



**Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District
Chattahoochee Basin Advisory Council
MEETING SUMMARY
August 14, 2008**

The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District's Chattahoochee Basin Advisory Council met on Thursday, August 14, 2008, at 1:00 p.m. in the Pope Room of Loudermilk Center for Regional Community in Atlanta, Georgia.

Members Present

Steven Culp
Lee Duncan
Dieter Franz
Doug Fulle

Jason O'Rourke
George Taylor
Shana Udvardy, Vice Chair
Steve Williams

Welcome and Introductions

Joy Hinkle of the Metro Water District staff welcomed the Council and initiated introductions. She explained the purpose of the meeting was to be an informal question and answer session on the preliminary draft plans and encouraged Council members to ask questions and provide feedback.

Preliminary Draft Wastewater Management Plan

Matt Harper of the Metro Water District staff gave an overview of the Preliminary Draft Wastewater Management Plan. Council members provided the following questions and comments:

- What is the standard deviation on the given population projections? Does the plan use a high, medium or low growth projection?
- Are you seeing more private systems in the region? Aren't they captured by EPD standards? Consider including language about trust indentures for these systems.
- Need stronger language on 58% return flow for minimizing consumptive losses. Would fees on septic systems help local governments meet this target? Communities that don't meet the 58% goal should be required to implement a higher tiered rate structure.
- Need better definitions and background on reuse. Is it possible to add consumptive use by basin to Figure 6-3? Show both reuse and discharge.
- Are small communities able to piggy-back on neighbor's sewer system mapping efforts?
- Add implementation schedule to action item box as a cross reference.
- Would capacity certification programs have an impact on permitting? Include explanation of EPD permitting process.

- How does the plan account for constructed wetlands for wastewater treatment?
- Include more resources and sources of funding for education projects. Might want to include resources from nonprofits in Section 8.

Preliminary Draft Water Supply and Water Conservation Management Plan

Maia Davis of the Metro Water District staff gave an overview of the Preliminary Draft Water Supply and Water Conservation Management Plan. Council members provided the following questions and comments:

- Does the plan include provisions for groundwater monitoring since we are seeing such an increase in private wells? Even if the state doesn't change standards for wells, this issue should be included in the Issues section of the plan.
- Include more detailed results on "implementation progress."
- Add interstates to maps and include glossary of terms.
- Is the total supply more or less than in 2003? It seems some sources might be double counted.
- How will the plan balance interbasin transfers? Does it limit future transfers?
- Will the plan use the same sector categories as the state's Water Conservation Implementation Plan for the water use profile pie chart?
- Is it possible to break out the different types of non-revenue water?
- What does the breakdown of commercial water demand include? Need to add additional narrative if specific data is unavailable.
- Need to identify incentives for water conservation options 20 and 21.
- Historical water use (conservation option 26) isn't solely qualitative. Include as part of tiered pricing requirements.
- Changes in water conservation options from 2003 to 2008 don't seem aggressive enough. Why doesn't the total water conservation savings start with 2003? This plan resets the bar so that you can see the trend of water savings over time.
- Consider requiring a response time for addressing leaks.
- Will the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers approve the water use projections in the plan?
- Presentation of water conservation data is confusing – too much adding required to reach final savings and even then the numbers don't always add up properly.
- Need to include figure like Figure ES-4 from the 2003 plan.

Ms. Hinkle encouraged Council members to look for email reminders and to check the Web site for next meeting and plan update information. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.