



Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District Education Technical Coordinating Committee Meeting Summary October 14, 2008

The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District (Metro Water District) Education Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) met on Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in the Harry West Room at the Atlanta Regional Commission, Atlanta, Georgia.

Members Present:

Bob Bourne, Cobb County
Suzanne Brown, Clayton County
Erica Dunbar, Paulding County
Rob Hill, City of Newnan
Stephanie Lewis, Cobb County
Monique Mae, DeKalb County

Fernell Patterson, Fulton County
Timothy Pugh, Paulding County
Lisa Robbins, Gwinnett County
Meredith Rundle, Gwinnett County
Emily Wingo, GA EPD
Cindy Wolfe, GA DNR

Charlene Njoroge welcomed the Education TCC, initiated self introductions and gave an overview of the agenda. The purpose of the meeting was to have a discussion about education and outreach goals for 2009.

Planned and Ongoing Workshops

Each jurisdiction discussed upcoming outreach activities. Some of the jurisdictions mentioned they are completing their outreach activities for 2008 because of the approaching holiday season. Mrs. Njoroge encouraged committee members to send their events to her to post on the Clean Water Campaign event calendar.

Public Awareness Discussion

GAWP gives an annual Public Education Award to water utilities in the categories of small, medium and large utilities. Award entries from 2007 were passed around to committee members to give them an opportunity to review award submissions from utilities of their same size and encourage participation of the Public Education Award for 2009. Mrs. Njoroge also encouraged committee members to review the entries to see exactly what activities can be done on a budget similar to their department. The award submissions were reviewed and notes were taken by committee members on several submissions.

The Clean Water Campaign/Water Use It Wisely Essay Contest deadline was September 29, 2008. Mrs. Njoroge has begun scheduling county award presentations and encouraged committee members to participate in the county award presentations. Participation in the essay contest is an easy way to earn public education credit when being audited by EPD.

Mrs. Njoroge asked the group to discuss the main activities and topic planned for 2009. Many committee members mentioned they will continue their workshops and community activities, such as speaking to school groups and civic organizations. The main focus for 2009 will continue to be a heavy concentration on water conservation and stormwater pollution prevention.

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Finally Mrs. Njoroge polled the group about possible agenda items for upcoming meetings. Some of the suggestions included having speakers from within the group discuss their own outreach campaign and possibly have a guest speaker discuss how to build an education and outreach campaign. Also the group discussed having some of the upcoming meetings via phone and internet because of the long distances some members must travel for the meetings. Mrs. Njoroge agreed to host next meeting via conference call with an option to attend the meeting at the Atlanta Regional Commission's offices.

Meeting Announcements

The next education subcommittee meeting will be held on **Tuesday, December 9, 2008 at 10AM.**

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.