



**Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District
Basin Advisory Council
MEETING SUMMARY
March 17, 2009**

The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District Basin Advisory Councils met jointly on Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at the Riverdale Branch of the Clayton County Public Library in Riverdale, Georgia.

Members Present

Dieter Franz, Chattahoochee
Laura Hartt, Chattahoochee
John Lawrence, Chattahoochee
Vikki McReynolds, Ocmulgee
Steve Williams, Chattahoochee

Welcome and Introductions

Joy Hinkle of the Metro Water District staff welcomed the Councils and initiated introductions.

Matt Harper of the Metro Water District staff outlined the “next steps” in the Metro Water District planning process. Council members were asked to please provide any written comments on the recommended changes to the plans by Wednesday, March 18, 2009 so all comments can be shared at the Technical Coordinating Committee meeting on March 19, 2009.

Discussion of Recommended Changes to Draft Plans

Kim Shorter of AECOM Water facilitated discussion on the recommended changes to the draft water management plans. Corey Babb, Maia Davis, Matt Harper and Steve Haubner of the Metro Water District staff provided additional details on the proposed changes and answered questions as necessary. Council members provided the following comments and feedback on the recommended changes to each of the three draft plans at the meeting and via email:

Watershed Management Plan

- Page 1-3: Check list of legal authorities in the Metro Water District.
- New 5.B.4: Good measure; Some concern about how it would work in small towns; Need to discuss with EPD how the measure will be enforced during audits; Research cost effectiveness of passive green infrastructure for small and rural municipalities that have budget issues.
- Section 5.7.1: Consider using the number of sites currently monitored as the minimum standard and increase later to get more data.
- Section 5.F.2: Monitoring will be “biennial” not “bi-annual”; Use latest EPD SOP; Require data submission to the Metro Water District

Water Supply and Water Conservation Management Plan

- Section 2: Look into groundwater uses outside utilities since all water is connected and no one has any ideas about the actual withdrawn amounts.
- Page 3-6: Further explain why a 2006 base year was picked and how the last 10 years of data was used.
- Section 4: Conservation Demand should be 20% from 2008 to 2035. I think you are selling the plan short.
- 5-10: Consider setting a minimum standard for all utilities, otherwise there is no incentive for improvement.
- Section 6 or Section 8: As I stated earlier, collecting rainwater as you do in lakes should be considered in urban areas or where large building exist. Outdoor reservoirs lose water through evaporation and seepage. Up to 70% USGS. This could be especially helpful for chiller makeup, manufacturing and irrigation.

Long-term Wastewater Management Plan

- No comments.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.