staff welcomed the Council and initiated introductions. Ms. Hinkle announced the Basin Advisory Councils would be electing new BAC Chairs and Vice-Chairs in April 2008. She encouraged all interested individuals to review the handout explaining the duties of the Chair and the nomination process.

Watershed Management Plan

Ms. Hinkle introduced Kim Shorter of Metcalf & Eddy to present draft sections of Watershed Management Plan updates. Ms. Shorter explained the new organization of the management measures and gave an overview of the mandatory, watershed-specific and optional management measures proposed for the plan update. Council members provided the following comments and feedback:

- If the conservation subdivision ordinances weren't working, why wasn't this replaced with another measure before this point?
- It is hoped that the conservation subdivision ordinance be replaced with another similar mandatory measure--perhaps letting a local government pick from a suite of different approaches

- Do we know how well communities have been implementing the conservation subdivision ordinance?
- What determines whether or not a watershed-specific measure is required?
- How do we require the state to do more monitoring since our water quality is so bad?
- Leaves and grass clipping down the storm drains a major problem--perhaps state legislation could address.
- These seems like there are a lot of good measures in the optional section--are we missing a good opportunity for making progress by not making these things mandatory?
- We would like to see the data to know how streams have changed.
- Can we find a way to get the small communities the resources they need to implement these measures?
- Next step is to determine how well we are implementing things like the conservation subdivision ordinance.
- Local greenspace plan should be mandatory.

Water Supply and Water Conservation Management Plan and Wastewater Management Plan

Ms. Hinkle introduced Paula Yari of Metcalf & Eddy to present draft sections of the Water Supply and Water Conservation Management Plan and Wastewater Management Plan updates. Ms. Yari gave an overview of the process and analysis conducted to develop the new water demand forecasts, the expanded water conservation program, and new wastewater flow projections. Council members provided the following comments and feedback:

- Can you explain why population projections were taken from different sources?
- Has there been resistance to conservation Program B?
- Is Program A really a new option or only what we are currently doing? Are there only two new options?
- Was the fixing of leaks considered in model?
- It does not appear that the plan includes a goal to meet--how can we know how well we are doing?
- Having a base charge up to a certain water use cap encourages water use. People should be charged for actual use.
- Would like to see something more than just "optional" recommendations for education toolbox--are there case studies, etc.
- Is the use of the one (25%) peaking factor for the waterwater projections too general for the different communities and conditions across the District?
- How do we get the consumptive use--water demands minus the wastewater flows?
- There are discrepancies between population growth and water/waterwater projections.
- How is septic use going to change for each county over planning horizon? How is reduction in consuptive use handled in the model?

Ms. Hinkle announced that the Metro Water District would be accepting comments on the draft sections presented until April 4, 2008 and encouraged Council members to send any additional recommendations. She reviewed the plan update schedule and reminded Council members to check email and the Metro Water District Web site for meeting announcements.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.